

MEETING OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS  
HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 12, 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 Umane  
                              Secretary Julie Dent

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

Marcus Cederqvist, Executive Director  
George Gonzalez, Deputy Executive Director  
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel  
John Owens, Jr., Director, Campaign Finance Enforcement  
John Ward, Finance Officer  
Dorothy Delayo, Director, Personnel  
Joseph LaRocca, Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit  
Steve Ferguson, Director, MIS  
John Naudus, Senior System Analyst, EVS  
Philip Mione, Computer Data Analyst, EVS  
Beth Fossella, Coordinator, Voter Registration  
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners  
Charles S. Webb, III, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST:   Phil Ragusa, Chairman, Queens County Republican Party  
          Andrea Senteno, Citizen's Union  
          Rima McCoy, CIDNY  
          Marjorie Shea, Women's City Club  
          Teresa Hommel, Community Church of New York  
          Caroline Heinle, Burson-Marsteller  
          Stewart Armstrong, VAC  
          Alan Flacks, New York County Democratic Committee  
          Adrienne Kivelson

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President Umame called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M.

Commissioner Stupp acknowledged that Phil Ragusa, Chairman of the Queens County Republican Party, was present at the meeting.

Commissioners Silie requested to discuss personnel matters in Executive Session.

President Umame made a motion to table the draft minutes of May 5, 2009. Secretary Dent seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The Executive Director presented the HAVA update. Mr. Cederqvist reported that there was a State Board meeting which was ongoing during the Commissioners' meeting. The State Board's meeting was discussing how they were going to finalize the details on the Pilot Program. Mr. Cederqvist summarized that the City Board, as well as some other New York counties, are not going to participate in the Pilot Program this year.

The Executive Director requested direction from the Commissioners concerning poll site orientation with the implementation of potential new

voting systems. Mr. Cederqvist reported that at a Board meeting the team discussed if the poll sites will be Election District specific or poll site specific in the future. The poll site orientation may change because once a voter signs in and receives their ballot they could insert the ballot into any optical scanner. After discussion, President Umame suggested that the Board should continue to focus on Election District specific poll sites unless the Election Law changes.

The Executive Director reminded the public that there will be a NYC Council Hearing regarding Executive Budget for Fiscal Year 2010 on May 18, 2009 at 10:00 A.M.

The Executive Director reported on his draft letter addressed to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. He reported that all suggestions made by the Commissioners were incorporated into the draft letter. Mr. Cederqvist requested the Commissioners to review the revised letter.

President Umame opened the floor for brief comments from a member of the public.

The Executive Director reported that the Special Election for the 77<sup>th</sup> and 85<sup>th</sup> Assembly Districts in Bronx County will be held on June 2, 2009. The Coordinator of the Candidate Records Unit reported on the Contest List for the 77<sup>th</sup> and 85<sup>th</sup> Assembly Districts.

The Executive Director reported on the appointment of standing committee members. Commissioner Sipp joined the Human Resources Standing Committee, and Commissioner Schacher joined the Legislative Affairs Standing Committee effective immediately.

Secretary Dent suggested to the Executive Director that the draft letter addressed to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget should be CC:d to all City Council members.

President Umame moved to authorize the use of his and Secretary Dent's signature stamps on the letter and send it out promptly. Secretary Dent seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Schacher suggested to the Executive Director that the draft letter addressed to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget should be CC:d to all County Leaders.

The General Counsel reported on the draft Independent Nominating Petition Rules for Calendar Year 2009. Mr. Richman requested approval on the draft. Commissioner Soumas made a typographical correction for Rule H12 - "The Board's Executive Committee for all specifications of objections relating to petitions for Citywide Office or the respective Borough's Commissioners' Committee for specifications of objections relating to petitions for all other offices and/or positions for review." President Umane made a motion to approve the draft Independent Nominating Petition Rules for Calendar Year 2009 as amended. Secretary Dent seconded the motion. Commissioner Polanco abstained. The motion was adopted.

The Finance Officer provided the Commissioners with the Vacancy Report dated May 12, 2009.

The Finance Officer provided the Commissioners with the FY10 OTPS Executive Budget and FY09-FY10 OTPS Projection.

Commissioner Polanco requested to discuss personnel matters in Executive Session.

President Umane convened an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Following the Executive Session, the open public session resumed and President Umane reported that in Executive Session, the Commissioners took the following personnel actions:

- I. Unanimously approved the demotion of Steve Goodner, Administrative Assistant in the Bronx Office, to the title of Voting Machine Technician effective Sunday, May 17, 2009.

Commissioner Silie moved to adjourn the meeting. President Umane seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The next Commissioners' meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 1:30 PM.