

BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

BOARD OF CANVASSERS MEETING

42 Broadway - 6th floor  
Commissioners' Hearing Room  
New York, NY 10004  
March 19, 2021

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**PRESENT:**

President Frederic M. Umane

Secretary Miguelina Camilo

Commissioner Jose Araujo

Commissioner Michael Michel

Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager

Amanda Berinato, Chief Clerk, Queens

Bart Haggarty, Deputy Chief Clerk, Queens

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2 (The meeting commenced.)

3 PRESIDENT FREDERIC UMANE: Okay. This is  
4 the meeting of the Board of Canvassers in the  
5 City of New York to certify the results of the  
6 February 23rd special election in the city of New  
7 York. Pursuant to the provisions of Title 2 of  
8 Article 3 of the New York State Election Law, I  
9 call the meeting of the Board of Canvassers in  
10 the City of New York to order for purposes of  
11 certifying the recanvas of votes cast for the  
12 February 23, 2021 special election in the City of  
13 New York for the 31st Council District. I hereby  
14 designate Commissioner Michel as the Republican  
15 Commissioner from the respective county to serve  
16 as the other Republican member of the canvassing  
17 board. And I would ask Secretary Camilo to  
18 designate Commissioner Araujo as the Democratic  
19 Commissioner for the respective county to serve  
20 as a member of the canvassing board.

21 SECRETARY MIGUELINA CAMILO: So  
22 designated.

23 PRESIDENT UMANE: Okay. It's my  
24 understanding that the chief clerk and the deputy

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2 chief clerk of Queens and their staff have  
3 prepared and signed the return of canvas for the  
4 February 23, 2021 special election in Queens  
5 County in accordance with this board's policies  
6 and procedures. I would ask that they present  
7 them to the canvassing board for review and  
8 approval. And I will now ask, for the record, a  
9 series of questions with respect to the return of  
10 canvas that has been presented by the Queens  
11 staff. Do the Queens chief clerk and deputy chief  
12 clerk confirm that the results presented are  
13 accurate and correct?

14 MS. AMANDA BERINATO: Yes.

15 MR. BART HAGGARTY: Yes.

16 PRESIDENT UMANE: Okay. Are there any  
17 discrepancies to report to the board?

18 MS. BERINATO: No.

19 MR. HAGGARTY: No.

20 PRESIDENT UMANE: Has the audit of the  
21 poll site and central count scanners required by  
22 Article 9 of the New York State Election Law been  
23 successfully completed?

24 MS. BERINATO: Yes.

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2 MR. HAGGARTY: Yes.

3 PRESIDENT UMANE: And has the tally been  
4 done in accordance with the new RCV voting  
5 procedures?

6 MS. BERINATO: Yes.

7 MR. HAGGARTY: Yes.

8 PRESIDENT UMANE: Based on that report,  
9 I would entertain a motion that the Board of  
10 Canvassers certify the returns of canvas for the  
11 February 23, 2021 special election conducted in  
12 Queens County.

13 COMMISSIONER JOSE ARAUJO: So moved.

14 PRESIDENT UMANE: Is there a second?

15 COMMISSIONER MICHAEL MICHEL:

16 Commissioner Michel, second.

17 PRESIDENT UMANE: All in favor?

18 COMMISSIONER ARAUJO: Aye.

19 SECRETARY CAMILO: Aye.

20 COMMISSIONER MICHEL: Aye.

21 PRESIDENT UMANE: No abstentions, it's  
22 carried. The return of canvass prepared and  
23 submitted by the Queens staff of the Board of  
24 Elections are adopted unanimously. Is there a

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2 motion to authorize the use of commissioners'  
3 electronic signatures as appropriate on each  
4 statement and return of canvas?

5 COMMISSIONER ARAUJO: Commissioner  
6 Araujo, so moved.

7 PRESIDENT UMANE: Is there a second?

8 COMMISSIONER MICHEL: Commissioner  
9 Michel, second. Commissioner Michel, second.

10 PRESIDENT UMANE: Thank you. All in  
11 favor, aye? All opposed? All abstentions? The  
12 motion is adopted. There being no further  
13 business come before the Board of Canvassers in  
14 the city of New York, I would now entertain a  
15 motion to adjourn the meeting of the Board of  
16 Canvassers.

17 COMMISSIONER ARAUJO: So moved.

18 PRESIDENT UMANE: Is there a second?

19 COMMISSIONER MICHEL: Commissioner  
20 Michel, second, Commissioner Michel second.

21 PRESIDENT UMANE: All in favor?

22 COMMISSIONER ARAUJO: Aye.

23 PRESIDENT UMANE: Thank you. In favor,  
24 aye, all opposed, all abstentions, The motion is

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adopted unanimously, the Board of Canvassers stand adjourned, please everyone stay safe, have a great weekend. And please extend --

COMMISSIONER MICHEL: This is Commissioner Michel. On behalf of the board and Commissioner Araujo, please do relay our thanks for the staff in Queens for a job well done.

COMMISSIONER ARAUJO: Historic.

PRESIDENT UMANE: Yeah, thank you all very much. Okay. Have a great weekend, and we'll see everybody on Tuesday.

SECRETARY CAMILO: Thank you, President Umane. Have a great weekend everybody.

COMMISSIONER ARAUJO: Amanda and Bart, thank you for your hard work, it was great.

(The meeting concluded.)

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