

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2016
AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, EVS CONFERENCE ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: President Maria R. Guastella
 Secretary Frederic M. Umane

Commissioners Jose Araujo, John Flateau, Lisa Grey, Michael Michel,
Alan Schulkin, Simon Shamoun, Rosanna Vargas

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director
Dawn Sandow, Deputy Executive Director
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel
Valerie Vazquez-Diaz, Director, Communications & Public Affairs
Nina M. Crispino, Director, Personnel
John Naudus, Manager, Electronic Voting Systems
Thomas Sattie, Coordinator, Ballot Management
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Anna-Maria Thomas
 Emily Forgione, CFB
 Elence Khalatian, CFB
 Kate Doran, LWV NYC
 L. Wen, City Council

President Guastella called the meeting to order at 1:39 P.M.

Commissioner Araujo moved to adopt the minutes for the July 12, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Flateau seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Richman requested for the Commissioners to designate Cover Sheet Review Committee Members for Week #2 for the September 2016 Primary Election petition filing process.

The Commissioners designated the following schedule:

- Tuesday, July 19th (immediately after the Comm. Mtg.)
 - President Guastella & Secretary Umare
- Wednesday, July 20th (at 4:00 P.M.)
 - Commissioner Schulkin & Commissioner Grey
- Thursday, July 21th (at 4:00 P.M.)
 - Commissioner Araujo & Commissioner Michel
- Friday, July 22th (at 4:00 P.M.)
 - Commissioner Flateau & Commissioner Shamoun

Mr. Ryan reported that staff has a schedule recommendation concerning Local Registration Day. The statute mandates at least 3 ½ hours to be opened to the public for the additional Local Registration Day scheduled on Thursday, October 13, 2016. Since the additional Local

Registration Day falls on a school day, Executive Management proposed the hours of 3:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. for the two (2) locations in each Assembly District citywide. The proposed hours would allow for less disruption because students will be recessed from school. Secretary Umame moved to adopt the proposed hours of 3:00pm – 8:00pm for the additional Local Registration Day scheduled on Thursday, October 13, 2016. Commissioner Araujo seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted. The finalized list of Local Registration Day sites for each borough will be presented at the next meeting for full Board approval. It was noted that the State Board's mandated Local Registration Day is scheduled on Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 1:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. citywide. Commissioner Flateau recommended for all Borough Offices to be designated as Local Registration Day sites as well. It was reported that some Borough Committee's might have already designated their Borough Office as a site from the initial Local Registration Day plan. There was a consensus among the Commissioners to table this item for one (1) week so the Borough Committee's can discuss the recommendation further with their Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Clerk.

Commissioner Flateau required for a status update concerning the new voter registration forms in the additional languages. President Guastella reported that this item will be discussed at the next meeting.

Commissioner Araujo provided an overview of the Commissioners' Ballot Committee Report to the full Board. The Ballot Committee had a meeting and they decided to make a recommendation to the full Board to print all judicial contests into one (1) group on the ballot, so that if it happens to go on to a two (2) page ballot, that group goes onto the second page. The Ballot Committee also asked Executive Management to start a discussion with the State Board of the possibility of having one (1) ballot with all contests printed on both sides; front and back. Mr. Ryan noted that the statutory framework allows the Commissioners to set the ballot order in a customary manor. In 2002, there was an absentee ballot in Queens County which allowed for the grouping of all judicial offices to be in a single group. There is an issue of a potential two (2) page ballot for New York County in the 2016 November General Election. Mr. Ryan reported that the Board has been discussing this issue for several months. Once the vacancy lists were received from the State Board, Executive Management made the Commissioners aware. This item was also discussed at the Board's Education and Information Day with various State Legislators and

the State Board. Based on the conversations, the City Board has the authority to set the ballot order with the discretion of the Commissioners. Secretary Umane noted that this was customarily done based on the size of the district and would be a significant policy change. There is an issue of font size as well. Commissioner Flateau requested for sample ballots to review before making a decision. Mr. Ryan explained that the Ballot Committee was making a recommendation to the full Board for informational purposes. The hard copy ballot samples have to be produced by the vendor due to the large size and perforations. Mr. Ryan noted that PDF samples were previously emailed to the Commissioners. Secretary Umane requested to table this item for one (1) week so he and Commissioner Schulkin can discuss this matter with New York County elected officials, and for the Commissioners to review the PDF ballot samples. There was a consensus among the Commissioners to table this item for one (1) week.

President Guastella recognized Kate Doran, a representative of the League of Women Voters, who inquired about the status of the Board's new poll worker recruitment campaign.

Mr. Ryan reported that the Board has received a total of 476 poll worker applications from the recruitment campaign's website link, and 203 poll worker applications from the Board's FaceBook page, in one (1) week.

President Guastella noted that Commissioner Shamoun joined the meeting.

President Guastella moved to convene an Executive Session for purposes of personnel. Commissioner Grey seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Following Executive Session, the open public meeting resumed and Mr. Ryan reported that no action was taken in Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 1:30 P.M.