

HEARINGS ON INDEPENDENT NOMINATING PETITION MATTERS  
FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016 GENERAL ELECTION AND THE  
MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016  
AT 1:30 P.M.  
42 BROADWAY, 6<sup>th</sup> 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

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director  
Dawn Sandow, Deputy Executive Director  
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager  
Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager  
Cali P. Madia, Contract Attorney, Office of the General Counsel  
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Communications & Public Affairs  
Nina M. Crispino, Director, Personnel  
Troy Johnson, Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit  
Rayvon Weaver, Project Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit  
John P. O'Grady, Chief Voting Machine Technician, VEOU  
Sherwin Suss, Agency Chief Contract Officer, Procurement  
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners  
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Monica Bartley, CIDNY  
Catherine Gray  
Anna-Maria Thomas  
Katharine Loving, NYC Campaign Finance Bd.  
Kate Doran, LWVNYC  
Alan Flacks, Member of NY County Democratic Committee

---

In President Guastella's absence, Secretary Umame called the  
meeting to order at 1:38 P.M.

Secretary Umame announced that the Commissioners will be conducting the Hearings on matters relating to Independent Nominating Petitions for the November 8, 2016 General Election.

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

Mr. Moltner called the Prima Facie Report for New York County. There were no appearances. The Commissioners' determinations are reflected on the Prima Facie Report on file at the Board.

Commissioner Grey moved to adopt the minutes for the August 23, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded, with Commissioners Araujo and Michel abstaining. The motion was adopted.

Secretary Umame moved to adopt the minutes for the August 30, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded, with Commissioners Fleteau, Araujo, and Grey abstaining. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Ryan provided an overview on the preparations for the September 13, 2016 Primary Election for State and Local Offices. The information follows:

- 2,104,392 registered voters are eligible to participate in this Primary Election;
- 1,015 poll sites will be opened;
- 4,448 Election Districts with 4,014 Combined Districts;
- The total amount of election equipment that will be deployed to the poll sites:
  - 2,454 Scanners;
  - 1,053 Ballot Marking Devices (BMDs);
  - 4,168 Supply Carts;
  - 9,774 Privacy Booths;
  - 23,253 Chairs;
  - 5,856 Tables;
  - 46,558 – Total amount of equipment citywide.
- There are 63 poll sites citywide that require ADA ramp remediation and/or other ADA equipment. The total amount of ADA equipment required per borough follows:
  - Bronx – 63
  - Brooklyn – 88

- Manhattan – 62
- Queens – 38
- Staten Island – 22
- Citywide – 273
- The vendors that are delivering, installing and removing the ADA ramps per borough follows:
  - Queens
    - EZ Rampz (7 ramps)
    - M. Bhuiyann Construction (16 ramps)
  - Brooklyn
    - Advance Group (10 ramps)
    - EZ Rampz (5 ramps)
    - ANS (27 ramps)
    - Elite (1 ramp)
  - Bronx
    - Advance Group (2 ramps)
    - EZ Rampz (11 ramps)
    - Marty & Me (12 ramps)
    - Bronx Based Builders (13 ramps)
  - Manhattan
    - Advance Group (15 ramps)

- EZ Rampz (2 ramps)
  - Marty & Me (7 ramps)
  - ANS (4 ramps)
- Staten Island
  - EZ Rampz (2 ramps)
  - Uncurtain Inc. (9 ramps)
- Total amount of ADA ramps to be installed by Borough Office staff or on-site staff per borough follows:
  - Bronx – 23 by Borough staff
  - Brooklyn – 30 by Borough staff & 16 by on-site staff
  - Manhattan – 34 by Borough staff
  - Queens – 8 by Borough staff & 8 by on-site staff
  - Staten Island – 10 by Borough staff & 1 on-site staff
  - Citywide – 105 total

Mr. Ryan noted that the ADA survey evaluation process for poll sites citywide is still ongoing as required by the Federal Court Order. Secretary Umane inquired about the multiple ramp vendors in each borough and the usage of Borough staff/on-site staff as well. Mr. Suss reported that the vendors were allocated based on the complexity of the ramps per poll site. The vendors will install complex ramps and Borough staff/on-site staff will install simple ramps. The goal is to move each borough to a single ramp

system in the future. Mr. Suss noted that the vendors' staff is required to train with the two (2) ramp manufacturers National Ramps and EZ Rampz. Commissioner Flateau inquired about the deadline on moving poll sites before an election to be in compliance with the Federal Court Order. It was noted that unless there is an unanticipated emergency event, a poll site will not be moved 45 days before an election, and the Borough Commissioners have to approve any change with their Borough Office staff. It was noted that the Board is aiming to include a schedule of black-out dates for each election cycle into the Federal Court Order as the Board is trying its best to make every poll site ADA compliant which becomes increasingly more complex each election. Mr. Ryan noted that it has been made public in the past that there is a substantial amount of New Need requests relating to ADA compliance issues, and the Administration is aware of it. The Board meets regularly with DRA and the affected NYC agencies. Permanent ADA remediation in public buildings is essential. The Board does not control NYC DOE, NYCHA Centers, and the other NYC buildings where poll sites are located. Commissioner Flateau noted that interagency cooperation is a must and the City of New York has a capital budget to use for ADA remediation. Mr. Ryan noted that there is a capital improvement plan which is based on a five (5) year cycle.

Secretary Umane recognized Alan Flacks, a member of the public, who spoke about the Board's Legislative Proposal on closing public schools on Primary Election Day.

Mr. Ryan requested for an appointment of a Cover Sheet Review Committee for Independent Nominating Petitions to meet immediately after the meeting. Secretary Umane and Commissioner Schulkin were designated as the Cover Sheet Review Committee.

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

Secretary Umane reminded the public that Primary Election Day for State and Local Offices will be conducted next Tuesday, September 13, 2016.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 1:30 P.M.