

MEETING OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2009
AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

P R E S E N T: President Frederic Umame
 Secretary Julie Dent

Commissioners Araujo, Polanco, Sampel, Schacher, Silie, Sipp, Stupp

Marcus Cederqvist, Executive Director
George Gonzalez, Deputy Executive Director
John Owens Jr., Director, Campaign Finance Enforcement
John Ward, Finance Officer
Dorothy Delayo, Director, Personnel
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Michael Cordozo, Corporation Counsel of the City of New York
 Andrea Senteno, Citizen's Union
 Rima McCoy, CIDNY
 Marjorie Shea, Women's City Club
 Teresa Hommel, Community Church of New York
 Stewart Armstrong, VAC
 Adam O'Brian, Election Protection
 Tim Robbins, New Yorkers for Verified Voting
 Caroline Heinle, Burson-Marsteller
 Alan Flacks, NY Democrats

President Umame called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M.

President Umame made a motion to table the draft minutes of March 24, 2009, March 31, 2009 and April 7, 2009. Commissioner Sampel

seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

President Umane, Secretary Dent and Commissioner Silie requested to discuss personnel matters in Executive Session.

The Executive Director presented the HAVA update. Mr. Cederqvist reported on the State Board's letter regarding the 2009 Voting Systems Pilot Program. The State Board followed up with conference calls to all New York counties. The Executive Director reported on the conference call with the State Board on April 9, 2009. Commissioner Umane, Commissioner Dent, Commissioner Sipp, the Administrative Manager, and the EVS Manager participated in the conference call. Mr. Cederqvist reminded the State Board that as staff they could not make any commitments on behalf of the Board. Instead, the staff could take the information and report to the full Board. The Executive Director reported that the State Board was very vague and they had no suggested parameters for the counties for the 2009 Voting Systems Pilot Program. The main issue which is problematic is that the NYC BOE has the largest voter turnout than the other counties in New York State.

The Executive Director reported that the New York State HAVA Task

Force held a second meeting today regarding the NYS HAVA Implementation Plan. Mr. Cederqvist will get the complete details of the conference call today.

The Executive Director reported that he received an e-mail today that the State Senate Election's Committee is conducting a hearing. Mr. Cederqvist could not open the attached file. Mr. Cederqvist will forward the e-mail to the Commissioners once the file is in the correct format.

President Umane reminded the Commissioners that the vacancies of the Standing Committees are listed in the agenda. The Commissioners should contact President Umane if they would like to join or change a committee.

Commissioner Sampel requested to discuss personnel matters in Executive Session.

The Finance Officer provided the Commissioners with the Vacancy Report dated April 14, 2009.

Commissioner Silie addressed that every year Co-Op City in the

Bronx uses 70 voting machines for their Board of Directors' elections. Commissioner Silie moved to authorize the use of 70 voting machines by Co-Op City in the Bronx. Co-Op City will bear any or all costs. Commissioner Polanco seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

President Umame thanked and acknowledged that Michael A. Cordozo, Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, was present at the meeting and he will join the Commissioners in Executive Session.

President Umame moved to convene an Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation matters. Secretary Dent seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Following the Executive Session, the open public session resumed and President Umame reported that in Executive Session, the Commissioners took the following personnel actions:

- I. Unanimously approved the succession plan for the Agency Chief Contract Officer, submitted by Commissioner Sampel which precedes that:
 - A) Effective April 27, 2009 the hiring of Stewart Liberman as

a Financial Clerk at a rate of \$15.78 per hour on a temporary basis to be trained Procurement procedures in the BOE Executive Office and replace Elliot Borack as Procurement Officer on the date in September 2009 when Mr. Borack's accumulated time ends;

- II. Following a hearing before the Commissioners' Committee the Board unanimously authorized that Stephen Graves, Associate Staff Analyst in the BOE Executive Office, be placed on one year's probation. Mr. Graves is instructed to take Sensitivity Training. Mr. Graves will be assigned to the Queens Office and will take direct orders from the Chief and Deputy Chief Clerks. Mr. Graves will perform Board duties in the Queens Office as directed, and will continue to coordinate assignments with the HAVA Unit in the Executive Office.

President Umane opened the floor for Alan Flacks.

President Umane adjourned the meeting.

The next Commissioners' meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21,

2009 at 1:30 PM.