

MEETING OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 6, 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

Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Communications & Public Affairs
Thomas Sattie, Associate Staff Analyst, Ballots/CRU
Nina M. Crispino, Director, Personnel
John O'Grady, Chief, Voting Machine Technician
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Alex Fisher, OPA
 Kate Doran, LWV
 Victor Jordan
 Cathy Gray
 Carolyn Sheehan, DOI
 Katharine Loving, CFB
 Bernard Milowitz
 B. Taylor
 Rachel Fauss, Citizens Union
 Alan Flacks, Member of NY County Democratic Committee

Secretary Michel called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M.

Jerri Stepanek, Deputy Executive Director, and Brian Parise, Business Analyst Manager, from the NYC Office of Payroll Administration (OPA), conducted a presentation on CityTime. Copies of OPA's reports were distributed to the Commissioners. Mr. Parise summarized the CityTime Overview Report.

President Soumas joined the meeting.

After OPA's presentation was concluded, there was a Q&A Session regarding CityTime.

President Soumas recognized Katharine Loving, a representative of the NYC Campaign Finance Board (CFB), who reported that the CFB uses CityTime and offered assistance to the Board if it should be implemented.

Commissioner Dent moved to approve the minutes for the April 29, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Castorina seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Ms. Perkins reported that the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, a not for profit

organization, requested to borrow four (4) lever voting machines for the purpose of conducting their annual election scheduled on June 12, 2014. A copy of the request was distributed to the Commissioners. The organization would incur all costs. President Soumas requested for Mr. O'Grady, the Chief Voting Machine Technician, to clarify if the organization is seeking assistance from the Board Technicians as well. This matter was tabled until Mr. O'Grady arrived at the meeting.

Mr. Sattie presented the draft ballot layout for the June 24, 2014 Federal Primary Election. Copies of the sample ballot were distributed to the Commissioners. Mr. Sattie noted that the ballot has a 12 point font and the order of the ballot was conducted by a lottery system on April 25, 2014 at the Board. Commissioner Araujo moved to approved the ballot layout for the June 24, 2014 Federal Primary Election. Commissioner Dent seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

President Soumas recognized Mr. O'Grady, the Chief Voting Machine Technician. Mr. O'Grady clarified that the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, does not request assistance from Board Technicians for their election.

The Board would only provide voting equipment and the organization would incur all costs which is the same as RiverBay Corporation's Co-op City's request. Commissioner Dent requested for the organization to revise their letter. Commissioner Araujo moved to authorize the request of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, as indicated by Mr. O'Grady, and will be subject to their conforming letter. The motion was seconded, with President Soumas and Commissioner Umane 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 Dent thanked the League of Women Voters for inviting her to their event which was held on May 2, 2014. She noted that it was a great event and was very well attended.

President Soumas opened the floor for Bernard E. Milowitz, a member of the public, who challenged a voter's registration. Mr. Milowitz presented his Challenge to a Voter Registration affidavit and his supporting documents to the Commissioners. Mr. Milowitz swore before the Commissioners, pursuant to the provisions of Section 5-220(1) of the NYS

Election Law, challenging the voter registration of Bernard Milowitz, 64-21 Booth Street, Apt. 4G, Rego Park, NY 11374, D.O.B. 7/8/56, VSN # 410652015. The objector (registered under VSN # Q0727446) has the same name, but a different middle initial, a different date of birth, and a different apartment number at the same address. The Commissioners verified the challenge and directed staff in the Queens Office to conduct the required inquiry into this challenge pursuant to the provisions of Article 5 of the NYS Election Law. Pending the completion of review, the voter is to be placed on the Challenge List, in accordance with Section 5-220(2) of the NYS Election Law.

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 13, 2014 at 1:30 P.M.