

HEARINGS ON OPPORTUNITY TO BALLOT & DESIGNATING  
PETITION MATTERS AND MEETING OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2015  
AT 1:30 P.M.  
42 BROADWAY, 6<sup>th</sup> FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM  
NEW YORK, NY 10004

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PRESENT: Secretary Bianka Perez

Commissioners Jose Araujo, Ronald Castorina, John Flateau, Maria R. Guastella, Alan Schulkin, Michael Rendino, Simon Shamoun, Frederic M. Umane

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  
James Barron, Temporary Contract Attorney, OGC  
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Communications & Public Affairs  
Troy Johnson, Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit  
Matthew Graves, Administrative Associate, Candidate Records Unit  
Michael Neglia, Administrative Associate, Candidate Records Unit  
Anthony Andriulli, Deputy Chief Clerk, Staten Island Office  
Lisa Sattie, Administrative Associate, Staten Island Office  
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners  
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Monica Bartley, CIDNY  
Sabrina Oudine, NYDLC  
Katharine Loving, CFB  
Kate Doran, LWV  
Marion Conde, for Joan Illuzi  
Cathy Gray  
M. Connor, for McMahon  
J. Yedin, for McMahon  
John Smith

Janella Guardia  
Alan Flacks, Member of NY County Democratic Committee

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Secretary Perez called the meeting to order at 1:32 P.M.

Secretary Perez announced that the Commissioners will conduct the Hearings on challenges to Opportunity to Ballot and Designating petitions for State and Local Offices as well as Party Positions to be contested in the September 10, 2015 Primary Election.

Secretary Perez noted that Commissioners Castorina and Guastella joined the meeting.

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

Mr. Moltner called the Candidate Records Unit (CRU) Prima Facie Report for Kings County. There were no appearances. The Commissioners' determinations are reflected on the CRU Prima Facie Report on file at the Board.

Mr. Moltner called the Designating Petition Clerks' Report for Richmond County. 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.

Mr. Moltner called the Opportunity to Ballot Clerks' Report for Richmond County. 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.

Commissioner Castorina thanked the Staten Island Office staff for their thorough work on the Specifications of Objections.

Secretary Perez adjourned the Hearings and convened the regular stated meeting of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Umane moved to adopt the minutes for the July 28, 2015 Commissioners' Meeting. The motion was seconded, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan reported that Commissioner Flateau requested for the Board to release a public relations statement acknowledging the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act (VRA). Commissioner Umame noted that the event flyer attached to the agenda indicates a position concerning the VRA and Congress, and recommended for a neutral statement from the Board taking no position on the law. Commissioner Flateau reported that the attached flyer does not represent his initial sentiment and had requested for a neutral public statement as an official administrator of elections. Commissioner Flateau moved for Executive Management to prepare a public statement in writing, on behalf of the Board, commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, with no position on the law. Commissioner Umame seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan reported that the last day to register for the September 10, 2015 Primary Election is 25 days prior to Election Day which falls on Sunday, August 16, 2015. The State Board is declaring Friday, August 14, 2015 as the last day. Mr. Ryan inquired if the Board should adhere to the State Board's position or have the General Office remain open on the 25<sup>th</sup> day which is on a Sunday. Mr. Ryan reported that Executive Management recommends staying open on Sunday,

August 16, 2015. Commissioner Umane moved to adhere to the 25 days rule having the General Office remain open until 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, August 16, 2015 with a skeleton crew, and to post public notice on the Board's website. Commissioner Flateau seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Shamoun requested to discuss a personnel matter in Executive Session.

Secretary Perez moved to convene an Executive Session for personnel and litigation matters. The motion was seconded, which was unanimously adopted.

Following Executive Session, the regular public meeting resumed and Secretary Perez reported that there were no reportable actions in Executive Session.

Secretary Perez moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded, which was unanimously adopted.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 1:30 P.M.