

MEETING OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS  
HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009  
AT 1:30 P.M.  
42 BROADWAY, 6<sup>th</sup> FLOOR HEARING ROOM  
NEW YORK, NY 10004

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P R E S E N T:           President Frederic Umame  
                              Secretary Julie Dent

Commissioners Araujo, Polanco, Sampel, Schacher, Silie, Sipp, Soumas,  
Stupp

Marcus Cederqvist, Executive Director  
George Gonzalez, Deputy Executive Director  
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager  
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel  
John Owens Jr., Director, Campaign Finance Enforcement  
John Ward, Finance Officer  
Rosanna Rahmouni, Coordinator, Election Day Operations  
John O'Grady, Chief, Voting Machine Technician  
Dorothy Delayo, Director, Personnel  
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST:    Andrea Senteno, Citizen's Union  
            Teresa Hommel, Community Church of New York  
            Rima McCoy, CIDNY  
            Marjorie Shea, Women's City Club  
            Stewart Armstrong, VAC  
            Judd Ryan, ES&S  
            Caroline Heinle, Burson-Marsteller

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President Umame called the meeting to order at 1:42 P.M.

Commissioner Schacher requested to discuss personnel matters.

Commissioner Silie offered corrections to the draft minutes of March 24, 2009. President Umane made a motion to table the draft minutes of March 24, 2009 pending correction. Commissioner Schacher seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously. President Umane moved to adopt the draft minutes of March 17, 2009 and table the draft minutes of March 31, 2009. Commissioner Dent seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The Executive Director presented the HAVA update. Mr. Cederqvist reported on the New York State HAVA Task Force meeting which was held on April 3, 2009. The Executive Director stated he is a member of the NYS HAVA Task Force and he participated in the meeting by telephone. He reported that the meeting discussed the draft New York State HAVA Implementation Plan. The meeting will resume on April 14, 2009. Mr. Cederqvist requested the Commissioners to review the draft New York State HAVA Implementation Plan and if they have any suggestions he will propose them at the next HAVA Task Force meeting.

The Coordinator of Election Day Operations distributed the 2009 Poll Site Room Designations for Bronx and Staten Island. President Umane inquired if there is a deadline to send formal letters to the poll site room

designations. The General Counsel stated that the only time to exercise the legal right to enter premises if it is a public building or a privately owned site that has a tax abatement, tax exemption or receives government funding. The Board has to make the designation on or before May 1, 2009. Commissioners Schacher and Polanco requested that the Coordinator of Election Day Operations e-mail them a separate list for their respective borough's poll site room designations.

The Finance Officer provided the Commissioners with the Comparative Expenditures report dated April 7, 2009.

Commissioner Schacher moved to authorize an advance of 210 hours of sick leave for Mary Madden, Clerk in the Brooklyn Office. Commissioner Dent seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Secretary Dent wished the Director of Communications and Public Affairs well. She noted that Ms. Vazquez-Rivera is on advanced 210 hours of sick leave. Secretary Dent acknowledged that the Executive Director delegated her tasks to others and he has taken on her responsibilities as well.

Commissioner Polanco inquired if the Personnel Director compiled a pay equity report. He stated it is very important for the Board's staff in regards to Secretary Dent's acknowledgement. The Personnel Director will compile a pay equity report as soon as possible.

Commissioner Polanco inquired if the Board's website has been worked on to be redesigned more user friendly. President Umame reported that the MIS Executive Committee did not meet yet, but after the meeting occurs the committee will report to the full Board. President Umame stated he will follow-up with the Director of MIS and his staff. The Executive Director stated that at the weekly Managers' Meetings the Board's website is discussed, but on certain instances they need direction from the Commissioners to pursue different paths. The Board does not have a website administrator because it does not have the budget. The Deputy Executive Director stated that in the mid-1990s the Board received the website pro bono by the group Mezzina\Brown. Mr. Gonzalez stated a newly designed website requires a webmaster, additional resources and a financial plan. He recommended the MIS Executive Committee report with a proposed plan and cost in a couple of weeks. President Umame suggested inquiring assistance from the Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications. Secretary Dent suggested to

research college interns to assist in the design process as well.

Secretary Dent recognized that Commissioner Schacher requested a voting machine for CSEA Local 646 at the last Commissioners' Meeting. Secretary Dent moved to authorize the use of a voting machine by CSEA Local 646 on May 15, 2009 from 6am - 6pm. Local 646 will bear any or all costs. President Umane requested the Chief Voting Machine Technician to explain the operations and costs of private purposes. Mr. O'Grady reported that the group requesting the voting machine pays for all expenses which include setting up the voting machine and transporting the machine. President Umane stated insurance is required. Mr. O'Grady reported it will cost approximately \$450 per voting machine to deliver and retrieve, and it is approximately \$62 an hour for an IES Technician to set up the voting machine. However, there is no IES contract therefore a Board's Senior Voting Machine Technician will have to set up the machine. President Umane was concerned that the rate will be cheaper than if an IES Technician was working, therefore the rate will not be consistent for other voting machine requests in the future. Commissioner Schacher seconded the motion. In a vote of nine (9) in favor (Secretary Dent, Commissioners Araujo, Sampel, Silie, Sipp, Schacher, Soumas, Stupp, Polanco) and one (1) opposed (President Umane). The motion was carried.

Commissioner Schacher moved to convene an Executive Session to discuss litigation matters. Commissioner Sampel seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

There were no reportable actions taken in Executive Session.

Commissioner Silie moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sampel seconded, which was adopted unanimously.

The next Commissioners' meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 1:30 PM.