

MEETING OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2014
AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: President Jose Miguel Araujo
 Secretary Michael Michel

Commissioners Ronald Castorina, John Flateau, Maria R. Guastella,
Bianka Perez, Michael Rendino, Alan Schulkin, Simon Shamoun,
Frederic M. Umane

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director
Dawn Sandow, Deputy Executive Director
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel
Nina M. Crispino, Director, Personnel
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Anna-Maria Thomas
 Kate Doran, LWV
 K. Loving, CFB
 John D. Smith
 C. Katz, NYDN
 Alan Flacks, Member of NY County Democratic Committee

President Araujo called the meeting to order at 1:41 P.M.

Secretary Michel requested to discuss a Queens personnel matter in Executive Session.

Commissioner Castorina moved to adopt the minutes for the October 14, 2014 and October 21, 2014 meetings. Secretary Michel seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan reported on the Board's Testimony which was presented before the New York City Council's Committee on Governmental Operations Hearing concerning Agency-Based Voter Registration held on October 23, 2014. A copy of the Board's Testimony is in the agenda. Currently, there are seventeen (17) City agencies that are required to disseminate voter registration forms to the public, and the Mayor's Office has recommended expanding to additional City agencies. Mr. Ryan suggested for these agency-based "Code 9" voter registration forms to be stored at a City distribution center where City agencies can pick them up. He recommended for the Board not to monitor each individual City agency's activity, and suggested for each required City agency to account for how many agency-based voter registration forms they distribute and receive back to them. There was also discussion on privacy issues concerning certain agency-based voter registration forms with specific

codes which may be sensitive to a voter. Mr. Ryan referenced Section 5-211 (8) of the New York State Election Law and encouraged the City Council to conduct an analysis. The Board suggested a general “Code 9” registration form for all mandated City agencies. Commissioner Umame requested for the City agencies to submit their agency-based voter registration forms to the Board on an ongoing basis so voters can be processed by Board staff in a timely manner. Mr. Ryan reported that online voter registration was discussed as well, and the signature issue will be publicly discussed further in the future.

President Araujo moved to convene an Executive Session for purposes of personnel. The motion was seconded, and unanimously adopted.

Following Executive Session, the public meeting resumed and President Araujo reported the following action taken in Executive Session:

- I. The Commissioners appointed Susan Caidedo as Associate Staff Analyst, at the incoming salary, effective November 18, 2014.

President Araujo moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Guastella seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

President Araujo reminded that Election Day is next Tuesday, November 4, 2014, and Veterans' Day is the following Tuesday, November 11, 2014. The next stated meeting of the Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 1:30 P.M.