

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022 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 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

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Mr. Ryan opened the meeting and after introductions between the Commissioners of Elections, Executive Management and Legal Counsels, noted that the Board's Petition Filing process has begun, and that today's meeting will begin with an Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

President Pepe-Souvenir moved to convene an Executive Session for litigation and personnel matters. Commissioner Morales seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Following Executive Session, the open meeting resumed.

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

1. Raquel Torres, an Administrative Assistant, was granted 98 hours of an advance of sick time. This grant is effective April 5, 2022. Ms. Torres' agency start date is March 11, 2012. Please note that Commissioner Araujo recused himself from the vote, and was not present when the matter was voted upon.
2. Corby Ellis – Mare was appointed as an Executive Secretary to the Administrative Manager Wilma Brown-Phillips at an annual salary of \$ 60,000.00.
3. Tyece M. Smith was reassigned to the Manhattan borough office to her previously held title of Financial Clerk at the Incumbent salary of

\$ 38, 842.00.

Mr. Ryan announced that the cure process for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District Special Election held on March 22, 2022 has not expired, and we remain with one outstanding cure which is set to expire on Thursday, April 7, 2022. As a result, the certification of the March Special Election will take place during the next meeting of the Commissioners, on Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

Mr. Ryan announced that another Special Election will be held in Brooklyn, in the 58<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, where Assemblymember Nick Perry has been confirmed to serve as the next U.S. Ambassador to Jamaica. The proclamation for this Special Election is expected, but has not been issued as of yet.

President Pepe-Souvenir congratulated Ambassador Nick Perry on his appointment as Ambassador. Mr. Ryan congratulated the newly appointed Ambassador as well, and noted that it is a tremendous honor.

Mr. Ryan announced that it is day-two of the filing period for Designating Petitions for the June 28, 2022 Primary Election. On the first day, the Board processed 3,520 Candidates for Party Positions and Public Office. The filing

period ends on Thursday, April 7, 2022, and all petition filing information can be found on the Board's website at, [www.vote.nyc](http://www.vote.nyc).

Commissioner Taylor moved to adopt the March 29, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. President Pepe-Souvenir seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted. Mr. Ryan noted that Commissioners Sullivan and Taylor were not present for the March 29, 2022 Meeting, and Commissioner Araujo has left the current meeting, and so addressed the seven remaining Commissioners for their vote on the meeting minutes. There were no objections, and the motion carried.

Mr. Ryan announced the Commissioners' Committee Members for Petition and Cover Sheet Review for the first week of petition filing.

The schedule is as follows:

**Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 3:00 PM**

Commissioner Jose M. Araujo, Democrat  
Commissioner Gino A. Marmorato, Republican

**Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 3:00 PM:**

Commissioner Jose M. Araujo, Democrat  
Commissioner Simon Shamoun, Republican

**Friday, April 8, 2022 At 3:30 PM**

Commissioner Jenny Low, Democrat  
Commissioner Frederic M. Umame, Republican

**Monday, April 11, 2022 at 3:00 PM**

Commissioner Jodi Morales, Democrat  
Commissioner Michael J. Coppotelli, Republican

In the event that there are no matters for consideration, The Office of the General Counsel will communicate with the Commissioners' Committee, and a notice of cancellation will be posted on the Board's website before the next scheduled meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 1:30 P.M.