

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 3, 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. Umame

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. Ignizio opened the meeting with item number one, approving the April  
19, 2022 meeting minutes.

President Pepe-Souvenir moved to adopt the April 19, 2022 Commissioners'  
Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Coppotelli seconded the motion. The motion was  
unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ignizio then announced item number two, a continuing hearing for Bronx County, regarding the June 28<sup>th</sup> Primary. Mr. Ignizio turned the meeting over to legal, and Ms. Patel opened the hearing for Spec-BX-29 regarding candidate George Diaz. Mr. Foldenauer appeared for the objector and Mr. Diaz appeared for himself. The clerk's report indicated the candidate has 375 valid signatures, and 500 signatures are needed. No exceptions were submitted by the candidate. Commissioner Umame moved to move the clerks report and President Pepe-Souvenir seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously. Mr. Diaz was removed from the ballot.

Ms. Patel then brought up the issue of candidate Deborah (Debra) Busacco for county committee from the 71<sup>st</sup> ED/68<sup>th</sup> AD who, due to a ministerial error, appeared on the enrollment issues calendar and was removed from the ballot. The Board received information verifying Ms. Busacco's identity. Ms. Patel asked the Commissioners for a motion to restore this candidate to the ballot. President Pepe-Souvenir moved to restore this candidate to the ballot. Commissioner Umame seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously adopted.

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

Following Executive Session, the open meeting resumed.

Mr. Ignizio reported that there was no action taken in Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday,  
May 10, 2022 at 1:30 P.M.