

BOARD OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

COMMISSIONERS' PETITION AND COVER SHEET REVIEW MEETING

42 Broadway - 6th floor
Commissioners' Hearing Room
New York, NY 10004
August 3, 2020

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PRESENT:

Commissioner Miguelina Camilo

Commissioner Gino Marmorato

Steven Richman, General Counsel

Rafael Savino, Deputy General Counsel

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2 (The meeting commenced.)

3 MR. STEVEN RICHMAN: Okay. Good
4 afternoon, today is Monday, August 3, 2020. This
5 is a meeting of the commissioners' petition and
6 cover sheet review committee relating to
7 independent nominating petitions and related
8 matters for the November 3rd general election.
9 Pursuant to the designation made last Tuesday at
10 the commissioners' public meeting, today's
11 committee consists of the Bronx County
12 commissioners, Commissioner Camilo and
13 Commissioner Marmorato. Commissioners, for the
14 record, would you please identify yourselves.

15 COMMISSIONER MIGUELINA CAMILO: Yes,
16 good afternoon, Commissioner Miguelina Camilo
17 Bronx Democrat.

18 COMMISSIONER GINO MARMORATO: Good
19 afternoon, everyone, Commissioner Marmorato,
20 Bronx Republic.

21 MR. RICHMAN: Thank you, commissioners.
22 I'm joined by Deputy General Counsel Rafael
23 Savino and the other members of the staff of the
24 general counsel. Commissioners, this morning, we

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2 e-mailed you the materials we're about to
3 present. It will be in the order that the .PDF
4 ran in.

5 The first two items relates to the cover
6 sheet and designating petitions submitted on
7 behalf of Shanequa Charles, a candidate for
8 member of the Assembly in the 78th Assembly
9 District on the Stronger Together Independent
10 Body. Commissioners, the first, if you look at
11 the cover sheet is that the cover sheet submitted
12 on July 30th, one the name of the independent
13 body is omitted from the cover sheet and
14 secondly, the candidate lists the incorrect
15 petition ID number. She put a sticker on for
16 volume Bronx 630, but as you can see from the
17 following two pages, her actual petition volume
18 number is 631. So both of those defects are
19 curable and with your affirmative vote, we will
20 then send a notice of noncompliance out, giving
21 her three business days to cure those two
22 defects.

23 COMMISSIONER CAMILO: Approved.

24 COMMISSIONER MARMORATO: I second.

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2 MR. RICHMAN: Thank you, commissioners,
3 the notice will go out. The second relates to the
4 designating petition itself, candidate chose the
5 name Stronger Together. That constitutes 16
6 characters, we do not count spaces. Under
7 Election Law Section 7-116 Subdivision 1, if
8 there are greater than 15 characters in the name
9 of the independent body, the board will request,
10 can request the candidate to change it and modify
11 it to comply with the statutory requirement to
12 allow for an orderly and readable ballot. If they
13 don't respond within seven days of the notice,
14 the commissioners will then pick the alternate
15 name. So commissioners, we're requesting asking
16 your authorization to send a notice out to Ms.
17 Charles to select another name with the response
18 being due seven days from today.

19 COMMISSIONER CAMILO: I would approve
20 that.

21 COMMISSIONER MARMORATO: Approved.
22 Second.

23 MR. RICHMAN: Okay. Thank you,
24 commissioners. That takes care of Ms. Charles for

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2 the moment. The next defect relates to the
3 designating petitions filed by Marietta A.
4 Channing, who is running for, the way she
5 describes it, just Assembly 64 for Richmond
6 County petitions 371, 372, 373, 374 on the Right
7 to Life independent body. Commissioners, on the
8 designating petition, where she's supposed to
9 insert, fill in the emblem, the candidate
10 actually wrote baby in womb. That can't be
11 translated into an actual emblem, so again, under
12 7-116 of the Election Law, the candidate would be
13 given notice with your approval to actually send
14 us an emblem that she wishes to appear on behalf
15 of the independent body, seven days from the date
16 of the notice to comply, and if not the
17 commissioners will then choose an emblem.

18 COMMISSIONER MARMORATO: Approved.

19 COMMISSIONER CAMILO: Second that.

20 MR. RICHMAN: Thank you. Okay. The third
21 relates to the designating petition --
22 independent nominating petition, I'm sorry, 2,370
23 submitted by Brandon P. Stratford for New York
24 State Senator in the 23rd Senate District that

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2 Hope is on the Ballot line. In the processing the
3 petition that was filed on the 30th, staff
4 identified that there's a page numbering defect.
5 The petition runs from pages, in secure fashion,
6 pages 20 to 22, it skips 21. Mr. Savino is
7 attempting to demonstrate, show that to you on
8 the video, since it is a multipage petition. And
9 the response, if with your approval, notice would
10 go out directing the candidate that the
11 opportunity to cure that defect by ordering a
12 copy of the petition and refilling it in the
13 exact order that the original was submitted and
14 inscribing on the copy the corrected page
15 numbers, and so in a sense, renumbering
16 everything after page 20 in sequential order. So
17 commissioners, that's our recommendation, we
18 request your approval.

19 COMMISSIONER MARMORATO: Approved.

20 COMMISSIONER CAMILO: Second.

21 MR. RICHMAN: Commissioners, those
22 concludes the cover sheet defects. We now have
23 the first amended cover sheet submitted in
24 response to a notice of noncompliance sent on

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2 July 28th pursuant to the action of the
3 commissioners' cover sheet committee. You have
4 the original cover sheet attached with the
5 defects noted. The original cover sheet was found
6 to be that the name on the cover sheet does not
7 match the petition. It omitted the middle initial
8 and that the public office on the cover sheet
9 doesn't match the petition, it only wrote 76th
10 Assembly District.

11 In the amended cover sheet filed on July
12 31st improper form, attaching both a copy of the
13 cover sheet to the amended and under notice of
14 noncompliance, the candidate corrected the two
15 defects noted, he inserted his middle initial to
16 match the petition, and properly describes the
17 public office as member of the Assembly from the
18 76th Assembly District. He has the correct number
19 of volumes and the volume ID numbers stated and
20 he includes the certification at the bottom as
21 required by Rule C3. This is to certify that I'm
22 authorized to file this amended cover sheet. So
23 it's our recommendation that this be deemed a
24 valid cure and with your approval of that, we'll

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note it on the amended cover sheet and file that with CRU.

COMMISSIONER MARMORATO: Approved.

COMMISSIONER CAMILO: Second.

MR. RICHMAN: Thank you, commissioners.

And that, commissioners actually concludes the cover sheet review committee for today, so unless you have any other business we'd recommend that one of you move to adjourn and the other second it.

COMMISSIONER CAMILO: I'll move for adjournment.

COMMISSIONER MARMORATO: I second.

MR. RAFAEL SAVINO: It's unanimous.

MR. RICHMAN: Thank you, commissioners, we appreciate it. Thank you for your work today. This concludes today's cover sheet and petition review committee meeting.

(The meeting concluded.)

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