

BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

42 Broadway - 6th floor  
Commissioners' Hearing Room

New York, NY 10004

October 29, 2020

1:30 - 2:57 p.m.

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**PRESENT:**

President Patricia Ann Taylor

Secretary Frederic Umane

Commissioner Jose Araujo

Commissioner Miguelina Camilo

Commissioner Michael Michel

Commissioner Gino Marmorato

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

Steven Denkberg, Commissioners' Counsel

Kenneth Moltner, Commissioners' Counsel

Rafael Savino, Deputy General Counsel

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2           (The meeting commenced at 1:37 p.m.)

3                       MR. MICHAEL J. RYAN:   Okay. We are live.  
4           My name is Michael Ryan, I'm the executive  
5           director of the Board of Elections. Today is  
6           October 29, 2020. And we are appearing here  
7           pursuant to a public notice from yesterday,  
8           calling this special meeting of the Board of  
9           Commissioners. I would like to proceed with the  
10          roll call and I'll call it in order of, after the  
11          president and secretary, order of the way people  
12          appear on the screen to me, just to make it  
13          easier. It is President Taylor going first.

14                      PRESIDENT PATRICIA ANNE TAYLOR:   Good  
15          afternoon, I am here.

16                      MR. RYAN:   Thank you, President Taylor.  
17          Secretary Umame? Can you unmute, please.

18                      SECRETARY FREDERIC UMANE:   Here, sorry.

19                      MR. RYAN:   Thank you, commissioner.  
20          Commissioner Marmarato?

21                      COMMISSIONER GINO MARMORATO:   Present,  
22          good afternoon, everyone.

23                      MR. RYAN:   Thank you. Good afternoon.  
24          Commissioner Araujo?

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2                   COMMISSIONER JOSE ARAUJO: Present, good  
3           afternoon.

4                   MR. RYAN: Good afternoon, thank you.  
5           Commissioner Pepe-Souvenir?

6                   COMMISSIONER RODNEY PEPE-SOUVENIR: Good  
7           afternoon, present.

8                   MR. RYAN: Good afternoon as well.  
9           Commissioner Shamoun?

10                   COMMISSIONER SIMON SHAMOUN: Present,  
11           thank you.

12                   MR. RYAN: Thank you. Commissioner  
13           Townsend?

14                   COMMISSIONER TIFFANY TOWNSEND: Present.

15                   MR. RYAN: Commissioner Zaccone?

16                   COMMISSIONER JOHN WM. ZACCONE: Present,  
17           thank you.

18                   MR. RYAN: Thank you. And we found a way  
19           to not make you last. Commissioner Michel.

20                   COMMISSIONER MICHAEL MICHEL: Hello, I'm  
21           here.

22                   MR. RYAN: Alright. Thank you very much.  
23           And we also have appearing remotely, counsels to  
24           the commissioner, Steven Denkberg and Kenneth

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2           Moltner. Present here at the executive offices  
3           are myself, Michael Ryan, deputy executive  
4           director Dawn Sandow, administrative manager Pam  
5           Perkins, operations manager, Georgea Kontazmanis  
6           and deputy general counsel Rafael Savino.

7                         We have a single item on the agenda  
8           today to ensure the continuity of the elections  
9           process and the ability to field the full  
10          complement of poll workers, a matter that had not  
11          been addressed previously but needs to be  
12          addressed now is the poll worker retention  
13          incentive. And executive management is  
14          recommending the following scale, which would  
15          consist of \$150 for two qualifying days, and then  
16          plus election day and, a \$250 for three  
17          qualifying days plus election.

18                        SECRETARY UMANE: Wasn't it two and a  
19          quarter?

20                        MS. DAWN SANDOW: Yeah, it was --

21                        COMMISSIONER MARMORATO: So I thought  
22          Zaccone --

23                        COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: It's whatever the  
24          executive board previously determined.

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2                   PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Do we have that?

3                   MR. RYAN: Alright. So, as a  
4 clarification, it was 150 plus election day for  
5 two qualifying days and 250 plus election day for  
6 three qualifying was my recollection of our  
7 discussions with executive management and what  
8 the executive committee had authorized to proceed  
9 by way of communication on what we're here today  
10 to do. I neglected to mention is to authorize by  
11 full board, the -- ratify, I'm sorry.

12                   MS. SANDOW: Ratify.

13                   MR. RYAN: The authorization previously  
14 given by the executive community.

15                   SECRETARY UMANE: So I move that we  
16 adopt the incentive program as discussed.

17                   PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Second.

18                   MR. RYAN: Okay. Thank you,  
19 commissioners. Are there any objections? Hearing  
20 none, the motion carries and unless there is  
21 anything else for the commissioners to add, this  
22 meeting can be adjourned if the commissioners so  
23 desire.

24                   COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: For the

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2           executive session.

3                   PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Move to adjourn into  
4           executive session.

5                   MR. RYAN: Okay.

6                   COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: It's a personnel  
7           matter.

8                   COMMISSIONER MARMORATO: Second.

9                   MR. RYAN: Okay. Alright. So any  
10          objections to going into executive session at  
11          this time?

12                   COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: No objections.

13                   MR. RYAN: Okay. Hearing none, the  
14          motion carries. The meeting is adjourned to  
15          executive session, unless there is a reason to  
16          report something out after executive session, we  
17          will not be --

18                   PRESIDENT TAYLOR: There is, there is  
19          one issue. We did decide that we're not meeting  
20          on Tuesday of next week. Is that correct?

21                   MR. RYAN: That is correct. And we did  
22          set the meeting date for the following week.

23                   PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay.

24                   MR. RYAN: Right, for November 10th.

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2           PRESIDENT TAYLOR: There is, there has  
3           been some interest in meeting at an earlier time,  
4           but I guess we can deal with that later if he  
5           have to have a special meeting or anything. It  
6           was brought up to me by a person.

7           MR. RYAN: Okay. Certainly the  
8           commissioners --

9           PRESIDENT TAYLOR: We can discuss it I  
10          guess in executive session.

11          MR. RYAN: Right. Certainly, and the  
12          commissioners are free to set meetings at any  
13          time they choose subject to public notice.

14          PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Fine, thank you.

15          MR. RYAN: Okay. With that said, I think  
16          we can --

17          PRESIDENT TAYLOR: We are adjourned to  
18          November --

19          MR. RYAN: -- recess into executive  
20          session, and if there is nothing to report from  
21          executive session, this meeting will then stand  
22          adjourned in its entirety.

23          PRESIDENT TAYLOR: And we're adjourned  
24          until November 10th.



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MR. RYAN: Yes. Thank you very much.

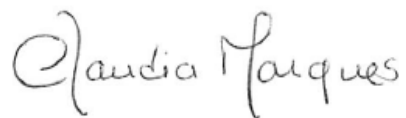
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