

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022 AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: President Rodney L. Pepe-Souvenir
 Secretary Simon Shamoun

Commissioners Jose Miguel Araujo, Michael J. Coppotelli, Jenny Low,
Gino A. Marmorato, Jodi Morales, Keith Sullivan, Patricia Anne Taylor, Frederic
M. Umane

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director
Vincent M. Ignizio, Deputy Executive Director
Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager
Wilma Brown Phillips, Administrative Manager
Hemalee J. Patel, General Counsel
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

Matthew Graves, Candidate Records Unit

Mr. Ryan opened the meeting, and announced that today is the 4th day of
Early Voting, for the Special Election in the 58th Assembly District in Kings
County. The Polls are open today until 6:00 P.M., and Early Voting continues
through Sunday, May 22, 2022, for the Election to be held on Tuesday, May 24,
2022.

This is the board's 5th Special Election conducted since the beginning of this year.

As of 1:00 PM today, a total of 95 voters have voted early in the first several days of Early Voting for the Special Election in Kings County.

The hours and locations of the Early Voting Poll Sites for the 58th Assembly District Special Election, can be found on the Board's website, at www.vote.nyc.

Mr. Ryan stated that the new canvass procedures, enacted into law earlier this year, will be utilized for this Special Election in Kings County.

With these new procedures in place, Absentee ballots will be canvassed within 4 days of receipt, and canvassed ballots are scanned in so that they are included in the Board's Election Night Reporting.

The scanning of the canvassed ballots will occur on the day before Early Voting begins, for all canvassed ballots up to that date; and again on the day before Election Day, for any other additional ballots that are received and canvassed.

As of Friday, May 13, 2022, the Borough offices have scanned a total of 59 Absentee Ballots, and a total of 953 Absentee Ballots have been mailed to voters.

Voters should be reminded that if they have requested an Absentee Ballot, their names will not appear on the Poll List to vote at the Poll Site.

President Pepe-Souvenir moved to adopt the minutes of the May 10, 2022 Commissioners Meeting. Commissioner Umame seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Hemalee Patel, General Counsel, informed the Commissioners Committee that there are some final matters to be addressed with the Board of Canvassers from the Hearings on Designating Petitions in Kings and Queens Counties, for the June 28, 2022 Primary Election. The notice for today's hearing was posted on the Board's website on Friday, May 13, 2022, and notification was sent to all Contacts or Attorneys for the Candidates.

Mrs. Patel noted that there are no appearances for today's hearing matters.

Matthew Graves, of the Candidate Records Unit, addressed the Board of Canvassers and provided the Prima Facie report for the Counties of Kings and Queens:

- Kings County Prima Facie Matters

Democratic Party: Joyce Perry
Joan M. L. Alexander Bakiriddin

Republican Party: Enid H. Goldstein

Conservative Party: Jane Warnick
Dennis Warnick
Patricia Mustaro
Theresa Ciccone

- Queens County Prima Facie Matters

Democratic Party: Todd Friedman

Republican Party: Enid H. Goldstein

Commissioner Morales made a motion to move the Prima Facie Report. Commissioner Araujo seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The regular stated meeting of the Commissioners Committee resumed.

Mr. Ryan provided an update on the newly established Primary Election. As per the Courts ruling, the Primary Election for members of United States Congress and United States Senate will be held on Tuesday, August 23, 2022. Early Voting will be conducted on Saturday, August 13, 2022 through Sunday, August 21, 2022, and the hours will remain the same as established for the June 28, 2022 Primary Election.

The Board staff is in the process of making all necessary preparations, including notifying Poll Sites, Poll Workers and Vendors for supplies, to ensure that everything is in place for the August 23, 2022 Primary that is necessary to conduct the election.

Mr. Ryan noted that there are some obstacles in regards to preparations, as many sectors are experiencing supply-chain demand issues, but the Board will remain diligent and those issues will be successfully addressed.

The Courts have directed via court order, the method of ballot access for the August 23, 2022 Primary Election, which includes a new Designating and Independent Nominating Petition filing period. The new calendars for both filings have been drafted by the New York State Board of Elections, and once approved will be posted on the Board's website.

The final district maps were released by the Courts yesterday, and will be finalized by Friday, May 20, 2022. The petition period begins on Saturday, May 21, 2022. Once the final maps have been received, the Board staff will begin the redistricting process again for the new United States Congressional and New York State Senate Districts. The goal is to complete this process before the petition filing period begins on the week of June 6, 2022.

The Court order also allows prior candidates who had a valid petition filed with the Board, to file a certificate designating their candidacy. The form for filing a Certificate of Designation has been drafted by the New York State Board of Elections, and will be posted on the Board's website.

The Board was successfully able to pause the Annual Information Notice, to add an alert advising voters about the second Primary Election on August 23, 2022.

The production of the notices has now resumed, and a total of 4,627,519 notices will be sent to voters citywide. The Information Notice will inform voters of the upcoming elections for the remainder of the year, including the split Primary Elections to be held in June and August of 2022. The notices will be mailed on Friday, May 27, 2022.

The Commissioners Committee inquired about the Court's order in regards to requirements for candidates running for United States Congress and New York State Senate.

Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager, confirmed that the Court's order states that if you have a valid petition filed with the Board of Elections for New York State Senate, you may run for any seat within that County; and for United States Congress, you may run for any seat within the State.

Ms. Kontzamanis stated that the Court's order will be posted to the Board's website.

Mrs. Patel confirmed that Designating Petitions will begin circulation on Saturday, May 21, 2022, and the filing period begins on Monday, June 6, 2022 through Wednesday, June 8, 2022.

Commissioner Umame moved to convene an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Secretary Shamoun seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Following Executive Session, the open meeting resumed.

The following personnel actions were taken in Executive Session by the unanimous decision of the Board of Commissioners:

1. Marianne Noce, an Administrative Assistant, was granted 105 hours of an advance of sick time. This grant is effective as of May 17, 2022. Ms. Noce's agency start date is August 5, 2007.
2. In lieu of the Juneteenth legal holiday, the Commissioners of Elections have approved a floating holiday that must be used by the end of the 2022 calendar year.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 1:30 P.M.