

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022 AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: President Rodney L. Pepe-Souvenir

Commissioners Jose M. Araujo, Michael J. Coppotelli, Jenny Low, Gina A. Marmorato, Jodi Morales, Keith Sullivan, Patricia Anne Taylor, Frederic M. Umane

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director

Vincent M. Ignizio, Deputy Executive Director

Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager

Hemalee J. Patel, General Counsel

Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel

Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners

Mr. Ryan opened the meeting with the following reminders, and an update on the upcoming General Election:

Last Friday, October 14, 2022, was the last day to register to vote in person for the November 8, 2022 General Election. The borough offices and General Office hours were extended to accommodate the public. A total of 2,769 registrations were received between all of the Board offices.

Registrations received by mail, must be postmarked by Friday, October 14, 2022, and received by the board offices no later than tomorrow, Wednesday, October 19, 2022, to be eligible to vote for the November 8, 2022 General Election.

All timely registrations will be processed and included in the poll books for the upcoming election.

The deadline to apply on-line for an absentee ballot is Monday, October 24, 2022, and the deadline to apply in-person is Monday, November 7, 2022.

As a reminder, due to a change in Law, New York State voters are no longer permitted to cast a ballot on a voting machine if they have requested to vote by absentee ballot.

Voters who have requested to vote by absentee ballot, can still vote in person using an affidavit ballot.

The Board continues to receive and process absentee ballots. To date, the Board has mailed out 177,457 ballots citywide, including 535 accessible ballots.

The Board has received back 28,137 ballots citywide, 22,307 ballots have been deemed valid and canvassed, and 898 ballots have been deemed invalid with the cure process ongoing.

The remaining ballots are being canvassed, and that process is ongoing as ballots are received.

All voting equipment, logic and accuracy testing is on schedule, and set to be completed by Friday, October 28, 2022.

Deliveries remain on schedule, and will begin with the delivery of tables and chairs on Monday, October 24, 2022, followed by early voting equipment on Thursday, October 27, 2022 and Friday, October 28, 2022. The delivery of Election Day equipment will begin during the week of October 31, 2022.

The Board began delivering the generators required for early voting this week, and 13 out of 61 have been delivered.

The site setups are scheduled to take place on the Friday before early voting, at each of our early voting locations.

Poll Worker training is being conducted in-person and on-line, and assignments for Early Voting and Election Day are ongoing.

There are 34,665 Poll Worker positions, which we expect to meet our needs for this election.

In Addition, the Board is on-track with its Language Assistance Program, and currently has a sufficient number of Interpreters trained to fill all required positions.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2022. The Early Voting period runs from Saturday, October 29, 2022 through Sunday, November 6, 2022.

Early Voting hours and poll site locations, including sample ballots, can be located on the Board's website at www.vote.nyc .

This concluded the update on the November 8, 2022 General Election.

Mr. Ryan continued with item #1 of the meeting agenda, and requested that the Commissioners approve the minutes of the October 11, 2022 Commissioners Meeting.

Mr. Ryan noted that Commissioners Coppotelli, Marmorato, and Sullivan were not present at the October 11, 2022 Commissioners Meeting.

Commissioner Low moved to adopt the minutes of the October 11, 2022 Commissioners Meeting. Commissioner Morales seconded the motion, with Commissioners Marmorato and Sullivan abstaining. The motion was adopted.

The minutes of the October 11, 2022 Commissioners Meeting were approved.

Mr. Ryan asked that the Commissioners Committee set the date of the next meeting, for Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at 1:30 P.M.

Commissioner Umane moved to schedule the next meeting of the Commissioners for Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 1:30 P.M. Commissioner Low seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan continued with item #2 of the meeting agenda, an Executive Session to discuss Litigation and Personnel Matters.

Commissioner Umane moved to adjourn the weekly stated meeting of the Commissioners, and convene an Executive Session to discuss Litigation and Personnel matters. Commissioner Morales seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Umane moved for the New York City Board of Elections to request that the New York State Board of Elections send out a statewide mailing, comparable to the mailing that was produced by the New York City Board and the New York City Campaign Finance Board, so that all voters throughout the State of New York can be educated and informed as they are in the City of New York, and give everyone the opportunity to get out and vote. Commissioner Marmorato seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Coppotelli joined the Commissioners Committee for Executive Session.

Following Executive Session, the open meeting resumed.

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

1. Wanda Davis, a Clerk, was granted 49 hours of an advance of sick time.

This grant is effective October 7, 2022. Ms. Davis' agency start date is August 3, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 1:30 P.M.