

MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF CANVASSERS
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2007
AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

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

Commissioners O'Connor, Schacher, Yennella

Commissioner Gregory Soumas
John Ravitz, Executive Director
George Gonzalez, Deputy Executive Director
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel
Valerie Vazquez, Director of Public Affairs
Joseph LaRocca, Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit
Matt Graves, Candidate Records Unit
Michael Neglia, Candidate Records Unit
Diane Haslett-Rudiano, Brooklyn Borough Chief Clerk
Maryrose Sattie, Brooklyn Borough Deputy Chief Clerk
Sheila DelGiorno, Staten Island Borough Chief Clerk
Anthony Andruilli, Staten Island Borough Deputy Chief Clerk
Gladys Fernandez, EVS

Guests: Frank Lombardi, Daily News
 Jamie McShane, WNBC T.V.
 Dave Evans, WABC T.V.
 Bob Henley, WNYC Radio
 Marylou Urban, League of Women Voters

President Como called the meeting of the Board of Canvassers in
the City of New York to order at 1:30 P.M.

President Como reported that the Board of Elections in the City of New York convened this special meeting of Commissioners to certify the results of the February 20, 2007 Special Election for Member of the City Council in the 40th & 51st Council Districts. He stated that pursuant to Section 9-204 of the New York State Election Law, the Commissioners of Elections in the City of New York serve as the Board of Canvassers for the City and designated the following Commissioners at their February 27, 2007 meeting to serve as the Board of Canvassers for the two Special Elections held on February 20, 2007:

- A) For the 40th City Council District in Brooklyn:
President Como, Secretary Sampel, Commissioners Schacher, Commissioner O'Connor;
- B) For the 51st City Council District in Staten Island:
President Como, Secretary Sampel, Commissioner Yennella, Commissioner O'Connor

President Como briefly reviewed the process under the Election Law by which the Board certifies the results of any election. He explained that on Election Day, an unofficial canvass of the votes cast at the poll sites is reported to the media. Upon notice to all candidates appearing on the ballot, the Board and its staff begins the official canvass of the ballots cast one week after the election as prescribed by law. In this instance, the recanvass of the votes cast on voting machines

was conducted on Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at each borough's Voting Machine Facility. On Wednesday, February 28, 2007, the Board began the canvass of all paper ballots, including emergency, affidavit, absentee and military ballots. This is in accordance with the Election Law which provides that absentee and military ballots postmarked by the day before an election and received by the Board within seven days after the election shall be canvassed. The process insures that:

- all votes cast in accordance with the Election Law, are correctly recorded;
- due process is afforded and the rights of all voters and candidates are protected; and
- a true and accurate canvass of the votes cast in the election is made.

Following completion of that process at the end of last week, each of the respective Borough's staff prepared a Statement and Return for Certification of the votes cast in each of the Special Elections held on February 20, 2007. These statements were then reviewed by the Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Clerk in Brooklyn and Staten Island, respectively, and certified by them.

The Coordinator of the Candidate Records Unit Joseph LaRocca presented the Board of Canvassers with the Statement and Return of the Certification for the February 20, 2007 Special Election in the 40th City Council District, Brooklyn for their approval.

Commissioner Schacher moved to approve the Statement and Return of the Certification for the February 20, 2007 Special Election in the 40th City Council District, Brooklyn. Commissioner O'Connor seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The Coordinator of the Candidate Records Unit Joseph LaRocca presented the Board of Canvassers with the Statement and Return of the Certification for the February 20, 2007 Special Election in the 51st City Council District, Staten Island for their approval.

Commissioner Yennella moved to approve the Statement and Return of the Certification for the February 20, 2007 Special Election in the 51st City Council District, Staten Island. Secretary Sampel seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Pursuant to Section 9-212 of the New York State Election Law, President Como asked the Board staff to transmit a copy of the signed Statements to the City Clerk and Clerk of the Council and issue the appropriate notices to the winners.

Commissioner O'Connor moved to adjourn. Secretary Sampel seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.