

BOARD OF ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

PROCEDURES

For The

DECEMBER 29, 2009

PUBLIC HEARING ON

THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK'S

SELECTION OF A

NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

CERTIFIED POLL SITE BASED OPTICAL

SCANNING SYSTEM FOR USE IN 2010

WITHIN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Adopted March 2, 2009

Modified December 8, 2009

The Board of Elections in the City of New York has committed itself to an open and transparent process for the selection of new voting systems for use by the voters of the City of New York. That process continues with the December 29, 2009 public hearing which will be held from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Commissioners' Hearing Room on the 6th Floor at the Board's Executive Office, 42 Broadway, New York, NY 10004.

SUBJECT MATTER FOR
TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS BY
THE PUBLIC

The purpose of the December 29, 2009 hearing is to receive public comment with respect to which poll site based optical scanning voting system from among those certified by the New York State Board of Elections at its meeting on December 15, 2009 that the Commissioners of Elections in the City of New York may lawfully select for use in all elections conducted by the Board of Elections in the City of New York, commencing with the September 2010 Primary Election.

The Board of Elections requests that speakers indicate their preference and the basis for that preference from among the systems certified by the NYS Board of Elections.

This is not a forum to discuss the merits of different types of voting systems or New York State's overall process.

It is specifically designed to gain public input to assist the Commissioners in making a choice that is limited under State Law to those systems which will have been certified by the NYS Board of Elections.

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In order to enable the Board to hear from the maximum number of speakers within the limited time frame, the Board unanimously adopted the procedures set forth below to govern the public hearing which will be held on Tuesday, December 29, 2009 from 6 to 8 PM:

1. **Speakers shall register prior to the commencement of the hearing either:**
 - (a) **by telephone by calling the Board's Office of Communications at (212) 487-5404, by 4:30 PM, December 29th; or**
 - (b) **in person at the Reception Counter of the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 6th Floor, 42 Broadway, New York, NY 10004 by 6:30 PM, December 29th;**

2. **Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes. The time limit will be strictly enforced.**

3. **Speakers are invited to submit their written testimony to the Board, preferably prior to the hearing, by the close of business on Monday, December 28, 2009. Speakers are requested to bring 15 copies of any prepared statements for submission to the Commissioners.**

- 4. Representatives and/or Members of the same organization or entity shall combine their statements into one presentation not exceeding the three (3) minute limitation. The Commissioners have the right to terminate a speaker who presents testimony that appears to be similar to that of an organization/entry that has already spoken or does not address the subject of this public hearing.**

- 5. The Board will accommodate as many speakers as possible, but the Public Hearing will adjourn at the announced time for the conclusion of the public hearing -- 8:00 PM.**
