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COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
AND
COVER SHEET REVIEW

42 Broadway - 6th floor
Commissioners' Hearing Room
New York, NY 10004
March 31, 2020
1:30 - 3:18 p.m.

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PRESENT:

Secretary Frederic Umane
Commissioner Jose Araujo
Commissioner Miguelina Camilo
Commissioner Gino Marmorato
Commissioner Michael Michel
Commissioner Simon Shamoun
Commissioner Tiffany Townsend
Commissioner John Wm. Zaccone

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director
Dawn Sandow, Deputy Executive Director
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to Commissioners
Steven Denkberg, Counsel to Commissioners
Steven Richman, General Counsel
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel

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2 (The meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m.)

3 MR. MICHAEL J. RYAN: Okay,
4 commissioners, we are now live streaming. I'm
5 going to call the roll and before I do, I would
6 ask everyone that's on the call to please be
7 reminded to mute yourselves and then as we move
8 forward with the process, we will ask for --
9 we'll go down the list and ask people to unmute
10 if they have any comments. In any event, I'll
11 start with the commissioners. Commissioner Taylor
12 has indicated that she's not able to join us this
13 afternoon, so she will be not present. In order
14 of appearance on the letterhead, Commissioner
15 Umame?

16 SECRETARY UMANE: Here.

17 MR. RYAN: Commissioner Araujo.

18 COMMISSIONER ARAUJO: Here.

19 MR. RYAN: Commissioner Camilo?

20 COMMISSIONER CAMILO: Here.

21 MR. RYAN: Commissioner Marmorato?

22 COMMISSIONER MARMORATO: Present.

23 MR. RYAN: Commissioner Michel?

24 COMMISSIONER MICHEL: Here.

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2 MR. RYAN: Commissioner Shamoun?

3 COMMISSIONER SHAMOUN: Here.

4 MR. RYAN: Okay. Just under the wire.

5 Commissioner Townsend.

6 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Here.

7 MR. RYAN: And Commissioner Zaccone?

8 COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: Present.

9 MR. RYAN: Executive Director Michael
10 Ryan, Ms. Sandow?

11 MS. DAWN SANDOW: Here.

12 MR. RYAN: And present here at the
13 general office are Ms. Perkins, Mr. Richman and
14 Ms. Kontazmanis in no particular order. Any
15 additional staff, starting with Mr. Savino?

16 MR. RAPHAEL SAVINO: Present.

17 MR. RYAN: Okay. Mr. Moltner?

18 MR. KENNETH MOLTNER: Here.

19 MR. RYAN: Mr. Denkberg?

20 MR. STEVEN DENKBERG: Present.

21 MR. RYAN: Okay. Did I miss anyone?

22 Pardon? Anyone missing? Okay. So we have items 1A
23 and 1B is the appointment of cover sheet review
24 committees and then we will, item two will be

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2 executive session for personnel and litigation.
3 So, we need the appointment of a cover sheet
4 review committee for today, March 31st, and one
5 for Friday, April 3rd. So I would ask --

6 COMMISSIONER ARAUJO: This is
7 Commissioner Araujo. I spoke to Commissioner
8 Townsend and I believe she has reached -- oh,
9 excuse me, to Commissioner Taylor, and I believe
10 she reached out to Commissioner Townsend to do
11 today's cover sheet.

12 COMMISSIONER TIFFANY TOWNSEND: That's
13 correct.

14 COMMISSIONER JOSE ARAUJO: And then
15 Commissioner Camilo for Friday if necessary, on
16 the democratic side.

17 MR. RYAN: Okay. So Townsend --

18 COMMISSIONER JOHN WM. ZACCONE: This is
19 John Zaccone. I'll volunteer for either one if
20 they're not on anyone else's schedule, so
21 Commissioner Umane, it's up to you.

22 MS. PAMELA PERKINS: It sounds like --

23 MR. RYAN: Commissioner Umane?

24 MS. PERKINS: Did we lose him?

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2 MS. GEORGEA KONTAZMANIS:

3 SECRETARY UMANE: Oh, sorry, I was
4 talking with the mute on. I was being very
5 elucidating.

6 MR. RYAN: I'm certain you were --

7 SECRETARY UMANE: I can do today.

8 MR. RYAN: Right.

9 SECRETARY UMANE: But I was wondering
10 what the procedure was going to be? Are you going
11 to e-mail us the pieces of paper that we're
12 looking at, or are you going to hold them up them
13 up to the camera?

14 MR. STEVEN RICHMAN: Commissioner, I e-
15 mailed all of you 18 -- commissioners, I e-mailed
16 you about an hour ago, all commissioners, the 18
17 that we had and there were two that came up in
18 the last half hour, which I'll show to the
19 camera. But you should have, if you check your e-
20 mails, I sent, commissioners, I sent you the
21 packet --

22 SECRETARY UMANE: Okay.

23 MR. RICHMAN: -- that we had assembled
24 by about 12:00 noon.

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2 SECRETARY UMANE: Okay.

3 MR. RICHMAN: So Commissioner Umane, you
4 going to do today?

5 MS. KONTAZMANIS: He said he would.

6 SECRETARY UMANE: Yeah, I'll do today.

7 MR. RICHMAN: And Commissioner Zaccone,
8 you can do Friday?

9 COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: Yes, I can, if
10 it's it necessary, just e-mail me the things
11 ahead of time that you'll need --

12 MR. RICHMAN: Understood. Yeah, we'll
13 have more come in, yeah. Okay.

14 MS. KONTAZMANIS: Okay.

15 MR. RYAN: Alright. So, motion to go
16 into executive session, starting with
17 Commissioner Umane and then Commissioner Araujo.

18 COMMISSIONER ARAUJO: So moved.

19 SECRETARY UMANE: I move that we go into
20 executive session for personnel and litigation.

21 MR. RYAN: Okay. So we'll consider
22 Commissioner Umane's a second. Uh, and then I'm
23 going to go down the list and all in -- see who's
24 in favor. Commissioner Umane?

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2 SECRETARY UMANE: Aye.

3 MR. RYAN: Commissioner Araujo.

4 COMMISSIONER ARAUJO: Aye.

5 MR. RYAN: Commissioner Camilo?

6 COMMISSIONER CAMILO: Aye.

7 MR. RYAN: Commissioner Marmorato?

8 COMMISSIONER MARMORATO: Aye.

9 MR. RYAN: Commissioner Michel?

10 COMMISSIONER MICHEL: Aye.

11 MR. RYAN: Commissioner Shamoun.

12 COMMISSIONER SHAMOUN: Aye.

13 MR. RYAN: Commissioner Townsend.

14 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Aye.

15 MR. RYAN: Commissioner Zaccone?

16 COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: Aye.

17 MR. RYAN: Okay. So motion carries
18 unanimately, we're going into executive session.
19 We will discontinue the Webex transmission at
20 this time.

21 [OFF THE RECORD]

22 [ON THE RECORD]

23 MR. RICHMAN: March 31, 2020, this is a
24 meeting of the commissioners' cover sheet and

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2 petition review committee that was appointed by
3 the full board at its meeting just concluded.
4 Today's committee consists of the Manhattan
5 commissioners, Commissioner Townsend and
6 Commissioner Umane.

7 The defect sheets and supporting
8 materials for most of the materials was e-mailed
9 to the Commissioners just prior to this meeting.
10 We will call them, and call them by item by the
11 candidate and the defects and then ask for an
12 authorization from the commissioners in each case
13 to send out a notice of noncompliance, which will
14 allow the candidate or the designated contact
15 person three business days from today to cure the
16 defect.

17 The first relates to the Democratic
18 cover sheet filed for Hayden D. Horsham, a
19 candidate for the New York State Assembly and
20 Democratic state committee in the 31st District.
21 The defects are as follows. One, the cover sheet
22 was attached to the petition in violation of the
23 Board's petition rules, C- correction, I'm sorry,
24 C-1. Two the petition ID numbers is not correctly

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2 stated on the cover sheet. It lists petition ID
3 numbers one to 31. It's really petition ID number
4 2001005 of Queens. Three, on the cover sheet, the
5 office and the party petitions are not properly
6 stated. They are properly stated on the attached
7 petition sheet, but they did not include those on
8 the cover sheet. And finally, the address of the
9 candidate on the cover sheet doesn't match the
10 address on the petition. He includes a post
11 office box, which is not included on the
12 petition. Commissioners, we recommend all four
13 defects be given, be noted and given the
14 candidate the opportunity -- contact person be
15 given the opportunity to cure those defects.
16 Commissioner Umame?

17 SECRETARY UMANE: Yes, but I have a
18 question.

19 MR. RICHMAN: Go ahead.

20 SECRETARY UMANE: It seems on the cover
21 sheet, they have two sets. So it's not -- they
22 have, I guess Henson Street on both.

23 MR. RICHMAN: Right.

24 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Well, but

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2 there's an extra address. I don't know, I haven't
3 seen that too often, where they put two addresses
4 on the cover sheet. But it is, it does match.

5 MR. RICHMAN: Well, it does, but
6 commissioners, we're looking at subdivision I of
7 rule C-2, the information contained on the cover
8 sheet must be identical to the information
9 printed on the petition sheet for each candidate.
10 This information is not printed on the petition
11 sheet for the candidate.

12 SECRETARY UMANE: Okay. Alright. So I
13 approve all four.

14 MR. RICHMAN: Okay. Commissioner
15 Townsend?

16 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Yeah, approved
17 on all four.

18 MR. RICHMAN: Okay. Commissioners, the
19 next one relates to Democratic petition and
20 conversation for William P. Smith, for male
21 member of the State Democratic Committee for the
22 68th Assembly District and delegate to the
23 Democratic judicial convention from the 68th
24 Assembly District.

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2 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Sorry, where is
3 the paperwork for that one?

4 MR. RICHMAN: It should be the next one.

5 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: For
6 [unintelligible] [01:24:12]?

7 MR. RICHMAN: Democratic QN petition,
8 QN2000 --

9 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Oh, I'm sorry,
10 I'm sorry. I see it here.

11 MR. RICHMAN: Yeah, he used a Queens ID
12 number --

13 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Yeah, right.

14 MR. RICHMAN: -- but it's a Queens ID
15 number on a Manhattan petition. And, okay. Again,
16 in terms of matching, the key is that the
17 petition states an apartment number, the cover
18 sheet doesn't. And we're supposed to be meeting -
19 - and again, our petition -- the cover sheet is
20 supposed to be identical to the petition.
21 Apartment 14F is in the address for both the
22 party positions and, but it's not included in the
23 cover sheet, so the staff said it didn't match.
24 Any questions, commissioners?

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2 SECRETARY UMANE: No, I guess it's okay.

3 MR. RICHMAN: Again, the whole purpose
4 is that they should be identical so there's no
5 confusion when you're mailing something to them.

6 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Right.

7 MR. RICHMAN: So we'll ask them to
8 correct it and correct it and include -- again,
9 include what is on the petition on the cover
10 sheet. So Commissioner Townsend, was that a yes?

11 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Yes.

12 MR. RICHMAN: Commissioner Umane?

13 SECRETARY UMANE: Yes.

14 MR. RICHMAN: Okay. Democratic -- next
15 petition should be Democratic petition QN2000684,
16 a supposed cover sheet for Rista Henson
17 [phonetic] and Renford Tate [phonetic] for party
18 position of 29th Assembly District leader Part B
19 female and then party Assembly District leader
20 male Part B. One, on the cover sheet,
21 commissioners, if you look, there's no claim of
22 valid signatures. Two, the zip code on the cover
23 sheet, there's no zip code on the cover sheet for
24 the female candidate for leader, but it is on the

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2 petition. And three, the description of the party
3 positions for Mr. Tate is incomplete. It doesn't
4 included the Assembly District number. It just
5 says Part B, but not in which Assembly District.
6 It is on the petition.

7 SECRETARY UMANE: I'm a little confused,
8 because what I'm looking at is not in the same
9 order.

10 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Right. Yeah.

11 MR. RICHMAN: You're not. Oh, I'm sorry.
12 I thought this was the right one through. It's --

13 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: No, no.

14 SECRETARY UMANE: No.

15 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: What we have is,
16 well the next one is for 30th AD, Part B, right.
17 Fred and I, we're looking at the same thing?

18 SECRETARY UMANE: Yes, 30th AD.

19 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Yes.

20 MR. RICHMAN: Alright. Then they got
21 mixed up when they did it. Let me find it.

22 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Yeah.

23 [unintelligible] [01:27:12]

24 MR. RICHMAN: Okay. So that's the next.

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2 Oh, so there's two there missing, alright,
3 hopefully, we'll come across it. I'll go to the
4 next one. 30th AD Part B Democratic District
5 Leader, it only relates to the male candidate,
6 Antonios Benatatos. IF you could see, his
7 residence address --

8 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Yes.

9 MR. RICHMAN: -- is omitted from the
10 cover sheet. It's on the petition.

11 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Right.

12 SECRETARY UMANE: Right.

13 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Okay.

14 SECRETARY UMANE: Approved.

15 MR. RICHMAN: Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Yeah, approved.

17 MR. RICHMAN: Okay. So then the next one
18 you have is for the 70th AD, Craig Schley.

19 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Mm-hmm.

20 SECRETARY UMANE: Yes.

21 MR. RICHMAN: If you look at the cover
22 sheets, again, he filed two cover sheets. One,
23 the petition ID numbers are omitted, the -- he
24 just put volume numbers one and two. And then the

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2 public office, since we don't know what petition
3 it is, but clearly the office is not properly
4 stated, because New York State Assembly 70th AD
5 could elect this year for the Democratic Party, a
6 member of the Assembly, a male state committee
7 member, etc. So we want to clarify both what
8 volumes are involved and that the public office
9 is properly listed.

10 SECRETARY UMANE: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Okay, yeah,
12 that's fine.

13 MR. RICHMAN: Okay. Okay. Democrat, next
14 one would be member of the Assembly 71st AD,
15 Guillermo Perez.

16 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Mm-hmm.

17 SECRETARY UMANE: Right.

18 MR. RICHMAN: Okay. The petition claimed
19 is not filed. They claim Volume 2000081. That
20 volume was never filed with the Board. We began
21 filing -- the first, lowest number filed with a
22 New York ID number begins with 91. So we want
23 them, to give them a notice to give us the
24 correct ID number.

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2 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Okay.

3 SECRETARY UMANE: Okay.

4 MR. RICHMAN: Okay. Alternate delegates
5 to the 1st Judicial District from the 70th AD,
6 petition numbers NY200221, 222 and it's the two
7 candidates of Debra Ann Glenn-Futrell and Cheryl
8 Marius. The petitions are correct, commissioners.
9 In preparing the cover sheet, they did not hit
10 the space bar, so that for Debra Ann Glenn-
11 Futrell, it includes the word Cheryl on her line,
12 and Ms. Maris only has a last name. If you look
13 at the petitions, which are attached, the
14 delegate appears properly. How -- I'm not sure, I
15 guess this may have been a typographical error
16 when they pulled it together.

17 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: So it is correct
18 on the petition?

19 MR. RICHMAN: Yes, the volumes are
20 correct and instead of copying or taping the
21 petition pages on, I guess they retyped it. And
22 so Debra -- if you look on the alternate
23 delegates on the cover sheet, one, two, three,
24 four, fifth line down, it's Debra Ann Glenn-

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2 Futrell, then Cheryl. And the next line only has
3 Marius.

4 SECRETARY UMANE: It should be Cheryl
5 Marius?

6 MR. RICHMAN: Yes.

7 SECRETARY UMANE: It's just like a typo
8 that they did.

9 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Oh.

10 MR. RICHMAN: And we have the --

11 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: I see.

12 MR. RICHMAN: -- and you have the
13 petition below on the next page.

14 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Yes, yes.

15 MR. RICHMAN: So, yeah, so we'll --

16 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Okay.

17 MR. RICHMAN: -- give them the chance to
18 correct it, okay. Thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: What's that?
20 Sorry, it cut out. What was that?

21 MR. RICHMAN: We will give them -- we
22 will give them the notice and they'll have a
23 chance to correct it, to say for those two
24 alternates.

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2 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Okay. Okay.

3 MR. RICHMAN: Commissioner Townsend yes,
4 Commissioner Umame?

5 SECRETARY UMANE: Yes.

6 MR. RICHMAN: Okay. That takes care of
7 all of those. Next I have is the State Senate,
8 12th Senate District Ignazio S. Terranova,
9 Democratic Party, Queens, the first name on the
10 cover sheet is spelled I-N-G-A-C-I-O. On the
11 petition, it's I-G-N-A-Z-

12 SECRETARY UMANE: We don't have the
13 sheet -- I don't have the sheet.

14 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: I do. The --

15 MR. RICHMAN: You should have the cover
16 sheet, the defect sheet, the cover for volume
17 Queens 311, and then the petition page.

18 SECRETARY UMANE: No, I don't have that.

19 MR. RICHMAN: Alright. Let's see --

20 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: I do, I do have
21 that here. It's, let's see, uh --

22 MR. RICHMAN: The mistake is his first
23 name.

24 [CROSSTALK]

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2 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Keep scrolling.

3 SECRETARY UMANE: Is it [unintelligible]
4 [01:32:11]?

5 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: No, no, keep
6 going past that. There are actually quite a few
7 petition pages from that last.

8 MR. RICHMAN: Yes, you have all of the
9 volumes from the 70th AD, commissioner, one, two,
10 three, four volumes.

11 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Yeah, you'll see
12 the cover sheet with [unintelligible] [01:32:32]
13 name on it.

14 SECRETARY UMANE: Okay, yes. Upside
15 down, but I've got it.

16 MR. RICHMAN: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Yeah.

18 MR. RICHMAN: The mistake is on the
19 petition, his first name is I-G-N-A-Z as in
20 zebra-I-O, and on the cover sheet, it's C as in
21 Charlie-I-O. The cover sheet doesn't match the
22 petition for the first name.

23 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Uh --

24 SECRETARY UMANE: Okay.

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2 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Okay.

3 MR. RICHMAN: Okay. Thank you,
4 commissioners, okay. Let's see, next defect sheet
5 would be related to Khaleel M. Anderson, male
6 from, uh, only for the male member for the state
7 committee, not the Assembly petition. The problem
8 is that the candidate and the party position
9 doesn't appear on the first page of the petition
10 volume. It's only for member of the Assembly. If
11 you look at the cover sheet, it said for state
12 committee, the volume pages and they didn't fill
13 in the number of which pages they appear on.

14 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Oh, I see. Okay.

15 MR. RICHMAN: I'm assuming we have, we
16 didn't look beyond this, but at least on the
17 first page, it's only for member of the Assembly,
18 which says all pages. And then I'm assuming that
19 they wanted to put page numbers in, but they
20 didn't. So technically, the cover sheet, the
21 candidate doesn't right now appear on the first
22 page of the petition volume, so we'll give him a
23 chance if they can try and rehabilitate that by
24 curing that.

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2 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Okay. Yes.

3 SECRETARY UMANE: Okay.

4 MR. RICHMAN: Okay. Working Families
5 Party cover sheet for Ronald Kim.

6 SECRETARY UMANE: I don't --

7 MR. RICHMAN: Do you have that?

8 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Mm-hmm.

9 SECRETARY UMANE: Yeah.

10 MR. RICHMAN: The address on the cover
11 sheet does not match the petition, and they did
12 not give me the copy of the petition, but the --
13 I'm looking, the team found that they didn't meet
14 that. So, commissioners, I don't know if you want
15 to act on it, and I'll double check that. I'll
16 pull up the address. Apparently, 40th Road,
17 Flushing 11354. Uh, I didn't have a chance to
18 look at this. I'm not sure what's on the
19 petition, other than it's not matching. It may be
20 the apartment number.

21 MR. SAVINO: You want me to text
22 [unintelligible] [01:35:24] to bring it over?

23 MR. RICHMAN: If he may have it.
24 Downstairs on six, we're up on seven.

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2 Commissioners, if that's the case, we'll just
3 defer this. I'll put it together and we'll do
4 this on Friday.

5 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Yes.

6 MR. RICHMAN: Okay. Democratic petition,
7 state committee, male, 53rd AD, Samuel N.
8 Oliveres, one the -- two cover sheets filed, both
9 attached to the petitions. Two, the name of the
10 parties are omitted from the cover sheet. Three,
11 the total number of volumes is not correct. He
12 claims 527, there's four, the ID numbers of --
13 and doesn't set forth the petitions. And finally,
14 the sheets in the petition were not sequentially
15 numbered.

16 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Okay.

17 SECRETARY UMANE: Okay. He's got a
18 problem. Or she.

19 MR. RICHMAN: Yeah, well he's going to
20 get two letters, one for the cover sheet defects,
21 one for the page numbering defect.

22 SECRETARY UMANE: Okay.

23 MR. RICHMAN: Because it's cured
24 differently. Okay. Okay. The next one is Darlene

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2 Mealy, female member of the state committee,
3 Kings County. The address on the cover sheet
4 doesn't match the petition. The cover sheets
5 includes an apartment number, the petition
6 doesn't. So commissioners, that's a discretionary
7 call on your part to determine if that's a
8 significant, it doesn't match. They added extra
9 information on the cover sheet.

10 SECRETARY UMANE: I think it's close
11 enough. I wouldn't knock them off, that's my
12 view. I don't know who this person is, but I, I'm
13 not as big on apartment numbers as others.

14 MR. RICHMAN: Okay.

15 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Right.

16 MR. RICHMAN: Okay. So that's a no, we
17 won't send the letter out. Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: You mean we
19 won't send a letter and it'll just stay on the
20 ballot.

21 MR. RICHMAN: It just stands as is,
22 yeah, it's not defective. Yes.

23 SECRETARY UMANE: Right.

24 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Yes.

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2 MR. RICHMAN: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: That's fine.

4 MR. RICHMAN: Okay. 50, the next one is
5 Democratic petition, the cover sheet for male
6 member of the Democratic state committee and
7 female member of the state committee, 54th AD. If
8 you look at the cover sheet, the name of the
9 party or independent body is omitted from the
10 cover sheet. Just they took the sample and wrote
11 place name of party or independent body here and
12 they didn't.

13 SECRETARY UMANE: Okay.

14 MR. RICHMAN: Commissioner Townsend?

15 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Okay. Yes. Yes.

16 MR. RICHMAN: Okay. Next, Democratic
17 petitions 51st Assembly District, member of the
18 Assembly Genesis E. Aquino, they followed an
19 amended cover sheet as of right on March 20th,
20 but there was no certification at the bottom, as
21 was required by rule C, C-4. But since it was
22 filed as of right, they'll get an opportunity to
23 cure it.

24 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: What's the rule,

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2 [unintelligible] [01:39:20]?

3 MR. RICHMAN: If you're filing an
4 amended cover sheet, the amended cover sheet must
5 contain the following authentication, quote, this
6 is to certify that I'm authorized to file this
7 amended cover sheet, close quote. That instead,
8 what they did is they used a regular cover sheet
9 form and just wrote amended cover sheet on it. So
10 it doesn't have the required --

11 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Okay.

12 MR. RICHMAN: -- certification at the
13 bottom.

14 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Got it, thank
15 you.

16 MR. RICHMAN: But this would give --
17 since they filed it as of right, they would get
18 once chance to cure it.

19 SECRETARY UMANE: It's okay with me.

20 MR. RICHMAN: Okay. And commissioners,
21 you can see why they did it. The original cover
22 sheet only claimed one volume, which is earlier.
23 And they didn't have the total number of volumes.
24 They filed the second one, but they just didn't

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2 put the certification on. We'll get that in the
3 notice, and hopefully, they'll cure it. Okay.
4 Working Families Party, Kings County, cover sheet
5 for Diana Richardson, for member of the Assembly.
6 Commissioners, the amended -- the cover sheet was
7 filed attached to the petition. So that's why
8 there's no petition ID number on the actual
9 petition page. They had put it on the cover page
10 instead. And the rules say they're supposed to be
11 filing the cover sheet separate from the petition
12 volume.

13 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: I'm so sorry.

14 Can you just [unintelligible] [01:41:05].

15 SECRETARY UMANE: Okay. [unintelligible]
16 [01:41:04].

17 MR. RICHMAN: Yes, commissioners, you're
18 supposed --

19 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: I'm sorry.

20 MR. RICHMAN: -- the co- rule C-1 says
21 you shall file the cover sheet separate and apart
22 from the petition volume. They included that.

23 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Okay.

24 MR. RICHMAN: And if you look at the

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2 cover sheet, that's the staples right there, they
3 put the ID number and the cover sheet as part of
4 the volume.

5 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Oh, okay.

6 MR. RICHMAN: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Okay.

8 MR. RICHMAN: So we'd ask that they file
9 an amended cover sheet with, separately, with the
10 correct ID number on it. Again, Working Families
11 Party, State Senate, 11th Senatorial District,
12 John Liu for the Working Families Party, no
13 identification numbers on the cover sheet. As you
14 can see with the attachment, it's one volume, but
15 they didn't put any ID number in.

16 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Okay.

17 SECRETARY UMANE: Okay.

18 MR. RICHMAN: Okay. Commissioner Umane,
19 you'll recognize the name, but Commissioner
20 Townsend, this is relating to Barbara Taylor. Ms.
21 Taylor has --

22 SECRETARY UMANE: Oh.

23 MR. RICHMAN: -- perennially sought to
24 claim that she's entitled to the State Senate

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2 seat. She filed an amended cover sheet. A couple
3 of things, one, Barbara Taylor's name does not
4 appear on any petitions and two, there was no
5 original cover sheet filed to be amended. So I
6 don't know if this is a defect as much as
7 commissioners, I guess do we refer this is as a
8 prima facie defect? The volume number she claims
9 --

10 SECRETARY UMANE: It's a defect. She
11 didn't file anything.

12 MR. RICHMAN: Right.

13 SECRETARY UMANE: She said --

14 MR. RICHMAN: No, she's saying she did a
15 poll.

16 SECRETARY UMANE: -- [unintelligible]
17 [01:42:50] said in supportive action, pending
18 litigation.

19 MR. RICHMAN: Yes.

20 SECRETARY UMANE: Yeah, this is, this is
21 -- I think this is prima facie.

22 MR. RICHMAN: Okay. We'll make it prima
23 facie. That's what we wanted to do, but the team,
24 okay.

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2 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Okay.

3 MR. RICHMAN: This'll be on the prima
4 facie calendar.

5 SECRETARY UMANE: Alright.

6 [unintelligible] [01:43:11] is that going to give
7 her an argument?

8 MR. RICHMAN: Yeah. So she'll get a
9 notice to show up at the hearing.

10 SECRETARY UMANE: So put it on the prima
11 facie calendar.

12 MR. RICHMAN: I will. And Commissioner
13 Townsend, you should be aware that there is an
14 administrative order in Supreme Court, Kings
15 County, that Ms. Taylor cannot commence an
16 election proceeding without the prior permission
17 of the administrative judge.

18 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Yeah, thank you,
19 that was actually my question is if there's
20 another history here that I should be aware of.
21 But I appreciate that.

22 MR. RICHMAN: Okay.

23 SECRETARY UMANE: So see, that's why I
24 would rather dot every I and cross every T.

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2 MR. RICHMAN: No, I agree. Commissioner,
3 we made the option but the team came to me and
4 said we have no petitions, I said write it up
5 that way and we'll present it to the committee
6 and they'll make the determination. If they want
7 to act, they'll put it on the prima facie
8 calendar for the full board. Okay. Commissioners
9 --

10 SECRETARY UMANE: I would do both. That
11 way --

12 MR. RICHMAN: Well, I think the prima
13 facie makes more sense, commissioner, in all
14 honesty, because this way, she, if she wants to
15 show up, she'll have the opportunity to make her
16 case and the simple question is where are the
17 petitions pages with signatures in support for
18 you.

19 SECRETARY UMANE: Right.

20 MR. RICHMAN: And she'll say again, she
21 doesn't -- somebody else told her, depending on
22 what day, she'll tell us who told her that she
23 should be the candidate.

24 SECRETARY UMANE: Right.

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2 MR. RICHMAN: Commissioners, do you have
3 anything more in your e-mail packet?

4 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: No, actually,
5 that's it. Taylor's the last one that I have on
6 here.

7 MR. RICHMAN: Alright. So then these
8 other two --

9 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: [unintelligible]
10 [01:44:43] not getting e-mails?

11 SECRETARY UMANE: I have David support
12 of terms of partnership agreement.

13 MR. RICHMAN: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: What was that?

15 MR. RICHMAN: Included in the documents
16 that she filed, it's -- basically she said that
17 she went to a petition training session and
18 therefore she should be the candidate. And I read
19 that commissioners. That's why, there's no real
20 documents. Uh --

21 SECRETARY UMANE: Okay.

22 MR. RICHMAN: Alright. So then, you
23 don't have the other two I thought we e-mailed
24 and then the two we didn't have. Well, let me do

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2 the easy ones, the ones I know we didn't send to
3 you. County Committee for the 19th Election
4 District and the 85th Assembly District in the
5 Bronx, Ms. Tenisha Williams filed a cover sheet,
6 everything is correct except on the top of the
7 cover sheet page, where it says place name of
8 party or independent body here, she left it out.

9 SECRETARY UMANE: Okay. So that's no
10 good. She [unintelligible] [01:45:50] party.

11 MR. RICHMAN: Yeah. And we'll give her
12 the three days to cure.

13 SECRETARY UMANE: Okay.

14 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Okay.

15 MR. RICHMAN: Okay. And the other one we
16 didn't send to you is County Committee Schedule
17 in Kings County for the 41st Assembly District in
18 the 88th AD, the name, they misspelled the first
19 name. Candidate is misspelled on the first name,
20 R-A-I-S-A, and on the petition it's R-I-A-S-A.
21 They inverted the two letters from the first
22 name.

23 SECRETARY UMANE: Okay. Let them, they
24 can fix that, they can fix that. That's easy.

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2 MR. RICHMAN: Yeah, Mr. Feldman will fix
3 that.

4 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Yeah.

5 MR. RICHMAN: Alright. Then the other
6 two, I'm, because I have a confirmation it was in
7 the packet, but okay, I'll resend that for
8 Friday. It's a Queens district leader petition
9 and two different Queens petitions, but if you
10 don't have it, Commissioners, we'll put it in and
11 we'll resend. We'll do that all, we'll pull it
12 together for Friday's meeting, okay.

13 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Okay.

14 SECRETARY UMANE: Okay.

15 MR. RICHMAN: Alright. Thank you,
16 commissioners. Can I entertain the motion to
17 adjourn?

18 SECRETARY UMANE: So moved.

19 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Second.

20 MR. RICHMAN: Okay. Thank you,
21 commissioners, appreciate it, take care.

22 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: No problem.

23 SECRETARY UMANE: Okay. Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Stay well, bye-

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2 bye.

3 SECRETARY UMANE: [unintelligible]

4 [01:47:23]

5 MR. RICHMAN: What did you say?

6 SECRETARY UMANE: I said stay safe and

7 be well.

8 MR. RICHMAN: Okay. Talk to you soon,

9 bye-bye.

10 (The meeting concluded at 3:18 p.m.)

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