

HEARINGS ON INDEPENDENT NOMINATING PETITIONS
FOR THE FEBRUARY 23, 2016 SPECIAL ELECTION AND
THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016
AT 10:00 A.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: President Bianka Perez
 Secretary Frederic M. Umane

Commissioners Jose Araujo, John Flateau, Lisa Grey, Michael Michel,
Michael Rendino, Alan Schulkin, Simon Shamoun

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director
Dawn Sandow, Deputy Executive Director
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel
James Barron, Contract Attorney, Office of the General Counsel
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Communications & Public Affairs
Nina M. Crispino, Director, Personnel
Troy Johnson, Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit
Michael Carmicino, Administrative Associate, Candidate Records Unit
Anthony Ribustello, Deputy Chief Clerk, Bronx Office
Lissette Poll, Acting Deputy Chief Clerk, Bronx Office
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Mark Escoffery, for Curry
 Martin Connor
 Anthony Perez
 Carlton Curry
 Paul Marks, Law Dept.
 Hilary Robinson, Law Dept.

President Perez called the meeting to order at 10:04 A.M.

President Perez announced that the Commissioners will be conducting the Hearings on Independent Nominating Petitions for the February 23, 2016 Special Election in the 17th Council District, Bronx County. President Perez stated the procedures to be followed during the Hearings and called upon Mr. Richman to call the Calendar.

Mr. Richman presented the Legal Prima Facie Report for Bronx County. There were appearances by a candidate and/or their representative which is noted on the Legal Prima Facie Report on file at the Board. The Commissioners' determinations are reflected on the Legal Prima Facie Report on file at the Board.

Mr. Richman presented the Candidate Records Unit (CRU) Prima Facie Report for Bronx County. There were appearances by a candidate and/or their representative which is noted on the CRU Prima Facie Report on file at the Board. The Commissioners' determinations are reflected on the CRU Prima Facie Report on file at the Board.

Mr. Richman presented the Clerks' Reports, Specifications of Objection, for Bronx County. In selected instances, there were appearances by a candidate and/or their representative which is noted on the Clerks' Reports on file at the Board. The Commissioners' determinations are reflected on the Clerks' Reports on file at the Board.

Mr. Richman requested authorization to print Election Day ballots based on the Commissioners' determinations made at this hearing. President Perez moved to authorize the printing of Election Day ballots. Secretary Umame seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Richman requested the New York City Law Department to defend the Board in any proceeding challenging the Commissioners' determinations made at this hearing. President Perez moved to authorize the New York City Law Department to defend the Board. Secretary Umame seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

President Perez concluded the Hearings and convened the regular stated meeting of the Commissioners.

Mr. Ryan joined the meeting.

Commissioner Araujo moved to approve the minutes for the February 2, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Flateau seconded the motion, with Commissioner Michel abstaining. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Richman requested for the appointment of a Cover Sheet Review Committee for the Presidential Primary Designating Petitions immediately following the Commissioners' Meeting. President Perez and Secretary Umane volunteered to serve as the Cover Sheet Review Committee.

Secretary Umane moved to convene Executive Session for litigation matters. President Perez seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Following Executive Session, the public meeting resumed and President Perez reported that no action was taken in Executive Session.

President Perez moved to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Umane seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 1:30 P.M.