

MEETING OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2007
AT 1:00 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 7th FLOOR HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

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

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

John Ravitz, Executive Director
George Gonzalez, Deputy Executive Director
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel
Valerie Vasquez, Director of Public Affairs
Phil Donahue, Director, Personnel
Joseph LaRocca, Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit
Matt Graves, Candidates Records Unit
Thomas Sattie, Ballot Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit
John Ward, Finance Officer
John O'Grady, Chief Voting Machine Technician
Diane Rudiano, Chief Clerk, Brooklyn
Maryrose Sattie, Chief Clerk, Brooklyn
Timothy Gay, Deputy Chief Clerk, Manhattan
Pej Azarm, Gartner Consultant
Lucille Grimaldi, Director, EVS
Philip Mione, Computer Data Analyst, EVS
Mona Huang, Sr. Computer Programmer, EVS
Steve Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

Guests: Marjorie Shea, Women's City Club
 Alyssa Usui, Coordinator, Voter Assistance Commission
 Mary Lou Urban, League of Women Voters
 Teresa Hummel, Community Church of New York
 Mark Herman

President Como called the meeting to order at 1:15 P.M.

President Como announced that the Commissioners would conduct the Independent Nominating Hearings for the February 20, 2007 Special Election for Member of the City Council in the 40th & 51st Councilmanic Districts prior to the regular Board meeting. The results of the hearing are reflected on the Clerk's Reports.

Thomas Garry, Esq. requested information pertaining to the ballot position of Jennifer James, Candidate for the City Council, in the 40th Council District due to a request by candidate Wellington Sharpe that the ballot order be determined by lot for the Special Election. Thomas Sattie, Ballot Coordinator of the Candidate Records Unit reported that Ms. James was the first candidate to file a cover sheet with a sufficient number of signatures to qualify her to appear in Row A pursuant to Rule A1 of the Independent Nominating Petition Rules.

The General Counsel presented the Commissioners with a letter dated January 24, 2007 from Emmanuel Innamarato, Candidate for the City Council, in the 51st Council District, Richmond to place his name on

the ballot as “Manny Innamarato” to which he is known in the public. James Birch, Esq. appeared on behalf of the candidate.

Commissioner Sampel moved to grant the request by Emmanuel Innamarato to place the name Manny Innamarato on the ballot. Commissioner Graham seconded the motion, which was not agreed to by a vote of 4 in favor (Commissioners Sampel, Graham, O’Connor, Soumas) and 3 against (Commissioners Como, Schacher, Yennella).

President Como moved to approve the minutes of January 9, 2007. Secretary Sampel seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

President Como moved to table the minutes of January 23, 2007. Secretary Sampel seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The Executive Director reported that:

- 1) The NYC Board testified before the NYC City Council Committees on Governmental Operations and

Technology in Government regarding the 2007 selection process and the work being done by the NYC Board for implementation.

- 2) The NYC Board participated in a meeting with the U.S. Department of Justice and other County Election Officials in Albany concerning certification of the proposed new voting systems and other related matters.

Commissioner O'Connor stated that Board VMT's should be authorized to conduct research into building a voting machine due to the extensive delays in the State's certification of new voting systems. The Executive Director stated that Senior Management would meet with those Board employees who expressed interest in taking on this project to discuss a plan of action.

The Finance Officer provided the Commissioners with the Comparative Expenditure Report dated January 30, 2007.

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

The President reported that in the Executive Session the Commissioners took the following personnel action:

- A) Unanimously approved the new contract with Local 1183, CWA.
- B) The Commissioners unanimously denied the Step III pay grievances for Lisa Sattie, a Clerk, in the Staten Island Office seeking the title of Administrative Assistant and Michael Carmicino, an Administrative Assistant in the Executive Office, seeking the title of Administrative Associate.

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

President Como announced that the next Commissioners' meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.