

BOARD OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS TO
CERTIFY THE FEBRUARY 18, 2021
SPECIAL ELECTION 24th COUNCIL DISTRICT
QUEENS COUNTY

42 Broadway - 6th floor
Commissioners' Hearing Room
New York, NY 10004
February 18, 2021
2:00 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.

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PRESENT:

President Frederic Umane

Secretary Miguelina Camilo

Commissioner Jose Araujo

Commissioner Gino Marmorato

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director

Dawn Sandow, Deputy Executive Director

Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager

Rafael Savino, Deputy General Counsel

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2 (The meeting commenced at 2:13 p.m.)

3 MR. RYAN: Okay, we are live. Today is
4 Thursday, February 18th and it is a meeting of
5 the Board of Canvassers tin the City of New York
6 to certify the results of the February 2, 2021
7 special election in Queens. I will start, my name
8 is Michael Ryan, I'm the executive director, and
9 I'll start with the commissioners roll call.
10 President Umane?

11 PRESIDENT FREDERIC UMANE: Here.

12 MR. RYAN: Secretary Camilo?

13 SECRETARY MIGUELINA CAMILO: Here.

14 MR. RYAN: Commissioner Marmorato?

15 COMMISSIONER GINO MARMORATO: Here.

16 MR. RYAN: And Commissioner Michel?

17 COMMISSIONER MICHAEL MICHEL: Here.

18 MR. RYAN: Yes, and as I said, my name
19 is Michael Ryan. I'm the executive director. I am
20 present. Ms. Sandow is appearing remotely as well
21 as Ms. Kontzamanis, elsewhere in the building and
22 at the table with me are Ms. Perkins and Mr.
23 Savino from the legal department and also
24 remotely the stars of the hour, borough chief

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2 clerk Amanda Berinato, and deputy chief clerk
3 Bart Haggerty. That all business being
4 conducted, President Umame, I will turn the
5 proceedings over to you at this time.

6 PRESIDENT UMANE: Thank you. Pursuant to
7 the provisions of Title 2 of Article 9 of the New
8 York State election law, I call the meeting of
9 the Board of Canvassers in the City of New York
10 to order for the purpose of certifying the re-
11 canvas of votes cast for the February 2, 2021
12 special election in the City of New York for the
13 24th Council District. As was determined at the
14 public meeting of the full Board of Elections
15 held Tuesday, February 16th, the Board of
16 Canvassers will consist of myself and Secretary
17 Camilo along with the two commissioners from
18 Queens County, Commissioner Michel and
19 Commissioner Araujo.

20 It is my understanding that the chief
21 clerk and the deputy chief clerk of Queens and
22 their staff have prepared and signed the return
23 of canvas for the February 2, 2021 special
24 election in Queens County in accordance with this

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2 board's policies and procedures. I would ask that
3 they present them remotely to the canvassing
4 board for review and approval. I now ask, for the
5 record, a series of questions with respect to the
6 return of canvas that has been presented by the
7 Queens staff. Do the Queens chief clerk and
8 deputy chief clerk confirm that the results
9 presented are accurate and correct?

10 MS. AMANDA BERINATO: Yes.

11 MR. BART HAGGERTY: Yes.

12 PRESIDENT UMANE: Okay. Are there any
13 discrepancies to report to the Board?

14 MS. BERINATO: No.

15 MR. HAGGERTY: No.

16 PRESIDENT UMANE: Has the audit of all
17 voter verifiable audit records for both the poll
18 site and central count scanners required by
19 Article 9 of New York State Election Law been
20 successfully completed.

21 MR. HAGGERTY: Yes.

22 MR. RYAN: Ms. Berinato?

23 PRESIDENT UMANE: If it please the Board
24 I would entertain a motion that the Board of

1 February 18, 2021

2 Canvassers certify the returns of canvas for the
3 February 2, 2021 special election conducted in
4 Queens County.

5 COMMISSIONER ARAUJO: So moved by
6 Commissioner Araujo.

7 PRESIDENT UMANE: Is there a second?

8 COMMISSIONER MICHEL: Second by
9 Commissioner Michel.

10 PRESIDENT UMANE: Okay. All in favor,
11 aye, or all opposed, none, all abstentions none.
12 Okay. The returns of canvas prepared and
13 submitted by the Queens staff of the Board of
14 Elections are adopted unanimously. Is there a
15 motion to authorize the use of commissioners
16 electronic signature stamps as appropriate on the
17 [unintelligible] [00:16:43] statement and return
18 of canvas.

19 COMMISSIONER ARAUJO: So moved by
20 Commissioner Araujo.

21 COMMISSIONER MICHEL: Second,
22 Commissioner Michel.

23 PRESIDENT UMANE: Okay. Anybody opposed.
24 Okay. That's also unanimous, it's unanimously

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2 adopted. There being no further business to come
3 before the Board of Canvassers in the City of New
4 York, I would now entertain a motion to adjourn
5 this meeting of the Board of Canvassers.

6 COMMISSIONER ARAUJO: So moved.

7 PRESIDENT UMANE: Is there a second?

8 COMMISSIONER MICHEL: Second. Second by
9 Michel.

10 PRESIDENT UMANE: All in favor?

11 COMMISSIONER ARAUJO: Aye.

12 PRESIDENT UMANE: All opposed? It's
13 unanimous, the motion is adopted, the Board of
14 Canvassers stands adjourned. Thank you all for
15 participating and congratulations to all of the
16 candidates who ran and also please thank your
17 staff at the Queens board for their hard work and
18 continuing hard work as you work through snow
19 storms to get the current election done and over
20 with. They all deserve a hearty round of
21 appreciation and certainly, if I may editorialize
22 a little bit, a distinction as being an essential
23 employee for the City of New York, as do all of
24 our employees. But especially those working in

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snow storms to let our people vote, which is one of the most important rights that they possess. So thank you all.

COMMISSIONER ARAUJO: Thank you.

PRESIDENT UMANE: Stay safe and we'll see everybody next Tuesday.

COMMISSIONER MICHEL: Thank you.

PRESIDENT UMANE: Anybody else have anything else to add, so we're adjourned. Thank you.

SECRETARY CAMILO: All right.

PRESIDENT UMANE: Thanks. We wanted to get through it quickly, so we did.

SECRETARY CAMILO: Bye everyone.

(The meeting concluded at 2:20 p.m.)

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