

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2017 AT 1:30 P.M.  
42 BROADWAY, 6<sup>th</sup> FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM  
NEW YORK, NY 10004

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PRESENT:       President Frederic M. Umame  
                  Secretary Rosanna Vargas

Commissioners Jose Araujo, John Flateau, Maria Guastella, Michael Michel, Alan Schulkin, Simon Shamoun, Robert Siano, John Wm. Zaccone

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director  
Dawn Sandow, Deputy Executive Director  
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager  
Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager  
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel  
Steven Guglielmi, Acting Director, Personnel  
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Communications & Public Affairs  
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners  
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST:       Kate Doran, LWVNYC  
                  Katherine Loving, NYC Campaign Finance Board  
                  C. Gross, NY1  
                  Alan Flacks, Member of NY County Democratic Committee  
                  Catherine Gray, LWVNYC

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President Umame called the meeting to order at 1:45 P.M.

Commissioner Araujo requested to discuss a Queens personnel matter in Executive Session.

Commissioner Siano requested to discuss a Bronx personnel matter in Executive Session.

Commissioner Siano moved to adopt the minutes for the October 24, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded, with Commissioners Guastella and Zaccone abstaining. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Ryan provided an update on the November 7, 2017 General Election. The information follows:

- There is a total of 4.6 million eligible voters;
- 93% of poll workers have been assigned to work on Election Day citywide which includes AD Monitors and Coordinators;
- A total of 2,945 tablets will be deployed on Election Day:
  - 2,428 in poll sites;
  - 348 in the field;
  - 152 in Police Precincts to be used as a backup for Election Night Results Reporting (ENR);
  - 17 in the General Office for ADA temporary ramp installations;
- Temporary ADA ramp systems:

- A total of 18 ramp vendors will be utilized;
  - A total of 358 poll sites require temporary ADA ramp systems citywide;
- Language interpreter vacancies:
  - Spanish language interpreters have been assigned to work. There is only one (1) Spanish interpreter vacancy;
  - There is a high number of Chinese language interpreter vacancies in Manhattan and Brooklyn;
  - Historically, there have been high vacancies for language interpreters other than Spanish;
- A total of 1,204 poll sites will be open citywide;
- Executive Management and 31 General Office AD Monitoring Teams will be working in the field to assist with any issues that may arise;
- The testing process for the voting machines has been conducted well;
- Voting machines and other equipment are currently being delivered in the field;
- The Board's Call Center telephone number for reporting any issues on Election Day is 866-VOTE-NYC;

- Voting information can be found on the Board's website at [www.vote.nyc.ny.us](http://www.vote.nyc.ny.us).

President Umane recognized Kate Doran, a representative of the League of Women Voters, who inquired about the electronic storage of Commissioners' Minutes and spoke about the transcription of public comments in the Commissioners' Minutes.

President Umane recognized Alan Flacks, a member of the public, who spoke about the transcription of Meeting Minutes.

President Umane moved to convene Executive Session for personnel matters. The motion was seconded, and unanimously adopted.

Following Executive Session, Mr. Ryan reported the following action that was taken in Executive Session:

- I. The Commissioners granted 210 hours Advance of Time to Robert Taylor, Assistant Finance Officer in the Queens Office, retroactive to October 19, 2017. Mr. Taylor's agency start date is September 24, 2000.

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

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 1:30 P.M.