

BOARD OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

42 Broadway - 6th floor
Commissioners' Hearing Room

New York, NY 10004

May 18, 2021

1:30 p.m. - 2:19 p.m.

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PRESENT:

President Frederic Umane
Secretary Miguelina Camilo
Commissioner Jose Araujo
Commissioner Gino Marmorato
Commissioner Michael Michel
Commissioner Simon Shamoun
Commissioner Rodney L. Pepe-Souvenir
Commissioner Patricia Ann 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
Hemalee Patel, General Counsel
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel
Sherwin Suss, Chief Contracting Officer
Valeria Diaz, Communications Director

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2 (The meeting commenced at 1:33 p.m.)

3 MS. DAWN SANDOW: Good afternoon, today
4 is Tuesday, May 18, 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'm the deputy executive director of the
8 Board of Elections. I will begin today's meeting
9 with the commissioners' roll call. Secretary
10 Camilo?

11 SECRETARY MIGUELINA CAMILO: Present.

12 MS. SANDOW: Commissioner Araujo?

13 COMMISSIONER JOSE ARAUJO: Present, and
14 good afternoon, everyone.

15 MS. SANDOW: Commissioner Marmorato?

16 COMMISSIONER GINO MARMORATO: Present,
17 good afternoon.

18 MS. SANDOW: Commissioner Michel?

19 COMMISSIONER MICHAEL MICHEL: Good
20 afternoon, present.

21 MS. SANDOW: Commissioner Pepe-Souvenir?

22 COMMISSIONER RODNEY L. PEPE-SOUVENIR:
23 Good afternoon everyone, present.

24 MS. SANDOW: Commissioner Shamoun?

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2 COMMISSIONER SIMON SHAMOUN: Present,
3 thank you.

4 MS. SANDOW: Commissioner Taylor?

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

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, everybody, present.

13 MS. SANDOW: And I believe Commissioner
14 Umane, President Umane has just joined us.

15 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: We can't hear you.

16 PRESIDENT FREDERIC UMANE: Hi, present,
17 I'm sorry I'm late.

18 MS. SANDOW: Also joining us today from
19 executive management is Georgea Kontzamanis,
20 operations manager, Ken Moltner and Steven
21 Denkberg, counsels to the commissioners have
22 joined us, as well as general counsel Hemalee
23 Patel and deputy general counsel Raphael Savino.

24 Item one on the agenda, absentee

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2 ballots, we are continuing to process and send
3 out absentee ballots. To date, 92,589 absentee
4 ballots have been sent out, which includes the
5 vendor, uploads to NYS Ballot System and any in-
6 person absentees issued by the borough offices.
7 The tracking portal is updated and current. We
8 were pleased to see over the weekend the *Daily*
9 *News Editorial* found our process to be easy and
10 helpful as well.

11 We have begun the refresher training
12 class for poll workers reinforcing what is new
13 with ranked-choice voting and the two-page
14 ballot. As of date, we have trained over 22
15 percent of our early voting and election day
16 workforce and are on track to have all poll
17 workers receive a refresher class online or in
18 person before the June primary.

19 We want to point out with the governor's
20 announcement yesterday that New York State will
21 adopt the new CDC guidance on mask use and social
22 distancing. We reached out to the state board as
23 well as to the governor's office for guidance
24 both for poll workers and our poll sites. We will

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2 have an update on this next week.

3 In regards to ranked-choice voting, we
4 received from the state board yesterday both
5 final independent lab reports on the software
6 testing. Our staff has reviewed both reports and
7 we see no issues to report. We should have the
8 executive summary from the state board by close
9 of business today and the state board is to
10 address RCV at next week's state board meeting
11 scheduled for Tuesday the 25th at noon.

12 A few reminders. Today is the first day
13 to file independent nominating petitions for the
14 November general election. The last day to file
15 is next Tuesday, May 25th. We are open for filing
16 until 5:00 p.m. for every business day. That does
17 not include the weekends. And we'll be open until
18 midnight on the last day to file, which again is
19 Tuesday, May 25th.

20 Also, the last day to register to vote
21 for the June primary is next Friday, May 28th.
22 Registration forms may be hand delivered or
23 postmarked by Friday the 28th to be eligible to
24 vote in the June primary. The general office will

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2 be open until midnight on the 28th and the
3 borough offices will be open from 9:00 to 5:00.
4 We will post signs and update our website
5 accordingly.

6 I'd like to turn it over to legal to
7 announce the cover sheet review dates and the
8 commissioners that are scheduled.

9 MR. RAPHAEL SAVINO: Good afternoon,
10 commissioners. We are, you know, independent
11 nominating petition matters are upon us and we
12 have to do cover sheet review. My understanding
13 is Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. will be
14 Commissioner Camilo and Commissioner Marmorato.
15 Friday, May 21st at 3:00 p.m. will be
16 Commissioner Townsend and Commissioner Shamoun
17 and Monday May 24th at 3:00 p.m. will be
18 Commissioner Araujo and Commissioner Michel. And
19 if there is nothing to present that particular
20 day, we will let the commissioners know and the
21 public as well. Thank you for volunteering.

22 MS. SANDOW: Commissioners, this
23 concludes today's agenda. She we set the next
24 meeting date before we go into executive session

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2 for litigation and personnel?

3 PRESIDENT UMANE: Yeah, I move that we
4 meet next Tuesday at 1:30.

5 PRESIDENT UMANE: Second.

6 PRESIDENT UMANE: All in favor?

7 MULTIPLE: Aye.

8 PRESIDENT UMANE: All opposed? All
9 abstentions? So our next scheduled meeting will
10 be next Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. And I move that we
11 go into executive session for litigation and
12 personnel.

13 SECRETARY CAMILO: Second.

14 PRESIDENT UMANE: All in favor? All
15 opposed? All abstentions. To the extent that
16 there's anything that comes out of executive
17 session, it'll be announced. Thank you. And we'll
18 see everybody next week.

19 [EXECUTIVE SESSION]

20 MS. SANDOW: Thank you and this closes
21 our meeting. Our next meeting will be Tuesday,
22 May 25th at 1:30. Have a good day, everyone.

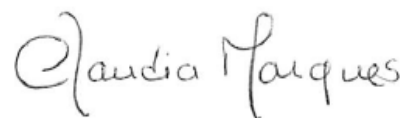
23 (The meeting concluded at 2:19 p.m.)

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