

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025, AT 1:00 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: President Frederic M. Umane

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

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director

Vincent M. Ignizio, Deputy Executive Director

Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager

Michael D. Corbett, Administrative Manager

Grace Pyun, General Counsel

Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel

Eric Butkiewicz, Associate Counsel

Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners

Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

Tom Sattie, Director – Candidate Records Unit

GUESTS:

Christine Gross

Alan Flacks

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director, opened the meeting by introducing the staff. Before proceeding with the meeting agenda, he shared the following announcements:

- As of today, at 12:00 Noon we had 101,398 voters in total who participated in early voting to this point.

- The Board has received back a total of 30,021 absentee ballots.
- Preparations have begun to deliver the equipment necessary for 1,213 election day sites which will be used on June 24, 2025.
- Early voting will continue through Sunday, June 22, 2025. The hours and locations can be found on the Board's website at www.vote.nyc.

Mr. Ryan continued with item #1 of the meeting agenda, the approval of the minutes from the June 10, 2025 Commissioners Meeting.

Hearing no objections or amendments, the minutes of the June 10, 2025 Commissioners' Meeting were adopted as submitted.

Mr. Ryan continued with item #2 of the meeting agenda, Hearings on the Specifications of Objections to Independent Nominating Petition Matters for the November 4, 2025 General Election.

Mr. Ryan turned the meeting over to President Umane to convene a meeting of the Board of Canvassers in the City of New York to hear Challenges to Independent Nominating Petitions and Certificates for Public Offices to be contested in the November 4, 2025 General Elections.

The Commissioners temporarily recessed the hearings to convene an Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters.

Following the Executive Session the regular stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners resumed.

President Umane recognized Christine Gross, who was in attendance to present a voter challenge.

President Umane administered the challenge oath to the voter, Christine Gross, pursuant to §5-220 of the NYS Election Law.

Ms. Gross stated that she has been registered and living at her apartment since February of 2002. She changed her party in October of 2001 and shortly after, began receiving mail for an Individual named Zamaniya Bankole, VSN# 41118530. Ms. Gross stated that she is constantly receiving mail for Ms. Bankole and would like it to stop. Ms. Gross resides at 549 Isham Street, Apt. 35, New York, NY 10034.

Ms. Gross signed the challenge oath form. President Umane advised Ms. Gross of the Board's procedure for voters who are challenged, and the next steps for this process. The Board will investigate, and a bipartisan team will be sent to

her home. The team will present their findings to the Board of Commissioners, who will take appropriate action.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Gross for appearing.

Vincent Ignizo, Deputy Executive Director, suggested setting the date of the next meeting for Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at 1:00 P.M., noting that next week is Primary Day.

Hearing no objections, the motion was adopted unanimously.

Alan Flacks was recognized by the Commissioners and provided remarks to the Board.

The Hearings on Specifications of Objections to Independent Nominating Petition Matters for the November 4, 2025 General Election will continue on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at 1:00 P.M.

During the Executive Session, the following action was taken by the unanimous decision of the Board of Commissioners:

- John Sfera, A Financial Clerk, was granted an advance of time for 210 hours, effective as of June 23, 2025. Mr. Sfera's agency start date is June 21, 2015, and he is a Queens Republican.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Commissioners of Elections will be held on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at 1:00 P.M.