

MEETING OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2007
AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

P R E S E N T: Anthony Como, President
 James Sampel, Secretary

Commissioners Graham, O'Connor, Polanco, Soumas, Schacher,
Yennella

John Ravitz, Executive Director
George Gonzalez, Deputy Executive Director
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Public Relations and Communications
John Ward, Finance Officer
Phil Donahue, Director, Personnel
Steve Ferguson, Director, MIS
Joseph LaRocca, Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit
John Naudus, Senior Systems Analyst, EVS
Elliot Borack, ACCO
Philip Mione, Computer Data Analyst, EVS
Beth Fossella, Coordinator, Voter Registration
Jack Courtney, Temporary Attorney
Steven Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Marjorie Shea, Women's City Club
 Margie Gersten, League of Women Voters
 Mark Herman

President Como called the meeting to order at 1:40 P.M.

President Como moved to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2007 meetings. Secretary Sampel seconded the motion, which was adopted by a vote of 7 in favor (President Como, Secretary Sampel and Commissioners Graham, Polanco, Soumas, Schacher, Yennella) with 1 abstention (Commissioner O'Connor).

President Como moved to approve the September 10, 2007 meeting minutes. Secretary Sampel seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The Executive Director reported that:

- A) The Board of Elections in the City of New York conducted the Primary Election on September 18, 2007 and he thanked the Borough Offices for their hard work. He reported that there were no major machine breakdowns and the certification process has begun and the canvass of Absentee/Affidavit ballots will start tomorrow. The number of paper ballots in each borough are as follows:

(New York - 748; Brooklyn - 3,365; Queens - 314; Bronx - 2)
- B) The State Board submitted a response, via fax, to the NYC

Board regarding the State Board's implementation of the Statewide Voter Database [NYS Voter II]. Even though the NYC Board has complied with the State Board's request to transmit our voter registration data to them questions regarding the regulatory requirements and New York City's compliance thereof have not been clarified in either letter received from the State Board of Elections.

- C) On Friday, September 28, 2007 the State Board of Elections is expected to submit their proposal to the Department of Justice regarding a Statewide Compliance Plan for the 2008 elections. Following a meeting with the State Board of Elections, the Election Commissioners' Association's provided the State Board with a Report and Recommendation on behalf of all County Boards (including the NYC Board) stating the importance of continuing to have only a limited deployment of ballot marking devices in the 2008 elections.
- D) The NYC Board staff together with Commissioners Soumas and O'Connor and Secretary Sampel met with NYC Council Speaker Christine Quinn's staff and NYC Council Member

Simcha Felder and his staff on Thursday, September 20, 2007. Board staff discussed with them the draft report regarding the cost for deploying a BMD in each poll site for the 2008 elections. He asked the Commissioners for approval to submit this draft report to the New York City Council.

Commissioner Soumas moved to authorize the NYC Board staff to submit the draft report on the cost of deploying a BMD in each poll site in 2008 to the City Council and OMB. Commissioner O'Connor seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

- E) The New York City Board is scheduled to meet with the Office of Management and Budget on Monday, October 1, 2007 at 10:00 A.M. and will provide them with a copy of the draft report.

In response to Commissioner O'Connor, the General Counsel reported that the Election Commissioners' Association's Report and Recommendation would be included in the State Board of Election's submission.

Finance Officer John Ward provided the Commissioners with the Comparative Expenditure Report dated September 25, 2007 and the Vacancy Report dated September 18, 2007.

President Como moved to convene an Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel matters. Secretary Sampel seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

President Como reported that in the Executive Session, the Commissioners unanimously established the following Standing Committees and designated the members set forth below:

- Standing Committee on Human Resources; Commissioners Graham and Schacher.
- Standing Committee on Budget and Finance; Commissioners Como and Soumas.
- Standing Committee on Communications, Voter Registration and Outreach; Commissioners Polanco and O'Connor.
- Standing Committee on Management Information Systems and Services; Commissioners Dent and

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- Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs;
Commissioners Yennella and Sampel.

President Como moved to adjourn. Commissioner Schacher seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

President Como announced that the next Commissioners' meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at 1:30 P.M.