

MEETING OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 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 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
Phil Donahue, Director, Personnel
John Ward, Finance Officer
Joseph LaRocca, Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit
Michael Neglia, Candidate Records Unit
Matthew Graves, Candidate Records Unit
Thomas Sattie, Candidate Records Unit
John O'Grady, Chief Voting Machine Technician
Gladys Fernandez, EVS
Philip Mione, Computer Data Analyst, EVS
Mona Huang, Sr. Computer Programmer, EVS
John Naudus, Sr. Computer Programmer, EVS
Yi Yu, Sr. Computer Programmer, EVS
Beth Fossella, Coordinator, Voter Registration
Sheila Delgiorno, Staten Island Chief Clerk
Anthony Andriulli, Staten Island Deputy Chief Clerk
Steve Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

Guests: Adrienne Kivelson, League of Women Voters
 Marjorie Shea, Women's City Club
 Jerry Koenig

President Como called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

President Como announced that the Commissioners would conduct the Hearings on Specification of Objections to Independent Nominating Petitions for the March 27, 2007 Special Election for Member of the New York State Assembly, 61 Assembly District, Richmond County prior to the regular Board meeting. The result of the hearing is reflected on the Clerk's Report on file at the Board.

Commissioner Umane moved to table the minutes of February 27, 2007 and March 8, 2007 until the next meeting. Secretary Sampel seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The Executive Director reported that:

- 1) As part of the City Board's Legislative Education and Information Day, the Board staff met with the Assembly and Senate staffs in Albany to review the Board's Legislative Program as well as issues pertaining to the implementation of new voting systems in New York State. The Commissioners in attendance in Albany and staff met with the new Chair of the Senate Election Committee, NYS Senator Joseph Griffo and

Assembly Member Keith Wright, then the Chair of the Assembly Election Law Committee. The group also met with Mariya Treisman, Esq., Assistant Counsel to the Governor.

- 2) The Executive Director testified before the City Council's Committee on Governmental Operations regarding the Mayor's Fiscal Year '08 Preliminary Budget for the Board of Elections.
- 3) The Board is scheduling Adjunct Trainers Training for 2007.
- 4) The State Board of Elections' Conference is scheduled for Monday, April 30, 2007 – Wednesday, May 2, 2007. Commissioners planning to attend should see Jane Zito in the Executive Office.

The General Counsel provided the Commissioners with a copy of the Calendar relating to Independent Nominating Petitions along with the Mayor's Proclamation calling a Special Election to fill the vacancy in the New York City Council, 40th Council District, Brooklyn. He recommended that the Commissioners convene Hearings on Specifications of Objections on Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at 1:30 P.M. Commissioner Umame moved to accept the Counsel's recommendation. Commissioner O'Connor seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner O'Connor moved that the Board refer the matter of this additional Special Election to the Corporation Counsel, the Comptroller's Office and the Campaign Finance Board to take the appropriate action, seeking reimbursement of the costs to run the April 24th Special Election for Member of the New York City Council in the 40th Council District, Borough of Brooklyn from the winner of the February 20, 2007 Special Election. This action is to be based on waste, fraud and taken on behalf of the taxpayers of this City. President Como seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Secretary Sampel approved the staff's recommendation that there be no meetings of the Commissioners of Elections in the City of New York on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, Tuesday, March 27, 2007, Tuesday, April 3, 2007, and Tuesday, April 10, 2007. President Como seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The Finance Officer John Ward provided the Commissioners with the Comparative Expenditure Report dated March 14, 2007 and the Vacancy Report dated March 6, 2007.

Commissioner Umane moved to grant a 30-days sick leave extension for Robert Otero, a VMT in the Manhattan Office. Commissioner Soumas seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Graham moved to grant a 30-day sick leave extension to Dawn Sandow, the Deputy Chief Clerk in the Bronx Office. Commissioner Yennella seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

President Como moved to convene an Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel matters. Commissioner O'Connor seconded the motion, which was agreed to unanimously.

The President reported that no action was taken in Executive Session.

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

President Como announced that the next Commissioners' meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 19, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. for hearings relating to the Special Election for Member of the Assembly in the 62nd Assembly District.