

MEETING OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2007
AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR EVS CONFERENCE ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

P R E S E N T: Anthony Como, President
 James Sampel, Secretary

Commissioners Dent, Graham, O'Connor, Schacher, Soumas, Umane,
Yennella

John Ravitz, Executive Director
George Gonzalez, Deputy Executive Director
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel
Phil Donahue, Director, Personnel
John Ward, Finance Officer
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Public Relations and Communications
Peter Halprin, Law Student Intern
William Markle, Law Student Intern
Jack Courtney, Temporary Attorney
Samantha Kim, Temporary Attorney
Mona Huang, Sr. Computer Programmer
Philip Mione, Computer Data Analyst
Gladys Fernandez, Technical Liaison
Marilyn Reyes, Technical Writer
Steve Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

Guests: Marjorie Shea, Womens City Club
 Andrea Senteno, Citizen Union
 Jose Adames

President Como called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

President Como moved to adopt the minutes of June 19, 2007.

Secretary Sampel seconded the motion, which was adopted by a vote of 8 in favor (Commissioners Como, Sampel, Dent, Graham, O'Connor, Schacher, Umame, Yennella); 1 abstention (Commissioner Soumas).

President Como moved to table July 10, 2007 until the next meeting. Secretary Sampel seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The Executive Director reported that to date, the Board received 528 petitions; 37 for Public Office and 2,094 for a Party Position.

The Executive Director provided the Commissioners with a copy of a letter signed by him and the Deputy Executive Director George Gonzalez to the Governor, Attorney General and all 212 Members of the New York State Legislature relating to the use of lever machines after September 1, 2007. The Executive Director also provided the Commissioners with a draft of the letter to Voting System Vendors

regarding the potential purchase of handicapped accessible certified voting systems for the 2007 Primary Election.

Commissioner Umame asked the Executive Director to include a request for the terms and conditions including a price quote.

Commissioner O'Connor moved to authorize the Board to send the letter to all potential vendors as amended. Commissioner Graham seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The Executive Director reported that the Board held a meeting with OMB on Thursday, July 12, 2007 regarding the increased cost associated with the contract for Burson-Marsteller.

The Deputy Executive Director provided the Commissioners with the draft of a revised Confirmation Notice for their approval. After review and discussion, President Como moved to approve the draft revised Confirmation Notice as submitted. Secretary Sample seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The General Counsel provided the Commissioners with a draft of the Calendar for the Filing of Independent Nominating Petitions for the November 6, 2007 General Election and recommended Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at 11:00 A.M. as the date for the Hearings on Independent Nominating Petitions. After discussion, Commissioner Graham moved to set Monday, September 10, 2007 at 11:00 A.M. as the date for Hearings on Independent Nominating Petitions. President Como seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The General Counsel provided the Commissioners with the opinion they requested of the General Counsel's Office with respect to the applicability of Section 11 of the Election Reform and Modernization Act of 2005 and the conduct of elections after September 1, 2007. The opinion was received by the Commissioners. The General Counsel also asked the Commissioners to note the request for an opinion submitted to the State Board of Elections pursuant to this request.

The General Counsel requested the appointment of a Petition and Cover Sheet Review Committee for Designating Petition matters. President Como and Secretary Sampel designated as follows for:

Tuesday, July 17 - Commissioners Schacher & Dent

Wednesday, July 18 – Commissioner Como & Soumas

Thursday, July 19 – Commissioner Yennella & Graham

Friday, July 20 – Commissioners Umane & Soumas

Monday, July 23 – Commissioners Como & O'Connor

The President opened the floor for brief comments from Teresa Hommel and Jose Adames

Finance Officer John Ward provided the Commissioners with the Comparative Expenditure Report dated July 3, 2007.

Commissioner Graham moved to grant a 30-days sick leave for Dilletta Pina, an Administrative Assistant in the Poll Site Accessibility Unit. Commissioner O'Connor seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The President moved to convene an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Secretary Sampel seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

The President reported that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Commissioner Schacher moved to adjourn. Commissioner Yennella seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

President Como announced that the next Commissioners' meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 24, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.