

HEARINGS ON DESIGNATING PETITIONS AND RELATED MATTERS
FOR THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2016 PRIMARY ELECTIONS AND
THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2016
AT 10:00 A.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: Secretary Frederic M. Umame

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

Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel
Bilal Malik, Contract Attorney, Office of the General Counsel
Zachary Shapiro, Law Student Intern, Office of the General Counsel
Troy Johnson, Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit
Rayvon Weaver, Project Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit
Shanette Brown, Administrative Assistant, Candidate Records Unit
Raquel Torres, Administrative Assistant, Candidate Records Unit
Michael Carmicino, Administrative Associate, Candidate Records Unit
Valerie Vazquez-Diaz, Director, Communications & Public Affairs
Nina M. Crispino, Director, Personnel
Barbara Conacchio, Chief Clerk, Queens Office
Bart Haggerty, Deputy Chief Clerk, Queens Office
Anthony Ribustello, Deputy Chief Clerk, Bronx Office
Brendaliz Candaleria, Deputy Chief Clerk, Bronx Office
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Kate Doran, LWV NYC
William Russell Moore
Skurnik
Gerson Borrero
Rebecca Sheehan, for Tony Avella

Amanda Melillo, NYC CFB
Sheryl F.
Munir Avery
Juan Pagan
Garth Marchant
Pam Stewart Martinez
Joseph Capedi
Darlene Mealy
M. Martinez
R. Perez, Press
Sabine French
S. Zulkiais, for Strong
Rob Sjano, for Strong
Leny Gadsle
Dymitra Etiunno, for Samantha Menijivar
Oster Bryan, for Samantha Menijivar
Donnie Whitehead, for Samantha Menijivar
R. Delgado, for Matthews
A. Rivera
Mark Chin, for S.J. Jung Media
Lauren Rivera
Zhongmin Li, Epoch
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Phillip H.
Camille Agate
Dan Rorcoff
J. Whitehead, for S. Menijar
Yolanda Garcia
Siraj Uddin Ahamed
Ali Najmi
Brenda Klen
Will Deegan
George Sona, for Mealy
Mark Holloran, for Torres Ledger

Secretary Umame called the meeting to order at 10:07 A.M.

Secretary Umame announced that the Commissioners will conduct the Hearings on challenges to designating petitions for State and Local Offices as well as Party Positions to be contested in the September 13, 2016 Primary Election.

Secretary Umame stated the procedures to be followed during the Hearings and called upon Mr. Richman to call the Calendar for the Hearings.

Mr. Richman called the Calendar for the Hearings on Designating Petition matters for Queens County. The Calendar was posted for the public as required.

Mr. Richman presented the combined CRU/Legal Prima Facie Report for Queens County. In selected instances, there were appearances by a candidate and/or their representative which is noted on the Queens Prima Facie Report on file at the Board. The Commissioners' determinations are reflected on the Queens Prima Facie Report on file at the Board.

Commissioner Araujo announced that there are necessary adjustments for the Candidate Enrollment Issues Report for Queens

County and moved to second call the Candidate Enrollment Issues Report until tomorrow, August 3, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. Commissioner Michel seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

The Queens Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Clerk reported that Specification of Objection No. 8-1 has been determined to fall under Rule H-12 of the Board's Designating Petition and Opportunity to Ballot Petition Rules. In accordance with the Queens Commissioners' Committee, on the recommendation of the Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Clerk, they have advised that these Specifications should not be worked. After discussion, Secretary Umane moved to adopt the Queens Commissioners' Committee's determination. Commissioner Rendino seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Denkberg presented the Clerks' Reports for Queens 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 each Clerks' Report acted upon.

Mr. Richman called the Calendar for the Hearings on Designating Petition matters for Bronx County. The Calendar was posted for the public as required.

Mr. Richman presented the combined CRU/Legal Prima Facie Report for Bronx County. In selected instances, 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.

Ms. Brown presented the Candidate Enrollment Issues Report for Bronx County. At the request of Marissa Soto, the attorney for the Bronx County Democratic Party, to postpone consideration of the Bronx Candidate Enrollment Issues, the Commissioners unanimously agreed to second call the Report tomorrow, August 3, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.

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

With respect to Specification of Objection BX 71-1, which was filed yesterday, it was unanimously agreed that the matter will be heard later this week by a Commissioners' Committee acting on behalf of the Board. Mr. Richman noted that the candidate and objector will receive 24 hour notice before the Hearing.

Secretary Umane moved to convene a 30 minute break. The motion was seconded, and unanimously adopted.

Following the 30 minute break, Secretary Umane convened the regular stated Meeting of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Flateau moved to adopt the minutes for the July 26, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Rendino seconded the motion, with Commissioner Michel abstaining. The motion was adopted.

Secretary Umane requested to add a Finance Committee Report to the agenda.

Secretary Umane provided an overview of the Finance Committee Report to the Board. He reported that the Committee reviewed the Election

Center contract which is for consultant services for poll worker training. This contract term is from May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2017. The original cost of the contract was for \$720,000 and through agreement of both parties, the services provided under this contract was expedited and completed in two (2) years instead of three (3) years. Election Center provided additional services for the remainder of the contract term to solidify the poll worker training program. These additional activities include continued training of the lead trainers, observing and assessing the training program and poll worker classes, as well as to identify and develop online training modules to supplement and reinforce poll worker training. The cost for the additional work for the remainder of the contract term is \$440,000. Secretary Umane reported that a Finance Committee Member inquired if Election Center is bipartisan, and it was confirmed that Election Center's staff is bipartisan. Secretary Umane recommended for the full Board to accept the Finance Committee's Report to approve the extension of the Election Center contract. Commissioner Schulkin moved to adopt the Finance Committee's Report. The motion was seconded, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Richman requested for a Cover Sheet Review Committee meeting to convene immediately after the Commissioners' Meeting to

review three (3) matters. Secretary Umane and Commissioner Flateau volunteered to serve as the Committee.

Commissioner Rendino moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Commissioners. The motion was seconded, which was unanimously adopted.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 1:30 P.M.

Secretary Umane reconvened the Hearings on Designating Petitions and called all matters that were placed on second call. The Commissioners' determinations are reflected on each Clerks' Report acted upon which are on file at the Board.

Secretary Umane adjourned the Hearings and convened the Cover Sheet Review Committee meeting.

Following the three (3) matters that were reviewed by the Cover Sheet Review Committee, Secretary Umane reconvened the Hearings on Designating Petitions, and called all matters that were placed on third call.

The Commissioners' determinations are reflected on each Clerks' Report acted upon which are on file at the Board.

Secretary Umane moved to adjourn the Hearings. The motion was seconded, and unanimously adopted.

The Hearings on Designating Petitions and Related Matters will continue tomorrow, August 3, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.