

BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING and  
COMMISSIONERS' COVER SHEET REVIEW

42 Broadway - 6th floor  
Commissioners' Hearing Room

New York, NY 10004

March 30, 2021

1:30 p.m. - 3:01 p.m.

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**PRESENT:**

President Frederic M. Umane

Secretary Miguelina Camilo

Commissioner Jose Araujo

Commissioner Michael Michel

Commissioner Rodney L. Pepe-Souvenir

Commissioner Simon Shamoun

Commissioner Patricia Anne Taylor

Commissioner Tiffany Townsend

Commissioner John Wm. Zaccone

Dawn Sandow, Deputy Executive Director

Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager

Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager

Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners

Steven Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel

Mr. Cullory

Daniel Castorina

Nicholas Zimmitti

Zoya Sphigelman

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2 (The meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m.)

3 MS. DAWN SANDOW: Good afternoon, today  
4 is Tuesday, March 30, 2021 and this is the  
5 commissioners meeting of the Board of Elections  
6 in the city of New York. My name is Dawn Sandow,  
7 and I am the deputy executive director. I will  
8 start with the commissioners' roll call.  
9 President Umane?

10 PRESIDENT FREDERIC M. UMANE: Here.

11 MS. SANDOW: Secretary Camilo?

12 SECRETARY MIGUELINA CAMILO: Here.

13 MS. SANDOW: Commissioner Araujo?

14 COMMISSIONER JOSE MIGUEL ARAUJO: Here.

15 MS. SANDOW: Commissioner Marmorato?

16 COMMISSIONER GINO A. MARMORATO:

17 Present, good afternoon.

18 MS. SANDOW: Commissioner Michel?

19 COMMISSIONER MICHAEL MICHEL: Present.

20 MS. SANDOW: Commissioner Pepe-Souvenir?

21 COMMISSIONER RODNEY L. PEPE-SOUVENIR:

22 Present, good afternoon, everyone.

23 MS. SANDOW: Commissioner Shamoun?

24 Commissioner, could you unmute?

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2 COMMISSIONER SIMON SHAMOUN: Present,  
3 thank you.

4 MS. SANDOW: Commissioner Taylor?

5 COMMISSIONER PATRICIA ANNE TAYLOR: Good  
6 afternoon, I'm here.

7 MS. SANDOW: Commissioner Townsend?

8 COMMISSIONER TIFFANY TOWNSEND: Good  
9 afternoon, present.

10 MS. SANDOW: Commissioner Zaccone?

11 COMMISSIONER JOHN WM. ZACCONE: Good  
12 afternoon, present.

13 MS. SANDOW: Also joining us today forom  
14 executive management is Pamela Perkins,  
15 administrative manager and Georgea Kontzamanis,  
16 operations manager, Ken Moltner and Steve  
17 Denkberg counsels to the commissioners has joined  
18 us as well, as our general counsel Hemalee Patel  
19 and deputy general counsel, Raphael Savino.

20 Before we begin the agenda, a quick  
21 update on independent nominating petitions, the  
22 governor signed a bill last, chapter 90, which  
23 lowers the signature amount needed from five  
24 percent to 2.5 percent. The first day to collect

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2 is April 13th. Staff is currently working on the  
3 filing calendar, which we will present to the  
4 board next week for approval and posting.

5 We're going to begin today's agenda.

6 Item number one, at the conclusion of last  
7 Tuesday's special election in the Bronx for the  
8 11th and 15th council districts, no candidate in  
9 either council race received 50 percent plus one  
10 of the votes, so we will move forward with the  
11 rounds of ranked-choice voting. The Bronx team is  
12 already preparing and concluded the canvas  
13 yesterday evening of all absentee, military,  
14 special and federal affidavit ballots received  
15 thus far.

16 As a reminder, the last day to receive  
17 an absentee ballot is today, March 30th, the last  
18 day to receive a military absentee ballot is  
19 April 5th. In the 11th Council District, we  
20 mailed out 4,434 absentee ballots of which 39 are  
21 military ballots, returned ballots as of  
22 yesterday is 2,625 including two military  
23 received. In the 15th Council District, we mailed  
24 out 1,122 absentee ballots of which 50 are

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2 military ballots, returned ballots as of  
3 yesterday is 363, including five military  
4 received.

5 Ballots received that are eligible for a  
6 cure allow a voter seven business days to cure  
7 their ballot. This means if we receive any  
8 ballots today that are cure eligible, and no  
9 additional military ballots that are cure  
10 eligible, we can begin the ranked-choice voting  
11 rounds on Monday, April 12th. If we receive  
12 additional military ballots that are cure  
13 eligible, we can begin the ranked-choice voting  
14 rounds on Friday, April 16th. Both these dates  
15 are tentative and allow for a day of conducting  
16 the random draw and mandated audit of equipment.  
17 We will provide an additional update next  
18 Tuesday.

19 Item number two, on April 14, 2020, this  
20 body approved emergency procedures for conducting  
21 the petition hearings including how to file a  
22 notice of appearance and send documents to the  
23 board for review. The procedures were sent to all  
24 of you via email and have been posted to our

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2 website. They are the same procedures used  
3 successfully by this body last year, and have  
4 only been changed to amend an updated email  
5 address and deadline dates. We ask that the board  
6 ratify these procedures once again for this  
7 year's hearings.

8 PRESIDENT UMANE: I was muted, so sorry.

9 COMMISSIONER SHAMOUN: So moved.

10 PRESIDENT UMANE: So moved.

11 SECRETARY CAMILO: And I'll second.

12 Thank you.

13 MS. SANDOW: All in favor?

14 MULTIPLE: Aye.

15 MS. SANDOW: That's everyone. Item three  
16 and four on the agenda, I will turn over to  
17 legal.

18 MR. SAVINO: Good afternoon,  
19 commissioners. The first matter I would like to  
20 discuss or present is we have three individuals  
21 who have sent letters in asking to modify how  
22 their name appears on the ballot. The first one  
23 I'm looking at, they were sent around earlier  
24 today, is candidate Moran Ranti Ogunleye, I'm

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2 sure I'm not pronouncing that correctly. He's  
3 running for City Council candidate, District 49  
4 and he says that he's commonly known as the  
5 shortened version of his name, which is Ranti. As  
6 such, he's asking that that be placed on the  
7 ballot instead of the longer version. I can go  
8 through all three --

9 COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: Mr. Savino, just  
10 if I can ask, we normally do this when there's no  
11 confusion to the voters. Is that correct?

12 MR. SAVINO: Yes, well, correct.

13 MS. SANDOW: Do you want to read the  
14 name again?

15 MR. SAVINO: When the name is similar.

16 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I can confirm that  
17 he is well known under the shorter name.

18 MR. SAVINO: Would you like me to read  
19 all three and vote on it in one shot or should we  
20 -- I'll keep going. We have a candidate for  
21 alternate delegate for Democratic Judicial  
22 Convention, 11th Judicial District, 28th Assembly  
23 District in Queens. The candidate is Moreland  
24 Thank you Rogers, and he goes by his middle name,



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2 Ty, so he's Ty Rogers, that's what he's  
3 requesting be added to the ballot. He mentioned  
4 the same request was granted in the past. But I  
5 will move on to the next one for your  
6 consideration. Again, that's Ty Rogers as opposed  
7 to Moreland Ty Rogers. The third and final one we  
8 have from today is William Eugene Freeland, he's  
9 running for City Council, 7th Council District in  
10 New York County and instead of William Eugene  
11 Freeland, he would like to be on the ballot as  
12 Billy Freeland. He even mentioned that there's no  
13 other candidate on the ballot with such a name,  
14 at least as far as he knows, who is running the  
15 7th Council District. I haven't seen anything  
16 similar to his name either.

17 PRESIDENT UMANE: I move we accept all  
18 three.

19 SECRETARY CAMILO: I would second.

20 MS. SANDOW: All in favor?

21 MULTIPLE: Aye.

22 MS. SANDOW: Any opposed? Motion passes,  
23 all three names will be changed as stated. Four  
24 is the commissioners' cover sheet committee for

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2 week number two.

3 MR. SAVINO: Commissioners, we're  
4 actually asking, which is common, for a  
5 commissioners' committee review after the  
6 completion of the public hearing. We do have a  
7 number of matters to present. We are also asking  
8 for Thursday, April 1st. The times are flexible,  
9 at 3:00 p.m., Friday April 2nd, again 3:00 p.m.  
10 and Monday, April 5th at 3:00 p.m. If there's  
11 nothing to present, which is possible, but  
12 perhaps unlikely, we will cancel the meeting well  
13 in advance and notify the commissioners and the  
14 public.

15 COMMISSIONER PEPE-SOUVENIR: I can do  
16 Thursday. This is Commissioner Pepe-Souvenir.

17 COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: Hi, this is  
18 Commissioner Zaccone. I can do Thursday or Friday  
19 as needed.

20 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: This is  
21 Commissioner Townsend. I can do Friday if needed.

22 COMMISSIONER MARMORATO: This is  
23 Commissioner Marmorato, I can do Friday.

24 MS. SANDOW: Okay. So I'm going to put

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2 Zaccone for Thursday, Marmorato for Friday, so  
3 this way we have two teams, Thursday and Friday,  
4 and today, immediately following the  
5 commissioners meeting, do we have anyone for  
6 today?

7 SECRETARY CAMILO: I am available this  
8 afternoon.

9 PRESIDENT UMANE: I can do it.  
10 Hopefully, we'll get done with this soon, and  
11 then, so I'll do it today.

12 MS. SANDOW: And then we just have  
13 Monday, April 5th.

14 COMMISSIONER SHAMOUN: I can do Monday.

15 COMMISSIONER PEPE-SOUVENIR: I could do  
16 Monday.

17 COMMISSIONER SHAMOUN: This is  
18 Commissioner Shamoun, I can do Monday.

19 MS. SANDOW: Who said Monday?

20 SECRETARY CAMILO: Simon.

21 MS. SANDOW: Simon, okay. And Pepe-  
22 Souvenir?

23 COMMISSIONER PEPE-SOUVENIR: I can do  
24 Monday. I said Monday, I said Thursday, I said

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2 Monday.

3 MS. SANDOW: Okay. Perfect, thank you.

4 MR. SAVINO: Thank you, commissioners.

5 MS. SANDOW: So I'm going to read it  
6 back. Today after, immediately following our  
7 stated meeting, Commissioner Camilo, Commissioner  
8 Umame, Thursday, April 1st, 3:00 p.m.,  
9 Commissioner Pepe-Souviner, Commissioner Zaccone,  
10 Friday, April 2nd at 3:00 p.m., Commissioner  
11 Townsend and Commissioner Marmorato, Monday April  
12 5th at 3:00 p.m., Commissioner Shamoun,  
13 Commissioner Pepe-Souvenir.

14 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Sounds good.

15 PRESIDENT UMANE: There was an issue  
16 that came up at yesterday's hearings.  
17 Commissioner Pepe-Souvenir and I had the  
18 fortunate, we were fortunate to be the  
19 commissioners assigned. An issue had come up and  
20 apparently the form that the state board has  
21 promulgated for cover sheets contemplates a  
22 signature of somebody, either the agent or the  
23 candidate. But neither our rules or the state  
24 regs specifically require a signature. So what we

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2 decided to do since it's on the form and it's  
3 promulgated by the state, we took the position  
4 that a signature was required and we had them  
5 send out the NCN notice. I would like to  
6 contemplate adding something to our rules that  
7 says that it needs to be signed so that there's  
8 no ambiguity about that and that that seems to  
9 make the most sense, given the fact that the  
10 state's form does seem to require a signature of  
11 somebody.

12 Historically, there used to be a  
13 required certification that they took off that  
14 said there was significant signatures on the  
15 petition. They've taken that off, and that used  
16 to wind up with a certain amount of litigation  
17 because occasionally people submitted petitions  
18 that had inadequate signatures with the hope that  
19 nobody would challenge them and that they could  
20 slip on.

21 So it would seem to me and that I would  
22 recommend that it's too late to enforce it for  
23 this year because it's not in our rules for this  
24 year, but I wanted to point it out in the event

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2 that there were identical issues raised going  
3 forward on the hearings and that we, if we all  
4 agree that that's what we should do, that that we  
5 employ that to, and I'm saying it in public  
6 session so that if anybody hasn't filed, or if  
7 somebody's contemplating, there is a requirement  
8 for a certification on amended certificates but  
9 it doesn't say anything specifically on the  
10 initial round.

11 So going forward, to the extent that we  
12 have any for any future elections this year, I  
13 would move that it not be applicable specifically  
14 for a rule change for this primary for the  
15 designating petitions, but for any other  
16 petitions that are filed that we change the rule  
17 and impose it going forward, that the cover  
18 sheets be signed by somebody.

19 And again, we've had situations  
20 historically in the past where people have filed  
21 petitions on behalf of people that didn't want  
22 them to be filed. So there's a technical and  
23 specific reason why it makes sense to have  
24 somebody sign and that if it's something that is

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2 not authorized, then at least you know who's at  
3 fault and if it's signed by the candidate, then  
4 at least you know that it's something that the  
5 candidate wanted to do. So I think it makes  
6 sense. I don't think it's an onerous burden, and  
7 I think it's really what the state intended by  
8 having the signature line on the form to begin  
9 with. So that's -- I would move that it's  
10 longwinded to say that we impose going forward a  
11 requirement that the cover sheet be signed either  
12 by the candidate or the agent.

13 SECRETARY CAMILO: I just want some  
14 clarity on the issue. I think I know what you're  
15 speaking about commissioner, because we may have  
16 had a similar issue in the week past. Are you  
17 talking about a signature or a certification  
18 being required?

19 PRESIDENT UMANE: No, signature.

20 COMMISSIONER PEPE-SOUVENIR: Signature.

21 PRESIDENT UMANE: There's a signature  
22 required. There is no certification on the first  
23 one. There used to be and they took that off  
24 because people were not certifying to things that

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2 were not [unintelligible] [00:21:13].

3 MS. SANDOW: Can you see this right  
4 here?

5 PRESIDENT UMANE: No.

6 MS. SANDOW: Walk around, they can't see  
7 it.

8 SECRETARY CAMILO: We have emails with  
9 materials for whatever cover sheet review  
10 committee we have and generally a cover sheet  
11 will have a line for the candidate or the agent.  
12 And there'll be a signature there. So are you  
13 saying there's something additional to that?

14 PRESIDENT UMANE: No. I'm just saying  
15 what if it's not signed.

16 SECRETARY CAMILO: Oh, I see, yes. So  
17 that has been our practice, usually there is a  
18 signature there, yes.

19 PRESIDENT UMANE: Yes, yeah, I know, but  
20 it's not, it doesn't say that it has to be signed  
21 anywhere, that's all. So we had one that was  
22 unsigned yesterday and we went through somewhat  
23 of a similar analysis to what I just said,  
24 although actually it was a little shorter,



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2 because I had more time to think about it and  
3 bore you with it, but I think we should just  
4 clarify a potential ambiguity.

5 What we did was because it wasn't  
6 signed, we gave them an opportunity to cure. And  
7 it's not a hard cure, and on the amended cover  
8 sheet, you need to sign it because there is a  
9 certification. So anyway, it's just that it's an  
10 ambiguity that I think we should include in our  
11 rules going forward, just to avoid somebody  
12 having to get an NCN notice.

13 SECRETARY CAMILO: Understood.

14 COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: Umame?

15 PRESIDENT UMANE: And I don't even  
16 remember who the candidate was, so it's not  
17 anything where we're knocking a frontrunner off  
18 because of that. It's just that it's an  
19 ambiguity, we ought to clear it up. That was my  
20 thought.

21 COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: Commissioner  
22 Umane, a similar issue came before the cover  
23 sheet review committee I had with Commissioner  
24 Araujo. We at that point asked counsel to just

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2 look into that and come back and tell us what  
3 they found regarding that requirement, so maybe  
4 if we can hear from counsel, just to see if they  
5 found anything in agreement or in dispute with  
6 what you just said.

7 MR. SAVINO: We did look into that and  
8 it was discussed when it was presented to the  
9 commissioners. There is nothing in the election  
10 law that appears to require a signature there,  
11 there is nothing in our rules and there's really  
12 no case law on it. One thing that was pointed  
13 out, it appears that it was referring to  
14 initially the contact person, which is optional.  
15 But then the state board added in that little  
16 paragraph about senate or assembly can add their  
17 website to the cover sheet, which is not relevant  
18 here. But that was what we found when we looked  
19 into this.

20 MS. PATEL: Commissioner, if I may, the  
21 statute itself refers to a form that's in, that  
22 has been promulgated by the state and that form  
23 has a signature line. So based on that, yesterday  
24 Commissioners Umame and Pepe-Souvenir made the

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2 ruling that obviously to substantially comply  
3 with that the signature should be there, and  
4 therefore this conversation. But that is  
5 literally the extent of the guidance we have from  
6 the election law.

7 COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER SHAMOUN: My only point  
9 would be to caution against knocking candidates  
10 off the ballot if they don't cure this defect  
11 because we're basically changing the rules.

12 PRESIDENT UMANE: Well, that's why I  
13 wouldn't change the rules for this.

14 COMMISSIONER PEPE-SOUVENIR: Yeah.

15 COMMISSIONER SHAMOUN: Oh.

16 PRESIDENT UMANE: But then theoretically  
17 --

18 COMMISSIONER SHAMOUN: I'm sorry, I  
19 thought you said you were sending out NCN  
20 notices.

21 COMMISSIONER PEPE-SOUVENIR: On that  
22 one, we are.

23 PRESIDENT UMANE: Arguably, we didn't  
24 change the rule. The rule is the form requires a

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2 signature.

3 COMMISSIONER PEPE-SOUVENIR: Right.

4 PRESIDENT UMANE: So all we were doing  
5 was clarifying it, making it easier for  
6 candidates to comply, so if they read the rules,  
7 they would know that they should sign it.

8 COMMISSIONER SHAMOUN: Okay.

9 PRESIDENT UMANE: The state form  
10 requires, seems to require the signature and  
11 that's why we imposed what we imposed.

12 COMMISSIONER SHAMOUN: Sounds good.

13 SECRETARY CAMILO: So I think the  
14 request is just to be explicit that there should  
15 be a signature on the cover sheet that's been our  
16 standard practice and moving forward, we would  
17 [unintelligible] [00:25:34] that to be included  
18 in our rules. I think that's Commissioner Umane's  
19 motion, right?

20 PRESIDENT UMANE: Yes.

21 SECRETARY CAMILO: And I would support  
22 that, yes.

23 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Okay.

24 MS. SANDOW: All in favor of that

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2 motion?

3 MULTIPLE: Aye.

4 MS. SANDOW: Any opposed? Motion passes.  
5 So commissioners, should we amend the petition  
6 rule book for the upcoming independent nominating  
7 petitions and present it to you guys next Tuesday  
8 along with the calendar?

9 PRESIDENT UMANE: Yes.

10 MS. SANDOW: We can then add the  
11 language for the [unintelligible] [00:26:06].

12 PRESIDENT UMANE: That was the point of  
13 doing it, [unintelligible] [00:26:08].

14 MS. SANDOW: Okay, terrific.

15 SECRETARY CAMILO: Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER ARAUJO: Do we need to  
17 update all our forms, our sample forms on our  
18 website?

19 PRESIDENT UMANE: No, no.

20 MS. SANDOW: The sample form already has  
21 it.

22 [CROSSTALK]

23 PRESIDENT UMANE: [unintelligible]

24 [00:26:22] doing it is [unintelligible]

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2 [00:26:24].

3 MS. SANDOW: Just on the petition  
4 rubric.

5 PRESIDENT UMANE: -- the signature.

6 MS. SANDOW: Commissioners, this  
7 concludes today's agenda. Shall we set the next  
8 meeting date before we go into executive session?

9 PRESIDENT UMANE: Yeah, I move we  
10 adjourn and go into executive session and have  
11 our next meeting Tuesday, April 6th at 1:30.

12 SECRETARY CAMILO: Second.

13 MS. SANDOW: Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: For litigation  
15 and personnel matters?

16 PRESIDENT UMANE: For litigation and  
17 personnel.

18 MS. SANDOW: For personnel.

19 COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: Okay. Thank you.

20 [EXECUTIVE SESSION]

21 MS. SANDOW: Good afternoon, we have  
22 closed the meeting. I want to announce our next  
23 meetin, which is next Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at  
24 1:30. Thank you for attending the New York City

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2 Board of Elections Commissioners meeting.

3 [COMMISSIONERS' COVER SHEET REVIEW]

4 MR. SAVINO: Good afternoon,  
5 commissioners. We are here today for a cover  
6 sheet committee review. It is March 30, 2021 and  
7 having the pleasure of joining us, or I guess we  
8 should have the pleasure of you joining us,  
9 Commissioner Umane and Commissioner Camilo. With  
10 that, we will start with the citywides. Is that  
11 correct?

12 MR. CULLORY: Good afternoon,  
13 commissioners. Starting with the three citywide  
14 issues identified by staff, in order of the  
15 email, the first item that we have is from  
16 candidate Ira Seidman. The petition listed on the  
17 cover sheet is number NY2103985 and this is a  
18 Democrat candidate for mayor. The cover sheet  
19 lists petition, that's the petition number that I  
20 just read out. That number is not a petition that  
21 was filed. It looks like the candidate filed a  
22 different petition, but that petition is not  
23 listed on the cover sheet. We would submit that  
24 this is an error, although it is a curable one,

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2 that we would recommend we send a letter to  
3 notify the candidate of that information and let  
4 them cure. I think the issue is that the  
5 candidate looks like they put a petition  
6 identification number sticker on their cover  
7 sheet --

8 SECRETARY CAMILO: Yeah.

9 PRESIDENT UMANE: Yeah.

10 MR. CULLORY: -- but CRU staff --

11 PRESIDENT UMANE: Yeah, I was going to  
12 say I think what happened is he got his sticker,  
13 put it on there, and didn't put it on the  
14 petition. Then the petition came in without a  
15 number and we put another number on there.

16 SECRETARY CAMILO: Right. Because it's a  
17 different sticker.

18 PRESIDENT UMANE: Right. So it's not as  
19 if there was no petition ever filed. There was  
20 one, it's just now has the wrong number, but I  
21 think we should send him a notice to amend, to  
22 put the correct number on.

23 MR. SAVINO: Okay.

24 SECRETARY CAMILO: And I would second



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2 that, yes.

3 MR. CULLORY: Alright. We will do that.  
4 The next item that I have for citywide is for  
5 candidate John A. Tobacco, this is a Republican  
6 candidate for comptroller. Mr. Tobacco's cover  
7 sheet lists 60 petitions, only three have been  
8 identified as a problem for staff. Those three  
9 are QN2100109, 110 and 111. The candidate is not  
10 listed on those three petitions. This is a  
11 curable error that can be fixed by filing an  
12 amended cover sheet after we send a notice of  
13 defect, which would be our recommendation in this  
14 case.

15 PRESIDENT UMANE: Okay. I agree.

16 SECRETARY CAMILO: I would second.

17 MR. CULLORY: Alright. The third item  
18 that I have and the last item for citywide that I  
19 have is for candidate Reshma Patel, case number,  
20 of the 22 petitions [unintelligible] [00:54:26]  
21 of staff and that is NY2102781 and this is a  
22 Democratic candidate for comptroller. According  
23 to our records, there is no petition with that  
24 number that was ever filed and so the cover sheet

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2 lists a petition that is not in our records. So  
3 we would recommend sending a notice of defect to  
4 the candidate allowing them to amend the cover  
5 sheet and list whatever cover sheets were filed.

6 PRESIDENT UMANE: Okay.

7 SECRETARY CAMILO: And I would second  
8 that recommendation.

9 MR. CULLORY: Okay. So that's all I have  
10 for citywides, and I'm sorry, because we had a  
11 late batch of page number defects that were  
12 delivered to us. Brooklyn has been split up into  
13 two emails. I'm happy to do either first. My  
14 lists is starting with the older email, but I'm  
15 happy to go in whatever order you think is  
16 appropriate.

17 SECRETARY CAMILO: I would start with  
18 the older and if you could give us the candidate  
19 name.

20 MR. CULLORY: Sure, that's no problem.  
21 Alright, the first item I have for Brooklyn then  
22 is for candidate Kim Council, with the petition  
23 number at issue is KG2101254. It's the Democratic  
24 candidate for Brooklyn borough president. The

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2 candidate has listed five petitions. This is the  
3 only one that staff identified as a problem  
4 because once again, petition number KG1254 is not  
5 a petition that has been filed. And so we would  
6 recommend sending the candidate a notice of  
7 defect allowing them to amend their cover sheet  
8 and list whatever cover sheet were ultimately --  
9 oh, excuse me, petitions that were ultimately  
10 filed.

11 PRESIDENT UMANE: That's fine. You're  
12 sure he's running for borough president and not  
13 City Council?

14 MR. CULLORY: This is [unintelligible]  
15 [00:56:09].

16 PRESIDENT UMANE: I guess I'm not the  
17 first one to raise that. Okay.

18 SECRETARY CAMILO: Second.

19 PRESIDENT UMANE: That's fine.

20 SECRETARY CAMILO: Second.

21 MR. CULLORY: Thank you, commissioners.  
22 The next item that I have, and you'll notice a  
23 theme, because we've been cleaning up the things  
24 that we've had missing. For candidate R. Dimple

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2 Willabus, of the two petitions listed, one has  
3 been identified as a problem for staff, and that  
4 is KG2100992. This is a Democratic candidate for  
5 the 46th Council District. Mr. Willabus never  
6 filed a petition that ends in 992. So we would  
7 recommend sending a notice of defect allowing him  
8 to file an amended cover sheet that lists  
9 whatever petitions were filed.

10 SECRETARY CAMILO: I would move to  
11 accept the recommendation.

12 PRESIDENT UMANE: Yeah, that's fine.

13 MR. CULLORY: Okay. The next item that I  
14 have for Brooklyn is for candidate Renee Holmes,  
15 petition numbers KG2101243 and 1244. This is a  
16 Democratic candidate for the 36th City Council  
17 District. The petitions listed on the cover sheet  
18 were not filed. So we would recommend allowing  
19 the candidates to file an amended cover sheet and  
20 identify whatever petitions they did file. And  
21 that, it's a curable defect and that would be our  
22 recommendation.

23 PRESIDENT UMANE: Were there other  
24 petitions filed with their name on?

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2 MR. CULLORY: Yes, CRU actually informed  
3 me this morning that that was the case for this  
4 candidate. That's not necessarily the case for  
5 all of them.

6 PRESIDENT UMANE: It's the same as the  
7 others, it's the same as the others.

8 MR. CULLORY: Okay.

9 SECRETARY CAMILO: So second.

10 MR. CULLORY: The next item for Brooklyn  
11 that I have is for candidate Charles Barron. This  
12 is petition numbers KG2101019, 10 -- or KG2101018  
13 and then 22. And this is a Democratic candidate  
14 for the 42nd Council District. At issue here is  
15 something we actually presented last week, but we  
16 were unable to get a petition on so we had to  
17 bring it back. And this is the cover sheet for  
18 this candidate was not signed.

19 PRESIDENT UMANE: We just, we just dealt  
20 with it in public session. You should send an NCN  
21 notice and advise him that it should be signed.  
22 And we're doing that solely based on the form and  
23 we're amending our rules to require it in the  
24 future.

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2 MR. CULLORY: Okay.

3 SECRETARY CAMILO: And I would second.

4 MR. CULLORY: We will prepare that  
5 [unintelligible] [00:58:45].

6 PRESIDENT UMANE: Miguelina, I didn't  
7 know that Barron was one of these people. It just  
8 --

9 SECRETARY CAMILO: Yeah.

10 PRESIDENT UMANE: -- [unintelligible]  
11 [00:58:51] somebody else, it's just that I guess  
12 it happens, so.

13 SECRETARY CAMILO: Yeah, it's coming up  
14 so it's a good thing we're dealing with it.

15 PRESIDENT UMANE: Yeah.

16 MR. CULLORY: Okay. The next item I have  
17 for Brooklyn and this should be the final one in  
18 the older email, is for candidate Jessica Simmons  
19 and petition number KG2101225. This is a  
20 Democratic candidate for the 39th City Council  
21 District. Ms. Simmons listed this petition  
22 number, but our records indicate that one was not  
23 filed. We would recommend sending an NCN and  
24 allowing her to claim whatever petitions she did

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2 file, if any.

3 PRESIDENT UMANE: Okay. Same as the  
4 others.

5 SECRETARY CAMILO: And I would second.

6 MR. CULLORY: Okay. Thank you,  
7 commissioners. I now would direct you to the  
8 email that should just be in your inbox. These  
9 are three additional matters for Brooklyn that  
10 staff brought to our attention this afternoon  
11 regarding page number defect.

12 PRESIDENT UMANE: Who sent the email?

13 Mr. CULLORY: It should be from Hemalee,  
14 from general counsel.

15 SECRETARY CAMILO: It was actually sent  
16 on the same thread.

17 MR. CULLORY: Okay.

18 SECRETARY CAMILO: Commissioner Umane,  
19 so if you see the same Brooklyn thread.

20 PRESIDENT UMANE: Okay.

21 SECRETARY CAMILO: Yeah.

22 MR. CULLORY: And I apologize for the  
23 technical nuances of all this.

24 SECRETARY CAMILO: It has three matters,

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2 right?

3 PRESIDENT UMANE: I got it.

4 MR. CULLORY: Okay. And then I'll go  
5 ahead and get started with the first item, which  
6 is candidate John Williams and the petition  
7 number is KG2101334 and Mr. Williams is a  
8 candidate for council member in the 40th Council  
9 District. Upon review, Mr. Williams' petition,  
10 the final page is not numbered. That's a defect  
11 that we can send a page number, or excuse me, a  
12 letter to the candidate for that they can come  
13 correct this and that would be our  
14 recommendation.

15 PRESIDENT UMANE: Can we do this as well  
16 as the next one? Because it seems to be the same  
17 candidate and --

18 MR. CULLORY: Correct. So the next item  
19 I have is also John Williams, a different  
20 petition, but we can send one letter, if that's  
21 what you mean.

22 PRESIDENT UMANE: We can send one letter  
23 and just advise him of that.

24 MR. CULLORY: Sure. Just for the record,



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2 the second petition, which is number KG2101333,  
3 the issue here is that after page 39, the next  
4 page is page 42 and then it goes in order after  
5 that.

6 PRESIDENT UMANE: But you can do one  
7 letter and we can sort of treat them the same.

8 MR. CULLORY: Okay.

9 SECRETARY CAMILO: Okay. Yeah, second to  
10 both.

11 MR. CULLORY: We will do that.

12 PRESIDENT UMANE: And he's not running  
13 for comptroller, this in Kings County, no?

14 [laughter]

15 MR. CULLORY: Alright. The last item  
16 that I have is for candidate Skiboky Stora. The  
17 petition numbers listed here are KG2101338, 39  
18 and 40. This petition cover sheet lists the  
19 office sought as Republican the petitions are, as  
20 you can see, not bound. They are --

21 MR. SAVINO: Loosely bound.

22 MR. CULLORY: -- like loosely tight  
23 together with a torn up bag. If I held them up  
24 they'd all fall out.

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2 SECRETARY CAMILO: Yes.

3 Mr. CULLORY: They are, the pages are  
4 not numbered, and I note that two of the  
5 petitions, the candidate lists their address as  
6 homeless, but they do list an address on one  
7 address, or one petition and also on their cover  
8 sheet. I know, Commissioner Umame, yesterday, we  
9 talked about not bothering to tell someone to  
10 correct a cover sheet that reflects an error. So  
11 the cover sheet technically does not match two  
12 petitions, but we do have an address on the cover  
13 sheet filed. So, I, you know, I don't know that  
14 we would recommend --

15 PRESIDENT UMANE: We could certainly  
16 send a notice, so is it a park bench, the  
17 address, or do we have some --

18 MR. CULLORY: It says [unintelligible]  
19 [01:02:51]. So the address we do have, I'm not  
20 sure where it's to, but it is an address. The  
21 other two petitions filed, it just says homeless,  
22 there's no address to send it to.

23 SECRETARY CAMILO: But there's a  
24 residence address that we're looking at in

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2 Brooklyn, right.

3 MR. CULLORY: Yeah, I mean, I, it's  
4 listed as a residence address, that's correct.  
5 Two of the petitions just say he's homeless  
6 whereas one of the petitions lists the same  
7 address on the cover sheet. Also, I mean the  
8 office is listed as Republican. This is a prima  
9 facie matter that's going to be dealt with I  
10 guess later down the line. For purposes here, we  
11 can at least send the page number defect to allow  
12 the unbound volumes again, there's three of them,  
13 which just again, for the record are just bound  
14 by like a torn up shopping bag that are not  
15 numbered. That can be corrected. I don't know  
16 that there's a value to telling him to correct  
17 the cover sheet to match the petition to say  
18 homeless, but that would be -- obviously we're  
19 happy to do whatever you think is appropriate.

20 PRESIDENT UMANE: So, just a question,  
21 we put Kings numbers on each of the three pages  
22 that were filed, is that it?

23 MR. CULLORY: That's correct.

24 PRESIDENT UMANE: And we're telling him

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2 that he needs to file an amended cover sheet to  
3 include those three pages, is that correct?

4 MR. CULLORY: So the cover sheet lists  
5 the correct pages. The problem with the cover  
6 sheet is that it technically doesn't match two  
7 petitions because two of the petitions list his  
8 address as homeless and that's not what the cover  
9 sheet says. One of the petitions is correct, and  
10 the correct one --

11 PRESIDENT UMANE: But we have an issue  
12 because there's no requirement to file a cover  
13 sheet less than ten pages.

14 MR. CULLORY: Correct. But these are  
15 more than ten pages.

16 PRESIDENT UMANE: Oh, they are? Oh,  
17 okay.

18 MR. CULLORY: Yes, they're -- all three  
19 volumes are more than ten pages. They're also not  
20 numbered.

21 PRESIDENT UMANE: Okay. I just thought  
22 there were three pages.

23 SECRETARY CAMILO: Yeah, the cover  
24 sheet, the cover sheet also doesn't list how many

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2 volumes.

3 MR. CULLORY: Oh, that's correct, yes.  
4 I'm sorry for not mentioning that. That's so, so  
5 we can tell him to correct at least those  
6 deficiencies, and then we can send a letter  
7 telling him he needs to fix the page numbers. You  
8 know, I would defer to you on whether or not we  
9 need to tell him to match the address on his  
10 cover sheet to the two petitions that say  
11 homeless. And once again, I guess for the record,  
12 his office listed is not for real a political  
13 office.

14 MR. SAVINO: Yeah, he's running for  
15 Republican.

16 PRESIDENT UMANE: It doesn't indicate  
17 the name of the party on the top either.

18 MR. CULLORY: Correct. But that, I guess  
19 is something that gets dealt with at the prima  
20 facie hearings and I guess it's [unintelligible]  
21 [01:05:28].

22 SECRETARY CAMILO: If, if --

23 PRESIDENT UMANE: No, but if he's going  
24 to correct the cover sheet, he should indicate

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2 the party that he's running.

3 MR. CULLORY: Correct, correct that,  
4 okay.

5 SECRETARY CAMILO: I was just going to  
6 say if these are all curable defects, then we'll  
7 send the notice listing.

8 MR. CULLORY: Okay.

9 PRESIDENT UMANE: Okay.

10 MR. SAVINO: And the loosely bound and  
11 the page numbering?

12 SECRETARY CAMILO: Yes.

13 MR. SAVINO: Okay.

14 SECRETARY CAMILO: That all goes in one  
15 notice, right, and it's checked off, all the  
16 issues?

17 MR. SAVINO: Page numbering is a  
18 different letter. But --

19 PRESIDENT UMANE: Is loosely bound  
20 something that's curable?

21 MR. CULLORY: Well, I mean I would defer  
22 to you. I'm under the impression that he can,  
23 he's allowed to better bind this, but really also  
24 the problem is it's just not --

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2 PRESIDENT UMANE: [unintelligible]

3 [01:06:14] I'm getting old and senile.

4 MR. CULLORY: No, it is, it's curable.

5 PRESIDENT UMANE: I don't think that --  
6 it is curable?

7 MR. CULLORY: Yes, that's my  
8 recollection, it's curable, loosely bound.

9 PRESIDENT UMANE: Because I know page  
10 numbering, but the idea of it securely bound was  
11 so that there would be no messing around with, I  
12 mean because somebody could switch a page number  
13 then that's loosely bound. There were I guess if  
14 it is in fact curable, then we should include it.

15 MR. SAVINO: Okay. Well, we'll confirm  
16 that and include it if so.

17 PRESIDENT UMANE: There's certainly  
18 enough.

19 MR. CULLORY: Right. It's unfortunate,  
20 but there does appear to be a lot of defects.  
21 This is a good cover sheet, this is to the  
22 [unintelligible] [01:07:09].

23 MR. SAVINO: Alright.

24 MR. CULLORY: Alright. Well, we'll take

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2 care of that commissioners, thank you for your  
3 time and I appreciate your patience with sending  
4 you all these emails. Thank you.

5 SECRETARY CAMILO: Thank you so much.

6 PRESIDENT UMANE: Thank you.

7 MR. SAVINO: Alright, gentlemen or  
8 ladies.

9 PRESIDENT UMANE: What's next?

10 MR. SAVINO: Whoever has the most  
11 letters to write, you come next. So the next will  
12 be Queens, commissioners.

13 MR. DANIEL CASTORINA Good afternoon.

14 SECRETARY CAMILO: Good afternoon.

15 PRESIDENT UMANE: Good afternoon.

16 MR. CASTORINA So the first one we have  
17 is Joel Gokool. See it? Okay. So we sent out a  
18 letter of non-compliance because the  
19 identification number of the number of volumes  
20 claimed wasn't on the original cover sheet. So  
21 this was their attempt back as a cure, but  
22 unfortunately they did list the identification  
23 number, the number of volumes, but they didn't  
24 put Democratic Party on the cover sheet and they



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2 didn't put amended cover sheet.

3 SECRETARY CAMILO: Right.

4 PRESIDENT UMANE: They also didn't put  
5 the certification that they need to put on the  
6 bottom of the cover sheet.

7 MR. CASTORINA Correct.

8 SECRETARY CAMILO: Right.

9 MR. CASTORINA Correct. So we don't  
10 believe this is a valid cure.

11 SECRETARY CAMILO: I would move to make  
12 the recommendation that this is not a valid cure.

13 PRESIDENT UMANE: I agree, I agree.

14 MR. CASTORINA Thank you. The next one we  
15 have is Adriana Aviles, and the problem was we  
16 sent out a letter of noncompliance because the  
17 petition number wasn't on the original cover  
18 sheet. They sent us back an amended cover sheet  
19 with the petition number, the staff reviewed it  
20 and they believe that everything was correct on  
21 it, so we ask that this be a valid.

22 PRESIDENT UMANE: Okay.

23 SECRETARY CAMILO: Second.

24 MR. CASTORINA Okay. Great. The next one

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2 we have is a, it's just a pagination issue for  
3 Wong, Edwin K. Wong. The page numbers were out of  
4 order, they sent it back, they rewrote the page  
5 numbers. The team reviewed it and thought that it  
6 was valid.

7 SECRETARY CAMILO: Okay. I would move to  
8 deem it a valid cure.

9 PRESIDENT UMANE: Yeah, it's okay.

10 MR. CASTORINA The next one is for a Ye  
11 Andy Chin, it's the same issue. It was missing a  
12 page number. The staff reviewed it and the page  
13 number is now there, so we're asking for this one  
14 as well to be valid.

15 SECRETARY CAMILO: Move to approve.

16 MR. CASTORINA We do have another one --

17 SECRETARY CAMILO: Can we just  
18 officially have Commissioner Umane, you're okay  
19 with approving this is for the pagination issue,  
20 Andy Chin.

21 PRESIDENT UMANE: Yeah.

22 SECRETARY CAMILO: Okay.

23 MR. CASTORINA Thank you. And then we  
24 have one that came in late, and this was another

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2 issue, the same type of issue, the last page  
3 number was not on it. We had sent out a letter of  
4 noncompliance, they responded back. I'm trying to  
5 show it, but --

6 SECRETARY CAMILO: Can you just give us  
7 the candidate name?

8 MR. CASTORINA Sure, the candidate, it's  
9 actually a list of candidates. It's Fernando  
10 Mateo, Daby Benjamin Carreras, Janelle King,  
11 Thomas Zmich, Marvin Jeffcoat, William Shanahan,  
12 Joseph Casper, Logan Float, Kimberly Kothari,  
13 Logan Float again, John Sefra and Bruce Flores.

14 SECRETARY CAMILO: I'm sorry, I don't  
15 think we have this.

16 MR. CASTORINA I don't think this was  
17 been sent over, right.

18 PRESIDENT UMANE: This one --

19 MR. CASTORINA It came in just recent.

20 SECRETARY CAMILO: Okay.

21 MR. CASTORINA It was just missing the  
22 last page number. They filed it with the correct  
23 page number, so we were just asking that this one  
24 be a valid cure. The staff reviewed and thought

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2 everything was correct on it.

3 MR. SAVINO: Yeah, I looked at the  
4 petition as well that this is a cure.

5 PRESIDENT UMANE: Yeah.

6 SECRETARY CAMILO: And I'll second.

7 MR. CASTORINA Okay.

8 MR. SAVINO: Great.

9 MR. CASTORINA The next one we have, it's  
10 a pagination issue. It's QN2100623.

11 PRESIDENT UMANE: Okay. Did they fix it  
12 or --

13 MR. CASTORINA No, this is, the whole  
14 petition is not numbered, so we're asking that if  
15 we can, this can be ruled a defect and then we  
16 can sent them a letter asking them to correct  
17 this. It's an not attempted cure, it would be an  
18 NCN notice to correct it.

19 PRESIDENT UMANE: Okay.

20 MR. CASTORINA We're not at that stage  
21 yet.

22 SECRETARY CAMILO: This is something  
23 that just came in that we didn't have email to  
24 us?

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2 MR. CASTORINA No, it's in the email.

3 It's the attachment --

4 PRESIDENT UMANE: It's the first of the  
5 Queens pagination ones.

6 MR. CASTORINA It ends in 623.

7 SECRETARY CAMILO: Got it, okay, second.

8 MR. CASTORINA Alright. And then the  
9 second one is on the list as well. It's QN2100095  
10 and this is the same issue. There's actually a  
11 page number, there's two page 20s listed. And the  
12 page numbers 89 to 180 are not in order, so we're  
13 asking if we can send out a letter asking them if  
14 they can fix this issue.

15 PRESIDENT UMANE: Okay.

16 SECRETARY CAMILO: Second.

17 MR. CASTORINA Okay. Great, and that's  
18 all we have for Queens.

19 SECRETARY CAMILO: Thank you.

20 MR. CASTORINA Alright. Thank you.

21 MR. SAVINO: Nicholas?

22 MR. CASTORINA Thank you.

23 SECRETARY CAMILO: You always leave  
24 Queens for last.

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2 MR. SAVINO: I believe Queens usually  
3 has the smallest amount of letters that we've got  
4 to get out overnight tonight, so.

5 SECRETARY CAMILO: We have to pack.

6 MR. CASTORINA Thank you.

7 SECRETARY CAMILO: Thank you so much.

8 Are we doing Manhattan next, Mr. Savino?

9 MR. SAVINO: Yes.

10 SECRETARY CAMILO: Okay.

11 MR. NICHOLAS ZIMMITTI: Good afternoon,  
12 commissioners.

13 SECRETARY CAMILO: Good afternoon.

14 MR. ZIMMITTI: I numbered my, the  
15 volumes so that if you don't mind, we can just  
16 start with number one if that's okay with you.

17 SECRETARY CAMILO: And that should be  
18 candidate Ben Kallos, right?

19 MR. ZIMMITTI: Yes.

20 SECRETARY CAMILO: Okay.

21 MR. ZIMMITTI: It's actually an amended  
22 cover sheet that we had sent out an NCN and on  
23 the NCN we noted that there was a petition volume  
24 2993 that was, that did not have Mr. Kallos' name

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2 and it was removed from the amended cover sheet.  
3 The team reviewed the cover sheet and found it to  
4 be okay.

5 SECRETARY CAMILO: Okay. I would move to  
6 deem this a valid cure.

7 PRESIDENT UMANE: Yes.

8 MR. ZIMMITTI: Alright. Thank you,  
9 commissioners. Item number two is a Democratic  
10 petition, the name of the candidate is  
11 Christopher Chin. The petition number is 4263 and  
12 it is listed here on the cover sheet, however we  
13 do not have a 4263 does not exist in our system.  
14 So I'd like to send them a letter to tell him to  
15 amend his cover sheet and correct it.

16 PRESIDENT UMANE: That's fine.

17 SECRETARY CAMILO: Second.

18 MR. ZIMMITTI: Thank you. The third item  
19 is Tiersa Espina [phonetic] and the petition, the  
20 total number of volumes does not appear on the  
21 cover sheet. It would appear that there's only  
22 one volume, but we don't know because it's not on  
23 the cover sheet. We'd like to send a letter,  
24 asking them to correct this defect.

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2 SECRETARY CAMILO: So moved, to send a  
3 letter.

4 PRESIDENT UMANE: Okay.

5 MR. ZIMMITTI: Thank you. Item number  
6 four, item number four is a pagination issue.  
7 It's volume 3984, Miguel Estrella is the  
8 candidate, but no, excuse me, wrong one.

9 PRESIDENT UMANE: Well, that is number  
10 four.

11 SECRETARY CAMILO: Yeah, that's number  
12 four, Miguel Estrella, pages 39 to 41 missing.

13 MR. ZIMMITTI: Yeah, but, uh, the cover,  
14 the petition volume is not matching that. Athena  
15 Moore is on this one. Alright. So if you don't  
16 mind, we'll move on to the others, and I'll come  
17 back to that. Sorry about that, commissioners.  
18 Number five, Lester Chang, a Republican for City  
19 Council, volume numbers 3462. There are a couple  
20 of issues. Number one, there's an apartment  
21 number on the petition, which is not listed for  
22 his address on the cover sheet. On volume 3462,  
23 on the petition, there is no --

24 PRESIDENT UMANE: Well, that's not a



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2 cover sheet. That's not -- what's on the petition  
3 --

4 MR. ZIMMITTI: The cover sheet isn't  
5 matching the petition is what I'm saying, that  
6 the district, he's running for City Council  
7 District 1 and it's listed on the cover sheet.

8 PRESIDENT UMANE: Yeah, but how will  
9 changing the cover sheet, how is that going to  
10 change the fact that there's no office on the  
11 petition?

12 MR. ZIMMITTI: It's not. I just, I just,  
13 I'm presenting that there's a difference.

14 PRESIDENT UMANE: [unintelligible]  
15 [01:19:44].

16 MR. ZIMMITTI: Pardon?

17 PRESIDENT UMANE: It's not something,  
18 that should be on the prima facie, but that's not  
19 a cover sheet.

20 MR. ZIMMITTI: Okay.

21 PRESIDENT UMANE: How, how  
22 [unintelligible] [01:19:56] cure the cover sheet  
23 by fixing the petition?

24 MR. SAVINO: I mean that, I think it was

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2 a similar situation with the Republican, the  
3 gentleman who was running for Republican. But I  
4 mean it will be on the prima facie, right for  
5 that issue, CRU.

6 MR. ZIMMITTI: Yeah. So those are the  
7 issues that are here.

8 PRESIDENT UMANE: I don't, personally, I  
9 don't, I mean I think he's got a big problem  
10 because if he didn't list the office that he's  
11 running for on those petitions, I think that's a  
12 problem. I would not send out an NCN for the  
13 apartment number.

14 MR. ZIMMITTI: Alright. Thank you very  
15 much, commissioners.

16 PRESIDENT UMANE: As long as the address  
17 is correct.

18 SECRETARY CAMILO: So I'm sorry, based -  
19 - Commissioner Umane, if you could just repeat.  
20 Based on their not being a cover sheet, you don't  
21 believe that there should be any notice?

22 PRESIDENT UMANE: Well, if it's only  
23 two. I don't think we should send a notice for an  
24 apartment. It's not an incorrect apartment, they

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2 just put it on one and not the other, but the  
3 address is correct. And I think we've held  
4 previously whether you've put an apartment on or  
5 not is not a material defect. So I wouldn't send  
6 it just for that.

7 And I'm not sure, even though the fact  
8 that you didn't put the office that you're  
9 running for on the petition is a fatal defect for  
10 that petition volume anyway. But I don't know is  
11 if it's a cover sheet violation. Raphael, what do  
12 you think?

13 MR. SAVINO: No, I agree with you,  
14 commissioner. I mean in terms of the apartment  
15 number certainly has not been ruled as a defect  
16 generally speaking.

17 PRESIDENT UMANE: And what about the  
18 noncompliance of the petition rather than the  
19 cover sheet? The cover sheet is correct. He's  
20 running for the 1st City Council.

21 MR. SAVINO: Yeah, but Lester Chang, Mr.  
22 Chang doesn't appear.

23 MR. ZIMMITTI: There is no --

24 MR. SAVINO: Right.

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2 PRESIDENT UMANE: So if you were to send  
3 an NCN letter just because of the non, sort of  
4 the noncompliance with the petition volume that  
5 didn't list the position that he's running for --

6 MR. SAVINO: On one of the volumes.

7 PRESIDENT UMANE: -- what sort of cure  
8 can you expect in the cover sheet?

9 MR. SAVINO: Yeah, that's on one of the  
10 volumes. Traditionally, we have sent out cover  
11 sheets, but it will be prima facie for that one  
12 volume.

13 PRESIDENT UMANE: Right, but if you send  
14 a notice to cure how are they going to cure the  
15 cover sheet to make it anything different than  
16 what he has now?

17 MR. SAVINO: Right. You're correct,  
18 commissioner. That is an argument you've made  
19 before and it's a valid point.

20 SECRETARY CAMILO: So what's your  
21 motion, Commissioner Umane?

22 PRESIDENT UMANE: I guess that we don't  
23 send him anything, but that he's going to lose  
24 the volume when it comes up on the prima facie

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2 calendar.

3 SECRETARY CAMILO: So I think we're not  
4 sending a notice.

5 PRESIDENT UMANE: We're not sending a  
6 notice.

7 SECRETARY CAMILO: I would second that.

8 MR. ZIMMITTI: Thank you, commissioners.  
9 The next item, number six, Kimberly Watkins,  
10 borough president and we do not have a petition  
11 identification number on the cover sheet. We  
12 don't know what to compare the cover sheet to.

13 SECRETARY CAMILO: So --

14 MR. ZIMMITTI: She's going to have to  
15 tell us which volume number. We'd send an NCN and  
16 she'd have to tell us which volume number she  
17 appears in.

18 SECRETARY CAMILO: I would move to send  
19 the notice.

20 PRESIDENT UMANE: Yes, that's okay.

21 MR. ZIMMITTI: Thank you. And number  
22 seven, the final one for today, Hilda Solomon,  
23 for female district leader in the 68th Part A.  
24 Her cover sheet, the petitions again, this is an

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2 apartment number on the petition, not on the  
3 cover sheet and it also omits the number of  
4 volumes that she is claiming. She lists four  
5 volumes on the cover sheet, but she didn't give  
6 us the total number as well on the cover sheet.  
7 It's just an NCN ask her to correct it.

8 PRESIDENT UMANE: Okay.

9 SECRETARY CAMILO: I would move to send  
10 notice, yes, second.

11 MR. ZIMMITTI: Thank you. And that's all  
12 for Manhattan for today.

13 PRESIDENT UMANE: Okay. Thank you.

14 SECRETARY CAMILO: Thank you.

15 MR. ZIMMITTI: Thank you very much  
16 commissioners.

17 SECRETARY CAMILO: Alright. Let's get to  
18 the Bronx, come on.

19 MR. SAVINO: And we'll address that  
20 tomorrow?

21 MR. ZIMMITTI: Yeah, we'll have to, I'll  
22 have to figure that one out. My apologies on  
23 that.

24 MR. SAVINO: No worries. I mean maybe

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2 they gave you the wrong volume.

3 MR. ZIMMITTI: Have a good afternoon.

4 MS. ZOYA SHPIGELMAN: Good afternoon,  
5 commissioners.

6 SECRETARY CAMILO: Good afternoon.

7 PRESIDENT UMANE: Hi.

8 MS. SHPIGELMAN: Okay. So, the first  
9 matter, whenever you're ready, I can begin.

10 PRESIDENT UMANE: We're ready.

11 SECRETARY CAMILO: Thank you.

12 MS. SHPIGELMAN: Thank you. So the name  
13 of the candidate here is Altagracia Soldevilla,  
14 hopefully I pronounced that correctly, running  
15 for member of City Council, 15th District. They,  
16 we sent an NCN letter on March 26th, and it fixed  
17 the identification issue, however, the amended  
18 cover sheet has no party on it, so unfortunately  
19 we recommended this be deemed a non-valid cure

20 PRESIDENT UMANE: I'm sorry, which one  
21 is this?

22 MS. SHPIGELMAN: This is Altagracia  
23 Soldevilla.

24 PRESIDENT UMANE: Alright.

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2 MS. SHPIGELMAN: The last attachment.

3 PRESIDENT UMANE: The last one, okay.  
4 Let me just take a look.

5 SECRETARY CAMILO: I'm looking at it now  
6 and it doesn't have --

7 PRESIDENT UMANE: Yeah, no, no party.

8 SECRETARY CAMILO: No party. So I will  
9 move to deem this not a valid cure.

10 PRESIDENT UMANE: Yes, I agree.

11 MS. SHPIGELMAN: Alright. Thank you,  
12 commissioners. Okay. The next one we have is the  
13 name of the candidate, Verena C. Powell, public  
14 office, judge of the civil court of the city of  
15 New York, 2nd Municipal Court, Bronx County,  
16 assigned vacancy number two. This candidate  
17 amended the cover sheet successfully. The only  
18 thing that was missing from it is before it had  
19 Queens County as you can see, and now it has  
20 Bronx County. So we recommended this be deemed a  
21 valid cure.

22 SECRETARY CAMILO: And it has the  
23 certification language, so I would move to  
24 approve as valid cure.



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2 PRESIDENT UMANE: Okay.

3 MS. SHPIGELMAN: Thank you.

4 MR. SAVINO: We have another similar  
5 situation here.

6 MS. SHPIGELMAN: And we have the same  
7 situation actually for Fernando Cabrera running  
8 for president of the borough of the Bronx of the  
9 city of New York. It's the same, literally the  
10 same issue, it used to say on the original cover  
11 sheet Queens County when it was supposed to say  
12 Bronx County and he amended it successfully.

13 PRESIDENT UMANE: You're kidding me. The  
14 guy is running for borough president and he got  
15 the county wrong? [laughter]

16 SECRETARY CAMILO: Well, him or his  
17 representative. I would move to deem it a valid  
18 cure.

19 MS. SHPIGELMAN: Thank you.

20 PRESIDENT UMANE: Okay, it wasn't done  
21 by Stanley Schlein, that I can see. [laughter]

22 SECRETARY CAMILO: Is that it for the  
23 Bronx?

24 MS. SHPIGELMAN: I have the last item

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2 that came to my attention, which was not sent to  
3 you commissioners, is a pagination issue for  
4 volume number BX2100109. Okay. The page after  
5 sheet number 58 is listed as 56. I can show it to  
6 you or I don't know if you can see it.

7 MR. SAVINO: I mean we can try and hold  
8 it up.

9 PRESIDENT UMANE: Just tell us, just  
10 tell us.

11 SECRETARY CAMILO: Just tell us. Thank  
12 you.

13 MS. SHPIGELMAN: No problem. Basically  
14 the page after sheet number 58 is listed as 56.  
15 That's the pagination issue.

16 PRESIDENT UMANE: Okay. And they cured  
17 it? Or this is --

18 MS. SHPIGELMAN: We did not receive any  
19 notification of a cure.

20 MR. SAVINO: Well, we didn't -- this is  
21 the first we've found out from downstairs --

22 MS. SHPIGELMAN: Yeah.

23 MR. SAVINO: -- that it was a page  
24 numbering defect.

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2 MS. SHPIGELMAN: Yes.

3 MR. SAVINO: So we're at the beginning  
4 stage where we'll send a notice.

5 PRESIDENT UMANE: It's the first day, so  
6 they should get a notice to cure letter.

7 MR. SAVINO: Correct. I mean --

8 SECRETARY CAMILO: Second.

9 MR. SAVINO: -- if you agree, yes.

10 MS. SHPIGELMAN: Okay. Thank you so  
11 much. And that will be all, commissioners.

12 PRESIDENT UMANE: Thank you very much.

13 SECRETARY CAMILO: Thank you.

14 MR. SAVINO: Thank you, commissioners.

15 PRESIDENT UMANE: Raphael, are we done?

16 MR. SAVINO: Yeah, that's it for today.

17 MS. SHPIGELMAN: Yes.

18 PRESIDENT UMANE: Thank you --

19 MR. SAVINO: There will be more.

20 SECRETARY CAMILO: Thank you Mr. Savino  
21 for everything.

22 MR. SAVINO: Thank you guys.

23 MS. SHPIGELMAN: Thank you.

24 SECRETARY CAMILO: Bye-bye.

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PRESIDENT UMANE: Take care. Stay well.

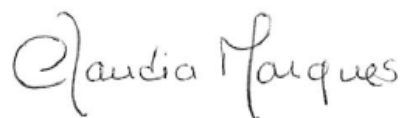
MS. SHPIGELMAN: Take care.

(The meeting concluded at 3:01 p.m.)

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