

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016
AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: President Bianka Perez
 Secretary Frederic M. Umane

Commissioners Jose Araujo, Lisa Grey, Maria R. Guastella, Michael Rendino, Alan Schulkin, Simon Shamoun

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Communications & Public Affairs
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Katharine Loving, NYC Campaign Finance Bd.
 Kate Doran, LWV NYC
 Cathy Gray
 Ti-Hua Chang

President Perez called the meeting to order at 1:40 P.M.

Commissioner Schulkin moved to approve the minutes for the February 8, 2016 meeting. President Perez seconded the motion, with Commissioner Guastella abstaining. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Richman requested for the appointment of a Cover Sheet Review Committee to review Cover Sheets for the 2016 Presidential Primary Election and the April 19, 2016 Special Election (65th Assembly District) to meet immediately following the Commissioners' Meeting. President Perez and Secretary Umane volunteered to serve as the Cover Sheet Review Committee.

For informational purposes, Mr. Richman distributed copies of the Draft Petition Rules for the 2016 Primary Elections, and the Draft Petition Filing Calendar for the June 28, 2016 Federal Primary for the Commissioners to review.

Commissioner Guastella requested to discuss personnel matters in Executive Session.

Secretary Umane moved to convene Executive Session for personnel matters. President Perez seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Following Executive Session, the open public meeting resumed and Mr. Ryan reported the following actions taken in Executive Session:

- I. Tyheem James, a Clerk in the Brooklyn Office, agreed to a Stipulation of Settlement involving one (1) year of probation and five (5) days of unpaid suspension;
- II. Saman Mahood was appointed Administrative Assistant in the General Office with the annual salary of \$42,497, effective after Personnel and Payroll processes are completed;
- III. In a vote of seven (7) in favor and one (1) opposed, Anthony Ribustello, Deputy Chief Clerk of the Bronx Office, is returned to his full time position, effective February 14, 2016.

President Perez moved to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Umane seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 immediately following the Hearings on Specifications of Objections for the April 19, 2016 Presidential Primary scheduled at 1:30 P.M.