

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2016
AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: Secretary Frederic M. Umame

Commissioners Jose Araujo, John Flateau, 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
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel
Nina M. Crispino, Director, Personnel
Troy Johnson, Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Egidio Sementilli
Louis Rocco
Monica Bartley, CIDNY
B. Bergin, WNYC
Kate Doran, LWVNYC
Katharine Loving, NYC Campaign Finance Board
Amanda Melillo, NYC CFB
Catherine Gray
Alan Flacks, Member of NY Democratic County Committee

In President Guastella's absence, Secretary Umame called the meeting to order at 1:41 P.M.

Commissioner Araujo moved to adopt the minutes for the October 4, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Schulkin seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

On behalf of Mr. Johnson, Mr. Richman reported on the draft Notice to All Candidates for the November 8, 2016 General Election. Copies of the draft were distributed for review. It was noted that the language has not changed from previous years except for the dates and a location. Mr. Richman confirmed that the draft Notice meets all legal requirements. Commissioner Araujo moved to adopt the Notice to All Candidates for the November 8, 2016 General Election. Commissioner Shamoun seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted. Commissioner Araujo requested for the adopted Notice to be posted on the Board's website.

Commissioner Schulkin requested to make a public statement explaining his position concerning a recent New York Post news article in which a news reporter misconstrued his statements. He clarified that he does not believe there is any fraud within the New York City Board of Elections, and if there was fraud, he would report it. He noted that due to the news article some people feel he is a racist and clarified that he is not a racist, and is not apposed of anyone voting or registering to vote.

Secretary Umame moved to convene an Executive Session for purposes of litigation. The motion was seconded, and unanimously adopted.

Following Executive Session, the open public meeting resumed.

Secretary Umame convened the Hearings on Specifications of Objection BX-01 to the Certificate of Nominations for Justice of the Supreme Court, 12th Judicial District, filed for the Democratic Judicial Convention for said District. Copies of the Counsel's Report were circulated to the Commissioners. Secretary Umame called upon Mr. Richman to call the Calendar. There were appearances by Objector Egidio Sementilli and Stanley K. Schlein, Esq., representing the Democratic Committee of Bronx County. Mr. Richman summarized the Counsel's Report and recommended for the full Board to adopt the Report as submitted. It was noted that Specifications of Objection BX-02 was submitted to the Candidate Records Unit as part of the whole record, but it was reported by Board staff that BX-02 was not properly filed. Commissioner Vargas moved to adopt the Counsel's Report as submitted. Commissioner Rendino seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan reported that at the Commissioners' direction, an offer of employment was extended to Ariel Merkel and Sean Gerlis for the positions of American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinators, and both individuals have accepted the positions, with an annual salary of \$77,000 each, effective on Monday, October 17, 2016.

Commissioner Michel moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Vargas seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 1:30 P.M.