

MEETING OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2008
AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

P R E S E N T: James Sampel, President

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

Marcus Cederqvist, Executive Director
George Gonzalez, Deputy Executive Director
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel
Phil Donahue, Director, Personnel
John Ward, Finance Officer

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

President Sampel made a motion to table the minutes of May 6, 2008, May 13, 2008 and May 20, 2008. Commissioner Graham seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Cederqvist informed the Commissioners that he had a meeting with the Chiefs last week regarding the different work streams that have been meeting pertaining to the implementation of the Ballot Marking Devices. Mr. Cederqvist stated that he would like to schedule a BMD Poll Worker Training Demonstration for the Commissioners on Tuesday, June

10, 2008 at 1:00 pm. Commissioner O'Connor stated that the demonstration will be open to the public and that the date of the demonstration should be published on the website. The demonstration would be held in the 6th floor Commissioners' Hearing room and would be held in lieu of the regular Commissioners Meeting.

President Sampel made a motion to have the Poll Worker BMD Training Demonstration on Tuesday, June 10, 2008 at 1:00 pm. Commissioner O'Connor seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

In Mr. O'Grady's absence, President Sampel put his item regarding designating double machines for the November General Election on hold.

Ms. Vazquez –Rivera distributed the Frequently Asked Questions document to the Commissioners for their approval. Ms. Vazquez-Rivera stated that Commissioners Polanco and Como was the committee that reviewed the document and their suggestions and revisions are incorporated. Commissioner O'Connor moved to approve the document with all revisions. Commissioner Graham seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Ms. Vazquez-Rivera stated that the document will be distributed to various organizations and a vendor has been approved. Commissioner O'Connor thanked Ms. Vazquez-Rivera for her outstanding work on this project. Commissioner Soumas stated that Ms. Vasquez-

Rivera did an excellent job on the 2007 Annual Report. The Commissioners also thanked Eleanor Guerrieri for her hard work on the Annual Report.

Mr. Ferguson informed the Commissioners that he had a meeting with representatives from 311 and he stated that they are willing to assist with the overflow of calls however he is awaiting information from King Tele-services regarding cost estimates. Mr. Ferguson stated that he will follow-up on this matter and report back to the Commissioners.

President Sampel stated that there are no Commissioners' Meetings scheduled for the following dates:

- Tuesday, June 10, 2008 – BMD Poll Worker Training Demo
- Tuesday, June 17, 2008 – NYS Election Commissioner Association Conference.

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, June 24, 2008 at 1:30 P.M.

Mr. Richman requested that the Commissioners approve the hiring of two temporary legal staff members from Staffing Ease to assist during the busy election season. Mr. Richman stated that these temporary staff members will work for an average of 40-45 hours a week (40 hours at base rate, overtime at time and one-half) for approximately 25 weeks.

Commissioner Graham made a motion to approve the hiring of two

temporary legal staff members from Staffing Ease. Commissioner Dent seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

Mr. Richman informed the Commissioners that several of the County Clerks have a problem with list being provided to them and they would like a meeting schedule to discuss information provided on the list. President Sampel made a motion to approve Mr. Richman's request. Commissioner Dent seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

Mr. Ward reviewed the May 27, 2008 Vacancy Report with the Commissioners.

President Sampel moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner O'Connor seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

The next scheduled Board meeting is Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at 1:30 P.M.