

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2021 AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: President Frederic M. Umane
 Secretary Rodney L. Pepe-Souvenir

Commissioners Jose Miguel Araujo, Jenny Low, Gino A. Marmorato,
Michael Michel, Simon Shamoun, Patricia Anne Taylor, John Wm. Zaccone

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director
Dawn Sandow, 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

President Umane called the meeting to order at 1:38 P.M.

Mr. Ryan added an Executive Session for personnel to the agenda.

Commissioner Taylor moved to adopt the October 19, 2021 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Zaccone seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan provided an update on the November 2, 2021 General Election.

The information follows:

- The delivery of Election Day voting equipment to poll sites has commenced on Monday, October 25, 2021 and runs through Monday, November 1, 2021. Delivery the day before the election is normal practice which is based on poll site availability;
- 20% of Election Day delivery has been completed to date;
- Approximately 84,000 pieces of Election Day voting equipment will be deployed to poll sites;
- There are a total of 1,220 poll sites citywide;
- A total of 179,472 Absentee ballots have been mailed to date;
- The Board has received back a total of 48,679 Absentee ballots to date;
- The Early Voting period commenced on Saturday, October 23, 2021 and runs through Sunday, October 31, 2021;
- Today is the 4th day of Early Voting. The hours are from 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. All poll sites opened timely at 10:00 A.M. despite the inclement weather. Some poll sites had issues which was resolved and did not interrupt the voting process;
- A total of 2,973 New Yorkers voted early today as of 1:00 P.M.;

- A total of 45,009 New Yorkers voted early since the 1st day of Early Voting, as of yesterday, October 25, 2021;
- Early Voting and Election Day schedules and poll sites are posted on the Board's website at VOTE.NYC; and
- The public can call the Board's Phone Bank at 866-VOTE-NYC for more information.

Secretary Pepe-Souvenir reported that she visited Early Voting poll sites in Brooklyn over the weekend and they were conducted very well for the voters. Mr. Ryan noted that since Early Voting was implemented in 2019 the Board has fine-tuned the process, and voters are very happy that they can choose which day and time to vote opposed to having just one (1) day to vote.

Mr. Ryan reported on the citywide Poll Worker Exceptions Report for the November 2, 2021 General Election. Copies of the report were circulated to the Commissioners for review. The exceptions have been previously approved by the Borough Offices' Chief Clerks and Deputy Chief Clerks, and their respective Commissioners. All exceptions are in poll sites where large turnout is expected. There are a total of 103 exceptions for Coordinators and Information Clerks – 49 in the Bronx, 49 in Brooklyn and 5 in Staten Island. President Umane moved for the full Board to ratify the citywide Poll Worker Exceptions Report for the

November 2, 2021 General Election. Commissioner Michel seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan reported on scheduling a holiday for staff in lieu of the November 2, 2021 General Election, pursuant to the contract with CWA Local 1183. He requested approval by the Commissioners to designate Friday, November 26, 2021, the day after Thanksgiving, as the alternate holiday in lieu of staff working on Election Day. President Umame moved to approve Friday, November 26, 2021 as the alternate holiday in lieu of November 2, 2021 General Election, pursuant to the contract with CWA Local 1183. Secretary Pepe-Souvenir seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Marmorato moved to convene an Executive Session for personnel. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Following Executive Session, the open meeting resumed. There were no matters to report from Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 1:30 P.M.