

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2016  
AT 1:30 P.M.  
42 BROADWAY, 6<sup>th</sup> FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM  
NEW YORK, NY 10004

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PRESENT: Secretary Frederic M. Umame

Commissioners Jose Araujo, John Flateau, Michael Michel, Alan Schulkin,  
Simon Shamoun, Rosanna Vargas

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director  
Dawn Sandow, Deputy Executive Director  
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager  
Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager  
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel  
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Communications & Public Affairs  
Debra Leible, Coordinator, Election Day Operations  
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners  
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Oross L., NY1  
Katharine Loving, NYC Campaign Finance Board  
Monica Bartley, CIDNY  
Susan Lerner, Common Cause/NY  
Catherine Gray  
Kate Doran, LWVNYC  
Amanda Melillo, CFB  
Anna-Maria Thomas  
Ada Madina Toure

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In President Guastella's absence, Secretary Umame called the  
meeting to order at 1:40 P.M.

Commissioner Araujo moved to adopt the minutes for the October 11, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Michel seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan reported on the Poll Worker Exception Reports for the November 8, 2016 General Election. Copies of the five (5) boroughs' Reports, approved by each Commissioners' Committee, were previously circulated to the full Board. Ms. Leible requested for full Board approval of the Reports. Commissioner Araujo moved to adopt the Poll Worker Exception Reports for the November 8, 2016 General Election. Commissioner Michel seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Per Secretary Umame's request, Mr. Ryan reported on a matter concerning Local Registration Day. Local Registration Day is required by statute and conducted at various locations citywide and statewide for Presidential Election years for individual in-person registration. The dates scheduled were Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Ryan reported that on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> a batch of 154 voter registration forms were delivered in bulk to the poll workers stationed at a Local Registration table in Manhattan, and that batch was then physically

delivered to the Manhattan Borough Office on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Even though the batch of registrations was brought to the borough office after the October 14<sup>th</sup> deadline of the last day to drop off registrations, Secretary Umane felt they should nonetheless be considered timely since they were delivered to the Board's poll workers at a Local Registration site on October 13, 2016, which was a day before the deadline. Secretary Umane requested for the full Board to create a uniform policy on how to handle bulk voter registrations at Local Registration Day sites in the future. Secretary Umane moved to accept and process the batch of 154 voter registrations and to adopt a policy going forward to only accept bulk voter registrations at the Borough Offices and the General Office, not at the special Local Registration Days, and to instruct the poll workers at those locations to refer the person where to file bulk registrations. Before a vote was taken by the full Board, Commissioner Araujo agreed that the bulk registrations should be considered timely, but requested a friendly amendment for staff to examine the issue further before setting a formal policy. Secretary Umane accepted Commissioner Araujo's amendment. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted. Commissioner Michel requested for Executive Management and the Office of the General Counsel to research this matter further and to report their findings as soon as possible.

Commissioner Flateau inquired about the total amount of voter registrations received on the October 13, 2016 and October 15, 2016 special Local Registration Days citywide. Mr. Ryan reported the following information per borough:

- Bronx – 323
- Brooklyn – 600
- Manhattan – 757
- Queens – 675
- Staten Island – 130
- Citywide Total – 2,485

For informational purposes, Mr. Ryan reported that the New York State Office of the Attorney General (OAG) submitted a letter to the State Board crediting the City Board with following the proper procedures and law concerning affidavit ballots on Election Day.

Mr. Ryan introduced Ariel Merkel and Sean Gerlis, the Board's newly hired Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinators, who will be working with New York City's accessibility community. The Commissioners welcomed Ms. Merkel and Mr. Gerlis to the Board.

Secretary Umame recognized Susan Lerner, a representative of Election Protection and Common Cause-NY, who reported that Election Protection would like to meet with the Board, and was concerned about Commissioner Schulkin's comments.

Secretary Umame moved to convene an Executive Session for purposes of personnel. The motion was seconded, and unanimously adopted.

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

- I. The Commissioners unanimously granted an advance of 35 hours to Maria Carluccio, a Financial Clerk in the Manhattan Office, retroactive to October 3, 2016.

Secretary Umame moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 1:30 P.M.