

MEETING OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2007
AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

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

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

George Gonzalez, Deputy Executive Director
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Public Relations and Communications
John Ward, Finance Officer
Phil Donahue, Director, Personnel
Philip Mione, Computer Data Analyst, EVS
Steve Ferguson, Director, MIS
Elliot Borack, ACCO
Mona Huang, Sr. Computer Programmer
Gladys Fernandez, Technical Writer
Beth Fossella, Coordinator, Voter Registration
Jack Courtney, Temporary Attorney
Steven Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Marjorie Shea, Women's City Club
 Mary Lou Urban, League of Women Voters
 Andrea Senteno, Citizen Union
 Margie Gersten
 Mark Herman

President Como called the meeting to order at 1:40 P.M.

President Como moved to approve the minutes of September 25, 2007. Secretary Sampel seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

President Como moved to table the minutes of the October 16, 2007 and October 23, 2007 meetings. Secretary Sampel seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The Deputy Executive Director reported that:

- A) Todd Valentine, Special Counsel, State Board of Elections advised the City Board in an email dated October 29, 2007 that the U.S. Department of Justice would be responding to the State Board's HAVA plans within the next two weeks. Mr. Gonzalez advised that he would keep the Commissioners informed of any further developments.
- B) On Friday, October 26, 2007 Senior Management was notified by Borough staff that the poll books printed for the November 6th General Election omitted many registered voters. The Commissioners' Executive Committee approved an emergency plan to reprint poll books citywide. This task was completed by

Monday, October 30, 2007.

The General Counsel reported a bill that directs the City Board to furnish voting materials in Russian language as well as English [A.3225/S.4731] has passed the NYS Assembly and is presently in the NYS Senate's Rules Committee. The NYC Law Department, OMB, and the NYC Office of State Legislative Affairs have requested a meeting with Board staff to review the effect the enactment of this bill would have on the operations of the NYC Board as well as the legal and fiscal impact that would result if enacted as written. Mr. Richman asked for permission to participate in such a meeting and make the Board's current position clear with respect to this bill.

The Commissioners voted unanimously to authorize Board staff to meet with the NYC Law Department, OMB, and the NYC Office of State Legislative Affairs regarding the Russian language voting materials.

Finance Officer John Ward provided the Commissioners with the Vacancy Report dated October 23, 2007.

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

The President reported that in the Executive Session the Commissioners unanimously approved the following actions:

- 1) A 30-day sick leave extension for Angel Holcomb, an Administrative Assistant in the Poll Site Accessibility Unit Executive Office.
- 2) A 30-day sick leave extension for Dawn Sandow, Deputy Chief Clerk, Bronx Office.

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

President Como announced that the next Commissioners' meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 1:30 P.M.