HEARINGS ON OTB PETITION MATTERS FOR THE JUNE 28, 2016
FEDERAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF CANVASSERS IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
TO CERTIFY THE APRIL 19, 2016 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
HELD ON FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2016

AT 1:30 P.M.

42 BROADWAY, 6<sup>th</sup> FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: Acting President Maria R. Guastella

**Acting Secretary Michael Michel** 

Commissioners Jose Araujo, Lisa Grey, Alan Schulkin, Simon Shamoun

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

Valerie Vazquez-Diaz, Director, Communications & Public Affairs

Troy Johnson, Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit

Rayvon Weaver, Project Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit

Michael Carmicino, Administrative Associate, Candidate Records Unit

Daniel Ortiz, Administrative Associate, Brooklyn Office

Salvatore Barrera, Administrative Associate, Brooklyn Office

Bart Haggerty, Chief Clerk, Queens Office

Robert Pataky, Administrative Associate, Queens Office

Greg Lehman, Chief Clerk, Manhattan Office

William Anthony Allen, Deputy Chief Clerk, Manhattan Office

Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Katharine Loving, NYC Camp. Fin. Bd.

Louis Armistean

Arthur F. Mishel Pine Olga Vega Commissioner Guastella called the meeting to order at 1:45 P.M. in the absence of President Perez.

Commissioner Guastella convened the Hearings on Opportunity to Ballot (OTB) Petition Matters for the June 28, 2016 Federal Primary Election for Representatives in Congress from the Congressional Districts located entirely within the City of New York.

Commissioner Guastella stated the procedures to be followed during the Hearing and called upon Mr. Richman to call the Calendar. The Calendar was posted for the public as required.

Mr. Richman presented the Prima Facie Report. There were no appearances. The Commissioners' determinations are reflected on the Prima Facie Report on file at the Board.

Commissioner Guastella moved to authorize the printing of the military and federal ballots in accordance with the law. Commissioner Michel seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Guastella moved to authorize the New York City Law Department to represent the Board in the event if any of the Commissioners' determinations are challenged. Commissioner Grey seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

The Commissioners unanimously adjourned the Hearings.

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 2 of Article 9 of the New York State Election Law, specifically Sections 9-204, 9-210, and 9-212, and in accordance with the motion adopted by this Board at its meeting on May 3, 2016, and its duly constituted committee yesterday, May 5, 2016, Commissioner Guastella convened the Meeting of the Board of Canvassers in the City of New York to certify the recanvass of votes cast on April 19, 2016 in the Presidential Primary Elections for the Democratic and Republican parties in New York County, the 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Republican Party Primary, and the citywide Primary crossover districts.

To serve as the other Democratic Member of the Canvassing Board, Commissioner Guastella designated the Democratic Commissioner for the respective counties, and designated Commissioner Schulkin to serve with her for New York County and the Citywide Recaps.

Commissioner Michel, as the senior Republican present, designated the Republican Commissioner for the respective counties, and Commissioner Shamoun to serve with him for New York County and the Citywide Recaps.

Bart Haggerty, Deputy Chief Clerk, and Robert Pataky, Administrative Associate, on behalf of the Chief Clerk, of the Queens Office, and their staff have prepared and signed the Returns of Canvass for the April 19, 2016 Presidential Primary Election in the 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District in Queens County. Mr. Haggerty and Mr. Pataky submitted the Returns of Canvass to the Canvassing Board for review and approval. Mr. Haggerty and Mr. Pataky confirmed that the results presented are accurate and correct, there were no discrepancies, and the audit of voter verifiable audit records for both the poll site and central count scanners required by Section 9-211 of the New York State Election Law has been successfully completed. Based on that report, Commissioner Araujo moved that the Board of Canvassers certify the Returns of Canvass for the 19, 2016 Republican Presidential Primary Election April 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District in Queens County. Commissioner Michel seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Salvatore Barrera and Daniel Ortiz, Administrative Associates on behalf of the Brooklyn Office, and the staff have prepared and signed the Returns of Canvass for the April 19, 2016 Republican Presidential Primary Election in the 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District in Kings County. Mr. Ortiz and Mr. Barrera submitted the Returns of Canvass to the Canvassing Board for review and approval. Mr. Ortiz and Mr. Barrera confirmed that the results presented are accurate and correct, there were no discrepancies, and the audit of voter verifiable audit records for both the poll site and central count scanners required by Section 9-211 of the New York State Election Law has been successfully completed. Based on that report, Commissioner Shamoun moved that the Board of Canvassers certify the Returns of Canvass for the April 19, 2016 Republican Presidential Primary Election in the 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District in Kings County. Commissioner Araujo seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Lehman, Chief Clerk, and William Anthony Allen, Deputy Chief Clerk, of the Manhattan Office, and their staff have prepared and signed the Returns of Canvass for the April 19, 2016 Presidential Primary Elections for the Democratic and Republican parties in New York County. Mr. Lehman and Mr. Allen submitted the Returns of Canvass to the Canvassing Board for review and approval. Mr. Lehman and Mr. Allen

confirmed that the results presented are accurate and correct, there were no discrepancies, and the audit of voter verifiable audit records for both the poll site and central count scanners required by Section 9-211 of the New York State Election Law has been successfully completed. Based on that report, Commissioner Schulkin moved that the Board of Canvassers certify the Returns of Canvass for the April 19, 2016 Presidential Primary Elections for the Democratic and Republican parties conducted in New York County. Commissioner Michel seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Shamoun moved to approve and adopt the Recap Statement and Return of Canvass for the Democratic and Republican Presidential Primary Elections conducted on April 19, 2016 for those Congressional Districts which cross county lines within the City of New York. Commissioner Michel seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Michel moved to authorize the use of the Commissioners' signature stamps as appropriate on each Statement and Return of Canvass. Commissioner Grey seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Grey moved to adjourn the Meeting of the Board of Canvassers. Commissioner Guastella seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.