

MEETING OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 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
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Communications & Public Affairs
Nina M. Crispino, Director, Personnel
Debra Leible, Coordinator, Election Day Operations
Stephen Thompson, HAVA Training Specialist, Election Day Operations
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Kate Doran, LWV
 Monica Bartley, CIDNY
 Eric Schultz, DOI
 John D. Smith
 K. Loving, CFB
 C. Katz, NYP
 Alex Camarda, Citizens Union

President Soumas called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

Commissioner Araujo moved to adopt the minutes for the May 20, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Guastella seconded the motion, with Commissioner Castorina abstaining. The motion was adopted. Commissioner Castorina abstained because he was not present at the meeting.

President Soumas reported that Item #2, A., was removed from the agenda prior to the meeting.

Mr. Ryan reported on the Board's Testimony for the New York City Council Hearing regarding Proposed Executive Expense, Revenue, Capital and Contract Budgets, which was held on May 30, 2014. A copy of the Board's Testimony is in the agenda. Mr. Ryan noted that the Mayor's Office revised their appropriation in their Executive Budget, and for the first time the Board is approaching 100% of the needs for Fiscal Year 2015. Mr. Ryan thanked the City Council's administration for their recognition of making the funds available at the start of the fiscal year opposed to working in a deficit spending environment.

Mr. Ryan reported that the New York State Election Commissioners' Association 2014 Summer Conference is scheduled from July 29, 2014

through August 1, 2014 in Lake George, NY. He recognized that the Board will be holding Hearings on Designating Petitions that week. The Board was requested to give a presentation on the last day of the Conference. Mr. Ryan requested approval for appropriate staff members to attend the NYS ECA 2014 Summer Conference. Commissioner Guastella moved for appropriate staff members to attend the NYS ECA 2014 Summer Conference from July 29, 2014 through August 1, 2014. Commissioner Umane seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Dent noted that Rosanna Rahmouni and Susan Cooper will be greatly missed by the Commissioners and staff, and gave her sympathies and condolences to their families. Commissioner Umane reported that the Board has suffered a great loss. Ms. Rahmouni passed away last night. She served the Board for 34 years; she was the former Chief Clerk of the Manhattan Office and the former Coordinator of Election Day Operations in the General Office. Ms. Cooper passed away last week. She served the Board since 2008 as an Assistant to the Director of Personnel in the General Office. Commissioner Umane reported that there was a memorial service for Ms. Cooper and there were wonderful statements given by numerous former elected officials. Ms. Cooper also

served as Chief of Staff for former New York State Senator Roy Goodman and was the Secretary of the New York County Republican Organization. Ms. Cooper and Ms. Rahmouni will be dearly missed. Commissioner Umane held a moment of silence.

Mr. Thompson and Ms. Leible presented the revised Election Day Closing Procedures which would be implemented for the upcoming Primary. Copies of the revised procedures were distributed to the Commissioners. Mr. Thompson reported that the procedures were revised by a committee with help from Borough Office staff. Staff developed the revised procedures keeping Assembly Member Kavanagh's Bill A00109C in mind. Mr. Thompson provided a summary of the revised procedures. Mr. Ryan recommended for the revised procedures to be adopted which accurately reflect the current statute. Commissioner Umane moved to adopt the revised Election Day Closing Procedures. President Soumas seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

President Soumas reported that five (5) Commissioners will be attending the State Government Information and Educational Day next Tuesday, June 10, 2014. The next meeting of the Commissioners will be adjourned until June 17, 2014.

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 open public meeting resumed and President Soumas reported the following actions taken in Executive Session:

- I. Based on a Disciplinary Hearing, Hector Mayo, a Voting Machine Technician in the Brooklyn Voting Machine Facility, was terminated, effective today;
- II. The Commissioners granted a discretionary advance of 35 hours to Reginald Starke, a Voting Machine Technician in the Manhattan Voting Machine Facility, pursuant to and in accordance with the New York City's Rules and Regulations;
- III. The Commissioners granted an extension of 90 days to Troy Johnson, the Coordinator of the Candidate Records Unit in the General Office, pursuant to and in accordance with New York City's Rules and Regulations;
- IV. Gerald Sullivan, the Director of Equipment/Acting Finance Officer in the General Office, was appointed to the position vacated by John Ward, at the outgoing salary of Mr. Ward.

Marie Fabrizi, an Administrative Assistant in the Queens Office, was appointed to Mr. Sullivan's position, the Director of Equipment, at the outgoing salary of Mr. Sullivan;

- V. Stephanie Volpe, a Temporary Clerk in the Staten Island Office, was appointed to the position vacated by Rebekah Dupont, a former Clerk in the State Island Office, at the outgoing salary of Ms. Dupont, effective June 8, 2014;
- VI. The Commissioners granted an extension of 90 days to Shanette Brown, an Administrative Assistant in the General Office, pursuant to and in accordance with New York City's Rules and Regulations.

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

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 1:30 P.M.