

MEETING OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014
AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: Secretary Michael Michel

Commissioners Jose Araujo, 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
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Communications & Public Affairs
Nina M. Crispino, Director, Personnel
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Kate Doran, LWV
Alice Kingston
Judd Ryan, ES&S
Carolyn Sheehan, DOI
Alex Camarda, Citizens Union
Charlotte Peak, Citizens Union
John D. Smith
Cathy Gray

Secretary Michel called the meeting to order at 1:40 P.M.

Commissioner Rendino requested to discuss a Bronx personnel matter in Executive Session.

Commissioner Araujo requested for a Democratic Caucus in Executive Session.

Secretary Michel moved to approve the minutes for the May 13, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Araujo seconded the motion, with Commissioner Shamoun abstaining. The motion was adopted. Commissioner Shamoun noted that he abstained because he was not present at the meeting.

Mr. Ryan reported that he received a notice from the New York City Council Hearing regarding Proposed Executive Expense, Revenue, Capital and Contract Budgets scheduled on Friday, May 30, 2014 at 11:00 A.M. Commissioner Umane moved for Executive Management to attend the Hearing with the appropriate staff members. Secretary Michel seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan reported that the Board's 2014 State Government Information and Educational Day is scheduled on Tuesday, June 10, 2014

in Albany, NY. Mr. Ryan requested approval for appropriate staff members to attend the conference. Commissioner Guastella moved to authorize the appropriate staff members to attend the Board's 2014 State Government Information and Educational Day on June 10, 2014 in Albany, NY. Commissioner Araujo seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan reported that the Board received a letter from Olivet Presbyterian Church, 97 Myrtle Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10310 requesting to cancel the poll site designation at their building. A copy of the letter is in the agenda. Mr. Ryan reported that the Staten Island Commissioners recommended denying the request. Commissioner Guastella reported that there are no other locations in that area to move the poll site. Commissioner Guastella moved to deny Olivet Presbyterian Church's request to cancel the poll site designation. Commissioner Araujo seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Rendino recalled that he suggested some changes to the Election Day Operations (EDO) procedures which were discussed at previous meetings and requested for a status update. Ms. Sandow reported that changes have been made to the EDO procedures and outside

consultants will be reviewing them before the 2014 September Primary Election.

Commissioner Umane moved to convene an Executive Session for purposes of personnel. Secretary Michel seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Following Executive Session, the open public meeting resumed and Secretary Michel reported the following actions taken in Executive Session:

- I. Upon the recommendation of the Democratic Caucus, the Commissioners unanimously approved the designation of Commissioner Araujo, to serve as the Democratic member of the Bronx Commissioners' Committee;
- II. Based on a Disciplinary Hearing that was held on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, it was the Commissioners Investigations Committee's recommendation to terminate John Ward, the Finance Officer in the General Office, effective immediately. By a vote of six (6) in favor (Araujo, Guastella, Michel, Rendino, Shamoun, Umane) and one (1) abstention (Dent), the motion was adopted.

Commissioner Umane moved to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Michel seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 1:30 P.M.