

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025 AT 1:00 P.M.  
42 BROADWAY, 6<sup>th</sup> FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM  
NEW YORK, NY 10004

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PRESENT: President Frederic M. Umame  
Secretary Jodi Morales

Commissioners Jose M. Araujo, Michael J. Coppotelli, Gino A. Marmorato, Frank R. Seddio, Simon Shamoun, Michele A. Sileo

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director  
Vincent M. Ignizio, Deputy Executive Director  
Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager  
Michael D. Corbett, Administrative Manager  
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners  
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners  
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel  
Eric Butkiewicz, Associate General Counsel

Tom Sattie, Director – Candidate Records Unit  
Matt Graves, Project Coordinator – Candidate Records Unit

Kings County:  
Salvatore Barrera, Chief Clerk  
Daniel Ortiz, Deputy Chief Clerk

GUESTS: Gary Donoyan  
Howard Graubard  
Harold (Heshy) Tischler

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Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director, opened the meeting and made the following announcements before proceeding with the agenda.

The last day to change your party registration to be eligible to vote in the June Primary Election is Friday, February 14, 2025.

The Mayor has called a Special Election for April 29, 2025, to fill the 51<sup>st</sup> Council District seat in Staten Island, New York, known as the Jewel of the City.

Mr. Ryan continued with item #1 of the meeting agenda, the approval of the minutes of the January 28, 2025 Commissioners Meeting.

To familiarize everyone, especially those who haven't been here before, meeting minutes are adopted without objection. Mr. Ryan will ask if there are any objections or amendments. If there are none, the minutes will be adopted.

Hearing no objections or amendments, the minutes of the January 28, 2025 Commissioners Meeting were adopted.

Mr. Ryan continued with item #2 of the meeting agenda, Hearings on Independent Nominating Petition Matters Pertaining to the March 25, 2025 Special Election in the 44<sup>th</sup> New York City Council District.

Mr. Ryan handed the meeting over to Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel, to address these matters.

President Umame convened a meeting of the Board of Canvassers in the City of New York for Hearings pertaining to the Independent Nominating petitions filed for the Special Election to be held on March 25, 2025 for the New York City 44<sup>th</sup> Council District.

Following the meeting of the Board of Canvassers, the regular stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners resumed.

Commissioner Coppotelli moved to convene an Executive Session for Personnel Matters, and set the next meeting date for Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 1:00 P.M. Commissioner Marmorato seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Following the Executive Session the open meeting resumed.

Mr. Ryan stated that there are two personnel matters that will be reported in the minutes as required by law.

Mr. Ryan announced that there was one minor change, the next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 1:00 P.M., instead of Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners of Elections is scheduled for  
Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 1:00 P.M.