

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009
AT 1:00 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR COMMISSIONERS' ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

P R E S E N T: Secretary Julie Dent

Commissioners Araujo, Polanco, Sampel, Schacher, Silie, Sipp, Soumas,
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Marcus Cederqvist, Executive Director
George Gonzalez, Deputy Executive Director
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel
John Owens, Jr., Director, Campaign Finance Enforcement
John Ward, Finance Officer
Dorothy Delayo, Director, Personnel
Troy Johnson, Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit
Tom Sattie, Associate Staff Analyst, Candidate Records Unit
John O'Grady, Chief, Voting Machine Technician
Steve Ferguson, Director, MIS
Valerie Vazquez-Rivera, Director, Communications and Public Affairs
Christopher Manos, Temporary Attorney, Office of the General Counsel
Diana Scopelliti, Temporary Attorney, Office of the General Counsel
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners
Charles S. Webb, III, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Marjorie Shea, Women's City Club
 Mark Sattingo, CFB
 Omar Otieku

Secretary Dent called the meeting to order at 1:13 P.M.

Secretary Dent stated that the purpose of the special meeting is to discuss the organization of the ballots for the Runoff Primary Election.

The Executive Director stated that this special meeting was scheduled two (2) weeks ago to make a preliminary determination of whether a Runoff Primary Election would be necessary under State Law and whether the unofficial election night results would indicate the candidates who would participate in such a runoff. Mr. Cederqvist distributed copies to the Commissioners of the unofficial Primary Election Day results that the New York City Police Department (NYPD) transcribes on election night. Mr. Cederqvist reported that these results indicate clearly that a Runoff Primary Election is necessary under the law and that the candidates will be Bill DeBlasio and Mark Green for Public Advocate, and John Liu and David Yassky for City Comptroller. He noted that he felt that the Board was fortunate that the results were decisive in whether a Runoff Primary was necessary in these races and who the candidates would be.

The Deputy Executive Director reported that he informed the Borough Office Chief and Deputy Chief Clerks that due to the closeness of the elections, they need to prepare the total number of paper ballots for today's meeting. Mr. Gonzalez reported the preliminary results on the number of

paper ballots received by the Board for each borough. The preliminary results follow:

	<u>BMD</u>	<u>Absentee</u>	<u>Affidavit</u>	<u>Emergency</u>
<u>Brooklyn</u>	92	5,223	5,562	787
<u>Queens</u>	28	4,147	3,970	0
<u>Manhattan</u>	234	2,752	1,441	721
<u>Bronx</u>	721	1,799	1,941	0
<u>Staten Island</u>	0	913	442	0

Mr. Gonzalez stated that the borough staff is currently working on the Affidavit Ballot validation process.

The Executive Director requested authorization to print ballots for the Democratic Runoff Primary Election for Public Advocate and Comptroller with the two candidates for each office who have received the greatest number of votes in the September 15, 2009 Primary Election based on the preliminary and unofficial election night report. Commissioner Soumas moved the Executive Director's request. Commissioner Schacher seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The Deputy Executive Director reminded that every borough office is

on mandatory overtime effective today. Each borough office is expected to work thirteen (13) hour days, including Saturdays and Sundays with a shortened schedule, in order to certify the Primary Election Day results by Tuesday, September 22, 2009. Mr. Gonzalez stated that the Election Day results need to be tallied quickly and accurately. Commissioner Polanco inquired if Executive Management and Senior Staff are also working overtime. Mr. Cederqvist replied yes. Commissioner Polanco stated that Executive Management and senior staff deserves compensatory time or overtime. He asked for guidance from the Director of Personnel because he feels the staff deserves a reward for working overtime. Commissioner Araujo, Mr. Cederqvist, Ms. Delayo, Mr. Richman, and John Owens Jr. are looking into this issue. Secretary Dent stated that the Commissioners understand Commissioner Polanco's plight and it is very important to all of the Commissioners. We are doing all that we can possibly do to make sure this matter is looked into and addressed properly.

The Executive Director commended the Board staff for doing a "Herculean job," as always, for the preparation and execution of Primary Election Day.

The Coordinator of the Candidate Records Unit distributed a draft

Notice to Candidates to the Commissioners. Mr. Johnson reported that there are certain edits on the draft Notice to Candidates. The edits are indicated on Pages 1, 2 and 3. Commissioner Schacher made a motion to approve the draft Notice to Candidates with the necessary corrections. Commissioner Araujo seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Araujo moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sampel seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2009 at 1:30 P.M.