

BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

COMMISSIONERS' COVER SHEET REVIEW MEETING

42 Broadway - 6th floor  
Commissioners' Hearing Room  
New York, NY 10004  
November 4, 2020

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**PRESENT:**

President Patricia Anne Taylor

Commissioner John Wm. Zaccone

Rafael Savino, Deputy General Counsel

Tom Sattie, Ballot Coordinator

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2 (The meeting commenced.)

3 MR. RAFAEL SAVINO: Good afternoon,  
4 commissioners. Today is Wednesday, November 4,  
5 2020. And this is a meeting of the commissioners'  
6 cover sheet committee. We have three matters to  
7 present to you for your consideration. I will  
8 present the first matter and Mr. Sattie will  
9 present the second and third. The first matter is  
10 regarding Shanequa Moore's amended cover sheet,  
11 the documentation for which you should have  
12 received earlier. It shows that her amended cover  
13 sheet did not, did not contain the required  
14 certification under the, on the bottom of the  
15 cover sheet that the person was authorized to  
16 file it. So I do have the rule here that's in our  
17 book. I thought you might be interested to know  
18 the reason she -- they had to do an amended is  
19 because on the original, on the name of the party  
20 or independent body was omitted. So, we are  
21 presenting this for your attention, and as I  
22 said, it's -- the only defect at this point is  
23 the lacking the certification.

24 COMMISSIONER JOHN WM. ZACCONE: I was

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2 going to ask, Mr. Savino, the amended cover --  
3 okay, I see it now. I apologize. Okay, lack of  
4 things. Then there's another cover sheet, which  
5 is behind it dated October 28th. I assume that  
6 was the first one.

7 MR. SAVINO: Well, the first one is  
8 October 20th, and that's the one that --

9 COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: Oh, sorry,  
10 October 20, so I agree.

11 MR. SAVINO: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: So that one, and  
13 then the 28th is the second one.

14 MR. SAVINO: Right.

15 COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: Okay. Yeah, I  
16 see, I, I see where it lacks the -- I just wanted  
17 to be sure on the order.

18 MR. SAVINO: Understood.

19 PRESIDENT ANNE TAYLOR: So the only  
20 problem with the second one is that the person  
21 who's authorized to [unintelligible] [00:07:20]?

22 MR. SAVINO: Here we go.

23 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: And what recourse  
24 does the candidate have now?

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2 MR. SAVINO: They, they get one bite at  
3 the apple to try and fix their cover sheet, so  
4 this would be something that would knock them  
5 off.

6 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Alright. Too bad.

7 COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: I, you know,  
8 based on our experience and our history and, you  
9 know, what we've done in the past, I will move to  
10 support the findings of the department --

11 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Second it.

12 COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: -- defective  
13 cover sheet.

14 MR. SAVINO: Thank you, commissioners.  
15 And now I'll turn it over to Mr. Sattie.

16 MR. TOM SATTIE: Good afternoon,  
17 commissioners, how are you?

18 COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: Very good, Mr.  
19 Sattie.

20 MR. SATTIE: Very good.

21 COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: Thank you, Mr.  
22 Savino.

23 MR. SATTIE: Thank you, commissioners.  
24 The first, the first document that I have in

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2 front of me is the document that is filed by  
3 Neville Mitchell, candidate for the New York City  
4 Council race in the 12th District. He was sent a  
5 letter on October 23rd, by the Board that stated  
6 that his party name was too long, it was more  
7 than 15 characters, the party name Bronx 12 Lives  
8 Matter being over 15 characters. He was given  
9 seven days to correct, and he did file a timely  
10 certificate, which changes the party name to  
11 Bronx 12 Matters, which is below 15 characters  
12 and complies with every other regulation  
13 necessary. So I would, I would present this as  
14 believing that this is a valid cure for his, for  
15 his party name and would ask that you do the  
16 same.

17 COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: Mr. Sattie, the  
18 only document I have in front of me that was  
19 provided was the one Bronx 12 Lives Matters with  
20 the section. I don't have the corrected one.

21 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Neither do I.

22 COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: And I don't think  
23 Commissioner Taylor does either.

24 MR. SATTIE: Okay.

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2 MR. SAVINO: Want me to try and do a  
3 Vanna White? I don't know if a Vanna White will  
4 help in any way, especially not when I have it  
5 upside down.

6 COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: Alright. As you  
7 do now.

8 MR. SAVINO: Now, I have it -- I need  
9 new glasses.

10 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Alright.

11 MR. SAVINO: It comes up backwards on  
12 these screens. That's what looks strange about  
13 it.

14 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: And is it acceptable  
15 to you guys? I mean you both can see it pretty  
16 well, yes?

17 MR. SAVINO: This is the fixed on,  
18 right?

19 MR. SATTIE: It certainly is,  
20 commissioner.

21 COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: Okay. Then, you  
22 know, I agree, I agree to allow the cure as  
23 valid.

24 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: I also agree.

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2 MR. SAVINO: Do you have a second one?

3 MR. SATTIE: Okay, commissioners, thank  
4 you very much. The second one that, you know, I'm  
5 not sure you have either, but there was a letter,  
6 there was a certificate, a letter, pardon me,  
7 sent out to candidate Pamela A. Hamilton-Johnson  
8 on Thursday, October 29th, that her party name,  
9 Justice for All created the possibility of  
10 confusion with the Justice and Unity Party that  
11 was filed first by candidate Kevin Reilly. Ms.  
12 Hamilton-Johnson was given seven days to change  
13 her party name, and she did file a timely  
14 certificate that is notarized and is proper, and  
15 selects the party name of social change, which  
16 complies with all of the Board's rules and  
17 election law about length and does not create any  
18 confusion with any other party name in the  
19 special election, so I would again advise that  
20 this is a valid, for lack of a better word, cure,  
21 and would advise you to do the same.

22 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Very well.

23 COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: I agree as well.

24 MR. SAVINO: Commissioners, before we



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2 sign off, either you could initial the copy that  
3 was sent to you and scan it back or authorize me  
4 to initial the defect sheet that basically says  
5 it's not a valid cure, but I should probably use  
6 the stamp.

7 COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: I authorize --

8 MR. SAVINO: There's also a stamp for  
9 that.

10 COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: -- you to  
11 initial.

12 MR. SAVINO: Okay.

13 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: I authorize you to  
14 initial, stamp or whatever.

15 MR. SAVINO: Excellent. I think that's  
16 it, right, commissioners?

17 MR. SATTIE: I think that concludes our  
18 business for today.

19 COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: Good, thank you.  
20 Tell us when we're off. I just want to have a  
21 brief conversation.

22 MR. SAVINO: Sure. Commissioners, thank  
23 you very much.

24 (The meeting concluded.)

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