

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2019 AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: President John Wm. Zaccone
 Secretary Patricia Anne Taylor

Commissioners Miguelina Camilo, John Fleteau, Simon Shamoun, Tiffany Townsend, Frederic M. Umane

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director
Dawn Sandow, Deputy Executive Director
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel
Valerie Vazquez, Communications and Public Affairs
Steven Guglielmi, Director, Personnel
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Julie Kerr, BVA
 Wendy Byrne, LWV NYC
 Bonnie Nelson, BVA
 Eve Grassfield, Mayor's Office
 Erica Cohen, BVA
 Jan Campobiano, BVA
 Rosemarie Hameed, We The People
 Kate Doran, LWV NYC
 Robert Stepanek

President Zaccone called the meeting to order at 1:36 P.M.

Commissioner Flateau moved to adopt the minutes from the November 19, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Townsend seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan reported on the New York State Senate and Assembly Joint Public Hearing held on November 20, 2019 and the New York City Council Committee on Governmental Oversight Hearing held on November 25, 2019 which was to discuss the implementation of Early Voting throughout New York State and New York City. The Board delivered Testimony concerning Early Voting at both Hearings and it was well received. Mr. Ryan reported that there was a unanimous conclusion that the Board did a very good job with the implementation of Early Voting. The three (3) items that were consistent for discussion were the possibility for additional Early Voting locations, whether countywide or citywide Early Voting could be implemented, and to use locations that are not public schools. Mr. Ryan reported that all of these concerns will be looked into further as Early Voting is a work in progress.

Mr. Ryan reminded that last week a specific email address icon was posted on the Board's website for public feedback and/or recommendations about Early Voting. The public comment period will be open until

December 17, 2019 so that the Board can appropriately plan for the next election.

President Zaccone noted that Mr. Savino joined the meeting.

Commissioner Flateau inquired if the New York State Election Law allows for citywide and/or countywide Early Voting in the future. Mr. Ryan reported that Executive Management will be attending a roundtable meeting on Monday, December 2, 2019 with the New York State Board of Elections and other NYS county boards of elections to discuss Early Voting and will receive clarification. It was noted that the Ballot Marking Device's (BMD) technology is outdated and there may be limitations with ballot styles and language requirements. Mr. Ryan will report back on this item.

Commissioner Flateau inquired if New York City elected officials assisted the Board with finding Early Voting sites other than public schools. Mr. Ryan reported that the Board received District level recommendations, however, there was no consistency with planning. Mr. Ryan reported that there will be a presentation of the new Esri 3D mapping software at the end of the year. This enhanced software will aid Board staff in identifying potential new poll sites, which includes government owned buildings,

around current public school poll sites. The new software will be a powerful tool for planning.

Commissioner Flateau inquired if the Board's election results are in Excel format on the Board's website for the public. Mr. Ryan reported that the election results are in a compatible machine readable format.

President Zaccone recognized the following speakers for public comment:

1. Rosemarie Hameed, and;
2. Kate Doran.

Commissioner Umane moved to convene an Executive Session for personnel matters. President Zaccone seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Following Executive Session, the open public meeting resumed. President Zaccone reported that several personnel items were discussed and the actions will be reported in the minutes.

The following actions were taken by unanimous decision of the Board of Commissioners:

- I. Raquel Torres, an Administrative Assistant, was granted 21 hours of an Advance of Time. The grant will be effective November 25, 2019. Ms. Torres agency start date is March 11, 2012;
- II. Elizabeth English, a Senior Administrator, was granted 210 hours of an Advance of Time. The grant will be effective November 25, 2019. Ms. English's agency start date is August 27, 2007;
- III. Timothy Edgerton, a Senior Voting Machine Technician, was granted 210 hours of an Advance of Time. The grant will be effective November 18, 2019. Mr. Edgerton's agency start date is July 13, 2009.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 1:30 P.M.

Commissioner Umame moved to adjourn the meeting. President Zaccone seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.