

MEETING OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2015
AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: President Michael Michel
 Secretary Bianka Perez

Commissioners Jose Araujo, Ronald Castorina, John Flateau, Maria R. Guastella, Alan Schulkin, Michael Rendino, Simon Shamoun, Frederic M. Umane

Dawn Sandow, Deputy Executive Director
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel
Nina M. Crispino, Director, Personnel
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Communications
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Kate Doran, LWV
 Katharine Loving, CFB
 Sarina Trangle, City & State
 John D. Smith
 Anna-Maria Thomas

President Michel called the meeting to order at 1:36 P.M.

Commissioner Rendino requested for a revision to the June 14, 2015 minutes. On page 5 in the last paragraph, there was an error concerning a Bronx employee's title. Milagros Herrera was a Voting Machine Technician, not a Clerk. Commissioner Araujo moved to adopt the minutes as amended for the July 14, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Rendino seconded the motion, with Commissioner Guastella abstaining. The motion was adopted. Commissioner Guastella abstained because she was not present at that meeting.

Mr. Richman requested for volunteers to serve as members of the Commissioners' Petition and Cover Sheet Review Committee for Week #3. The schedule of those Committees follows:

- Thurs., July 23rd, 3pm Commissioners Shamoun & Schulkin
- Mon., July 27th, TBD Commissioners Rendino & Guastella

The schedule will be posted on the Board's website.

Mr. Richman presented the Draft Public Notice for the Schedule of Hearings on Designating Petitions and Related Matters. Copies of the draft were circulated to the Commissioners. After discussion, the Schedule of Hearings was determined. The information follows:

- **Tuesday, July 28, 2015, 1:30 P.M.**

- Stated Meeting of the Commissioners
- Queens County
 - Prima Facie Matters
 - Specifications of Objections
- Bronx County
 - Prima Facie Matters
 - Specifications of Objections
- **Wednesday, July 29, 2015, 10:00 A.M.**
 - Kings County
 - Prima Facie Matters
 - Specifications of Objections
 - New York County
 - Prima Facie Matters
 - Specifications of Objections
 - Call of Deferred Matters, if any.
- **Thursday, July 30, 2015, 1:30 P.M.**
 - Richmond County
 - Prima Facie Matters
 - Specifications of Objections
 - Call of Deferred Matters, if any.

Commissioner Araujo moved to post the Schedule of Hearings on the Board's website. President Michel seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Richman reported that the Board received two (2) Orders to Show Cause, but they contained provisions that were not in accordance with the Board's adopted Designating Petition Rules, specifically Rule K, relating to the production of documents and records in judicial proceedings. He requested to ask the New York City Law Department to negotiate with the opposing counsels to see if they will modify their Orders to conform to the Board's Rule and if not, to seek the necessary stay to produce documents in the Appellate Division under the civil practice law. Commissioner Umane provided background information about Rule K. Commissioner Castorina recommended taking the necessary steps to protect the integrity of the Board's Rules. Commissioner Umane moved to authorize Corporation Counsel to take appropriate steps to preserve the Board's Rules and to limit the amount of information that is required on the opening day, and to hope and expect that at any Hearings that require the full provision of records to be done at the local Board Offices rather than at the court houses, and only such information that is specifically directed by the court

have to be brought to the court house. Commissioner Castorina seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Richman reminded that the Commissioners' Petition and Cover Sheet Review Committee will be meeting immediately after the meeting.

Secretary Perez noted that Commissioner Flateau is present.

Secretary Perez moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Araujo seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at 1:30 P.M.