

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023 AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: President Simon Shamoun
Secretary Rodney L. Pepe-Souvenir

Commissioners Carol R. Edmead, Gino A. Marmorato, Jodi Morales, Frederic M. Umane

Vincent M. Ignizio, Deputy Executive Director
Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager
Hemalee J. Patel, General Counsel
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners

Mr. Ignizio opened the meeting and stated that item #1 of the meeting agenda, the approval of the minutes of the March 21, 2023 and March 28, 2023 Commissioners Meetings will be deferred until next week due to the absence of a quorum.

Mr. Ignizio continued with item #2 of the meeting agenda, the appointment of a Commissioners' Cover Sheet Review Committee for week #2 of the petition filing cycle, for designating petition matters for the June 27, 2023 Primary Election.

Mr. Ignizio acknowledged Hemalee Patel, the General Counsel, to present the matter before the Commissioners Committee.

Mrs. Patel informed the Commissioners that yesterday was the last day to file petitions for the June 27, 2023 Primary, and there are items that are in need of review. Commissioner Umame and Commissioner Edmead are scheduled for Cover Sheet Review, immediately after today's meeting.

Mrs. Patel stated that she would like to schedule Commissioners' Committees for review, the rest of this week and Monday of next week, in the event that a review is needed for Cures. If there are no matters for consideration, the Office of the General Counsel will cancel the review in advance.

Mrs. Patel asked if the Commissioners were available to review on the following dates and times:

- Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 1:30 PM
- Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 1:30 PM
- Friday, April 14, 2023 at 1:30 PM
- Monday, April 17, 2023 at 1:30 PM

President Shamoun and Secretary Pepe-Souvenir stated that they would be available for review on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 1:30 PM, and Secretary Pepe-Souvenir will conduct the review from the Brooklyn Borough Office. Secretary Pepe-Souvenir also stated that she may be available on Friday, April 14, 2023 as well.

The remaining dates and Committee slots will be filled later in the week, based on the Commissioners' availability.

Mr. Ignizio continued with the meeting, and informed the Commissioners Committee that the Board had a crazy week and some late nights, but the staff did a fabulous job. The Board implemented some innovative new filing systems for this petition filing cycle which all worked great, and expressed his appreciation to the staff for all of their hard work.

Commissioner Umame stated that the Commissioners Committee did not meet last week, and the schedule for petition hearings has not been approved.

The petition hearings dates are scheduled to be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 and Friday, April 28, 2023 at 10:00 AM. President Shamoun moved to set

those dates as the hearing dates, Secretary Pepe-Souvenir seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Umane noted that any matters that are carried over after the hearing dates, will be reviewed on Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

Georgea Kontzamanis, the Board's Operations Manager, confirmed that the ballot has to be certified by Thursday, May 4, 2023. Ms. Kontzamanis also confirmed that the petition hearings will be held in person.

Mr. Ignizio asked for a motion to set the date of the next meeting for Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

Secretary Pepe-Souvenir moved to set the next meeting date for Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 1:30 PM. President Shamoun seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Ignizio added item #3 to the meeting agenda, and Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters in Manhattan.

Mrs. Patel informed Mr. Ignizio that the petition review hearings will be conducted immediately after Executive Session, with Commissioner Edmead and Commissioner Umane.

Commissioner Umane moved to convene an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters in Manhattan. President Shamoun seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 1:30 P.M.