

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2019 AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: Secretary Patricia Anne Taylor

Commissioners Jose Araujo, Miguelina Camilo, John Flateau, Michael Michel, Robert Siano, Tiffany Townsend, Frederic M. Umane

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager
Steven Guglielmi, Director, Personnel
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Communications & Public Affairs
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Monica Bartley, CIDNY
Bonnie Nelson, BVA
Kate Doran, LWV
Wendy Byrne, LWV
Laura Wood, Mayor's Office
Perry Grossman, NYCLU
Rosemarie Hameed

In the absence of President Zaccone, Secretary Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M.

Commissioner Araujo moved to adopt the July 23, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Camilo seconded the motion. Before a vote was taken by the full Board, Commissioner Flateau requested clarification on the Software License quote on Page 7. After discussion, the following language underlined was recommended to be added: “During negotiations, the vendor agreed to reduce the cost from \$600 to \$400 per unit at a total cost savings of \$300,000.” Commissioner Araujo moved to adopt the July 23, 2019 minutes with the modification. Commissioner Umame seconded the motion, with Commissioner Flateau abstaining. The motion was adopted.

Secretary Taylor reported that Executive Session will convene before Item #2 on the agenda at the request of some Commissioners who have scheduling conflicts.

Commissioner Umame moved to convene Executive Session for litigation and personnel matters. Commissioners Siano seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

After Executive Session, the open public meeting resumed. Secretary Taylor reported that personnel and litigation matters were discussed and will be reported at a later date.

Mr. Ryan provided a status update on the use of ballots for the November 2019 General Election without stubs and ballot accountability rules. The State Board of Elections held a meeting last Thursday, July 25, 2019 to discuss this matter and they provided ballot accountability rules to Executive Management today. Mr. Ryan requested to table this item until Executive Management and the Office of the General Counsel reviews the State Board's report in detail. Mr. Ryan noted that the Board is still confident in moving forward with a no stubbed ballot for the November 2019 General Election and will be submitting procedures to the Commissioners at a later date for consideration. Commissioner Umame moved to table this item for one (1) week. Commissioner Siano seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Secretary Taylor recognized the following speakers for public comment:

1. Bonnie Nelson;
2. Perry Grossman;

3. Rosemarie Hameed.

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