

CONTINUATION OF HEARINGS RELATING
TO DESIGNATING PETITIONS
AND RELATED MATTERS FOR THE
JUNE 24, 2014 FEDERAL OFFICE PRIMARY ELECTION
AND THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2014
AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: President Gregory C. Soumas
 Secretary Michael Michel

Commissioners Jose Araujo, Ronald Castorina, Julie Dent, Maria R. Guastella, Michael Rendino, Simon Shamoun, Frederic M. Umane

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director
Dawn Sandow, Deputy Executive Director
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Communications & Public Affairs
Matthew Graves, Administrative Associate, Candidate Records Unit
Thomas Sattie, Associate Staff Analyst, Ballots/CRU
Greg Lehman, Chief Clerk, Manhattan Office
Alan Schulkin, Deputy Chief Clerk, Manhattan Office
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Victor A. Jordan
 B.M. Alter, for Gonzalez
 Monica Bartley, CIDNY
 Kate Doran, LWV
 John D. Smith
 Sam Sloan
 Katharine Loving, CFB
 E. Schultz, DOI
 C. Katz, NYDN
 Eddie Cuesta, Dominicanos USA

B. Taylor

President Soumas called the meeting to order at 1:32 P.M.

President Soumas announced that the Commissioners would conduct the Continuation of Hearings on Designating Petitions and Related Matters for the June 24, 2014 Primary Election, and stated the procedures to be followed during the Hearings. President Soumas called upon Mr. Richman to call the Calendar for the Hearings.

Mr. Richman called the Calendar for the Hearings on Designating Petition matters.

Mr. Richman called the Specifications of Objections for the 13th Congressional District. There were appearances by a candidate and/or their representative which is noted on the Clerk's Report on file at the Board. The Commissioners' determinations are reflected on each Clerk's Report acted upon.

President Soumas moved to adjourn the Hearings and to convene the regular stated meeting of the Commissioners. Commissioner Dent

seconded the motion which was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Dent moved to approve the minutes for the April 15, 2014 and April 24, 2014 meetings. Commissioner Shamoun seconded the motion, with Commissioners Araujo and Michel abstaining on the April 15, 2014 minutes. The motion was adopted. Commissioners Araujo and Michel noted they abstained because they were not present at that meeting.

Mr. Richman presented the five (5) Poll Site Designation Reports for each borough within the City of New York pursuant to Section 4-104 of the NYS Election Law for the period of May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015. Attached thereto are the signed Certifications from the respective Borough's Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Clerk. Upon approval, the required notice will be sent to each of the owners of these sites in accordance with the statutory requirements. Mr. Richman requested for the Commissioners to approve the Poll Site Designation reports for the period of May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015 and to authorize staff to send the required notices reflecting the approval. Commissioner Castorina moved to approved Mr. Richman's request. Commissioner Umame seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

President Soumas noted that Mr. Ryan joined the meeting.

Mr. Ryan reported that Co-op City's RiverBay Corporation requested to borrow seventy (70) lever voting machines for the purpose of conducting their Board of Directors' Election on May 21, 2014. A copy of the request is in the agenda. RiverBay Corporation would borrow the machines without the use of any Board personnel and they would contract directly with the approved ballot printers, outside technicians, truckers and ancillary services. They would self certify the election without the use of any Board personnel and they will indemnify the Board if damage occurs to the voting machines. There is no expense to the Board. Commissioner Rendino moved to authorize RiverBay Corporation's request. The motion was seconded, with Commissioners Umane and Castorina opposing. The motion was adopted. Commissioner Umane recalled that in previous years he has raised the same objections to this matter. He feels that the Board should not allow rentals to private parties.

Commissioner Umane requested to add an Executive Session for purposes of personnel.

President Soumas moved to convene an Executive Session for purposes of personnel. Commissioner Dent seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Following Executive Session, the regular stated meeting resumed and President Soumas reported the following actions taken in Executive Session:

- I. Shamsul Haque, was hired as a Bengali Translator in the General Office, at the new hire salary, effective immediately;
- II. Matthew Graves, an Administrative Associate, has been the Acting Coordinator of the Candidate Records Unit (CRU). He has been working out of title to cover for Troy Johnson, the Coordinator of CRU, who is on medical leave. Mr. Graves will be receiving the salary of the Coordinator of CRU retroactive to the date of the occurrence;
- III. Gerald Sullivan, the Director of Equipment, has been working out of title to cover for John Ward. Mr. Sullivan will be receiving the salary of the Finance Officer, retroactive to the date of John Ward's suspension;

IV. The Commissioners granted an advance of 84 hours of Sick Leave Hours to Arlene Milo, a Clerk in the Brooklyn Office. Ms. Milo has been an employee at the Board for seven (7) years and the 84 hours will be paid back with her accruals upon her return. This complies with the City's Rules and Regulations.

President Soumas moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Umane seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 1:30 P.M.