

BOARD OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

42 Broadway - 6th floor
Commissioners' Hearing Room

New York, NY 10004

January 12, 2021

1:30 p.m. - 2:54 p.m.

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PRESENT:

President Frederic Umane
Secretary Miguelina Camilo
Commissioner Jose Araujo
Commissioner Michael Michel
Commissioner Gino Marmorato
Commissioner Rodney Pepe-Souvenir
Commissioner Simon Shamoun
Commissioner Patricia Ann Taylor
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 1:42 p.m.)

3 MR. MICHAEL J. RYAN: Yes, we are on
4 live stream. Today is January 12, 2021. And it is
5 a meeting of the commissioners of our elections
6 for the City of New York. My name is Michael
7 Ryan. I'm the executive director and I will
8 commence with the commissioner's roll call.
9 President Umane?

10 PRESIDENT FREDERIC UMANE: Here.

11 MR. RYAN: Secretary Camilo?

12 SECRETARY MIGUELINA CAMILO: Here.

13 MR. RYAN: Commissioner Araujo?

14 COMMISSIONER JOSE ARAUJO: Present.

15 MR. RYAN: Commissioner Marmorato?

16 COMMISSIONER GINO MARMORATO: Present.

17 MR. RYAN: Commissioner Michel?

18 COMMISSIONER MICHAEL MICHEL: Present.

19 MR. RYAN: Commissioner Pepe-Souvenir?

20 COMMISSIONER PEPE-SOUVENIR: Present,
21 good afternoon.

22 MR. RYAN: Good afternoon. Commissioner
23 Shamoun?

24 COMMISSIONER SIMON SHAMOUN: Present,

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2 thank you.

3 MR. RYAN: Thank you. Commissioner
4 Taylor?

5 COMMISSIONER PATRICIA ANNE TAYLOR: Good
6 afternoon, I am present.

7 MR. RYAN: Good afternoon. Commissioner
8 Townsend?

9 COMMISSIONER TIFFANY TOWNSEND: Good
10 afternoon, present.

11 MR. RYAN: Good afternoon. Commissioner
12 Zaccone?

13 COMMISSIONER JOHN WM. ZACCONE: Good
14 afternoon, present.

15 MR. RYAN: Thank you, good afternoon. As
16 I stated, I am Michael Ryan, I am the executive
17 director. Seated to my left is Dawn Sandow, the
18 deputy executive director. Elsewhere in the
19 building are both administrative manager Pam
20 Perkins and operations manager Georgea
21 Kontzamanis. And also joining us by video are
22 counsels to the commissioners, Steven Denkberg
23 and Kenneth Moltner. And seated at the table in
24 front of me is deputy general counsel, Rafael

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2 Savino, at which point I will turn, I will
3 indicate to the commissioners that we will need a
4 cover sheet review committee, preferably to meet
5 on Thursday in the afternoon, and that would
6 typically be the Queens commissioners if they're
7 available, as it is a Queens matter. In any
8 event, I will turn over agenda item number one to
9 Mr. Savino and then he can also explain the
10 additional item on the agenda with respect to the
11 cover sheet review committee.

12 MR. SAVINO: Good afternoon,
13 commissioners and commissioners' counsel. As
14 always, before an election, we send out a
15 document as you all know is referred to a notice
16 to candidates. Staff has looked at this document,
17 chosen dates that will work for the upcoming
18 election, and basically at this point, this is
19 the way we will need to proceed for that
20 election. So as usual, we are asking for your
21 approval and to allow this document to be sent to
22 all the candidates and posted on the website.

23 PRESIDENT UMANE: Just a question,
24 what's the hearing date? Is that mentioned in

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2 there? When is it?

3 MR. SAVINO: The hearing date is on the
4 calendar that we prepared. I do not believe that
5 it is on this document. What it basically does is
6 it tells the candidates when they can examine the
7 ballot, when they can listen to the audio
8 versions of the BMDs, when the canvas will be,
9 when the three percent audit will be. That, it's
10 all of that nature, when emergency ballots will
11 be scanned.

12 PRESIDENT UMANE: I apologize. This is
13 the post election one?

14 MR. SAVINO: A little pre, mostly post.

15 MR. RYAN: It's --

16 PRESIDENT UMANE: I would move we adopt
17 it. I would move we adopt it.

18 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: And I would
19 second.

20 MR. RYAN: Okay.

21 PRESIDENT UMANE: Anybody objecting?
22 Okay. So, it carries. Anybody abstaining?
23 Everybody else is in favor. Okay.

24 MR. RYAN: Okay.

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2 MR. SAVINO: Thank you, commissioners.

3 MR. RYAN: Item number, I guess item
4 number three, for cover sheet review?

5 MR. SAVINO: Oh, we have one matter to
6 present at this time and we're asking for two
7 commissioners if they are available on Thursday.
8 We prefer in the afternoon in case other
9 documents come in, that we can review and present
10 at the same time. But obviously, any time that
11 works for any of you who are available will work
12 for us.

13 PRESIDENT UMANE: Will the Queens
14 commissioners --

15 MR. SAVINO: Oh, yes, it probably should
16 be the Queens commissioners.

17 PRESIDENT UMANE: [unintelligible]
18 [00:16:30].

19 COMMISSIONER ARAUJO: Commissioner
20 Araujo, I'll volunteer.

21 MR. SAVINO: Oh, this one is the Bronx.
22 No, this is Queens on the agenda.

23 MS. SANDOW: It's Queens.

24 MR. RYAN: Queens, yeah. Commissioner

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2 Araujo volunteered. Commissioner Michel, are you
3 available?

4 COMMISSIONER MICHEL: Yes, I am.

5 MR. SAVINO: Fantastic. Is there a time
6 you would like us to schedule it for?

7 COMMISSIONER ARAUJO: Yeah, you can do
8 it for 3:00 o'clock if that works for
9 Commissioner Michel.

10 COMMISSIONER MICHEL: What time?

11 COMMISSIONER ARAUJO: 3:00 o'clock.

12 COMMISSIONER MICHEL: 3:00 o'clock is
13 fine with me.

14 MR. SAVINO: That's great. Thank you,
15 commissioners.

16 COMMISSIONER MICHEL: I will be
17 [unintelligible] [00:17:02].

18 MR. RYAN: And so I guess just the
19 formality of President Umane and Secretary Camilo
20 making the designation.

21 PRESIDENT UMANE: Well, I would move
22 Commissioner Michel to serve and I would send an
23 anticipation of Commissioner Camilo's motion
24 regarding Commissioner Araujo.

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2 SECRETARY CAMILO: Thank you. I move to
3 designate Commissioner Araujo as Democrat
4 commissioner for the cover sheet review
5 committee. That was too long.

6 MR. RYAN: Okay. That, that concludes
7 the public portion of the agenda, unless the
8 commissioners have anything else they wish to
9 discuss. And just as a point of information,
10 we're anticipating a state hearing, a formal
11 invitation to a state hearing on, it looks like
12 it's going to be January 29th. We haven't
13 received a formal invitation yet. Once we do,
14 we'll circulate it to the commissioners and that
15 can be voted on next week.

16 PRESIDENT UMANE: So I would move we go
17 into executive session for personnel and possibly
18 litigation.

19 MR. RYAN: I'm sorry, Commissioner
20 Umane, Commissioner Araujo has something.

21 PRESIDENT UMANE: Oh, sorry.

22 COMMISSIONER ARAUJO: Yeah, Mr. Ryan, I
23 was just going to ask whether or not maybe for
24 next week's agenda, if we could just put

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2 something on regarding training and the rank
3 choice voting. And we have to start training our
4 trainers and our poll workers. I just wanted to
5 get an update on that, please.

6 MR. RYAN: Okay. That's fine.

7 COMMISSIONER ARAUJO: Thank you.

8 MR. RYAN: Alright. And then, of course,
9 there's already been a motion for executive
10 session, but also to set the date, the next
11 meeting date.

12 PRESIDENT UMANE: Oh, I would move that
13 it be 1:30 next Tuesday.

14 SECRETARY CAMILO: And I would second
15 both the motion to adjourn to executive session
16 and to set the next meeting.

17 MR. RYAN: Okay. Very well. So, are
18 there any objections? Hearing none, we are
19 adjourned to executive session and I will report
20 back anything that's necessary upon the
21 conclusion.

22 [OFF THE RECORD]

23 [ON THE RECORD]

24 MR. RYAN: Yes, there are no matters to

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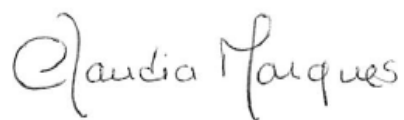
report from the executive session. The next meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be January 19th at 1:30 p.m. [unintelligible] [01:23:49] okay.

(The meeting concluded at 2:54 p.m.)

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