

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021 AT 1:30 P.M.  
42 BROADWAY, 6<sup>th</sup> FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM  
NEW YORK, NY 10004

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

Commissioners Jenny Low, Gino A. Marmorato, 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

GUEST:     Delores Palms, Challenge to a Voter Registration

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

Mr. Ryan reported that there is an issue with the Live Stream connectivity, however, the video recording of the meeting will be posted on the Board's website.

President Umame moved to adopt the November 9, 2021 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Low seconded the motion, with Commissioner Marmorato abstaining. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Ryan reported that there is a challenge to a voter registration, pursuant to Section 5-220(1) of the New York State Election Law. The Governor's Executive Order did not suspend in-person voter challenges as required by law. Ms. Patel reported that Delores Palms, a member of the public, contacted the Office of the General Counsel to challenge a voter registration. The voter registration information was previously circulated to the Commissioners for review. President Umame recognized Ms. Palms who challenged the following voter registration:

- Delores Palms, 413 West 141 Street, Apt. B, New York, NY 10031,  
VSN # 305312198, DOB 11/01/1968

Ms. Palms reported that she purchased 413 West 141 Street, New York, NY 10031 in 1986 which has two (2) condominiums. Another occupant in her building, who has multiple names, has registered to vote using her name and address in 2002. The Commissioners reviewed the affidavit and supporting documents submitted by Ms. Palms. After review, Ms. Palms signed and submitted her "Challenge to a Voter Registration" affidavit with supporting documents to the Commissioners. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5-220(1) of the New York State Election

Law, President Umane administered the oath and Ms. Palms swore before the Commissioners challenging the voter registration of Delores Palms, VSN# 305312098. Ms. Patel requested permission to use the digital signatures for President Umane and Secretary Pepe-Souvenir on the affidavit. The Commissioners approved the use of their digital signatures. A bi-partisan team in the Manhattan Office will conduct the required inquiry into this challenge and will report their findings.

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

The information follows:

- The canvass of Absentee ballots commenced in the five (5) Borough Offices yesterday, November 15, 2021;
- The deadline to receive Military ballots was yesterday, November 15, 2021;
- The Board is currently on schedule to certify the General Election on Tuesday, November 30, 2021;
- The Board mailed out 180,630 Absentee ballots and 184 Accessible ballots. The Board has received back 91,735 ballots citywide;
- A total of 82,923 Absentee ballots have been marked preliminary valid and 3,926 preliminary invalid;

- A total of 2,332 Cure Notices have been mailed citywide. A total of 324 Cure Notices are outstanding and are due back by Wednesday, November 24, 2021; and
- Detailed information can be found on the Board’s website at [vote.nyc](http://vote.nyc). Absentee numbers by contest will be updated every Monday, Wednesday and Friday on the Board’s website until Certification of the election.

President Umame moved to convene an Executive Session for personnel matters. 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 23, 2021 at 1:30 P.M.