

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024 AT 1:00 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 Frederic M. Umane

Commissioners Jose M. Araujo, Michael J. Coppotelli, Carol R. Edmead, Gino A. Marmorato, Simon Shamoun, Michele A. Sileo, \*Keith Sullivan

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director

Vincent M. Ignizio, Deputy Executive Director

Michael Corbett, Administrative Manager

Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel

Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners

\*Commissioner Sullivan appeared remotely, but not at a publicly accessible location, and therefore did not cast any votes.

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Mr. Ryan opened the meeting with item #1 of the meeting agenda, the approval of the minutes of the May 14, 2024 Commissioners Meeting.

Hearing no objections or amendments, the minutes of the May 14, 2024 Commissioners Meeting were adopted.

Mr. Ryan continued with item #2 of the meeting agenda, Challenge to Voter Registrations NYSEL §5-220.

Mr. Ryan stated that in the Commissioner's packets there should be several challenges, reports on challenges to voter registrations under NYSEL § 5-220 and will report on each one individually.

Mr. Ryan stated that there is a report from May 21<sup>st</sup> signed by Salvatore Barrera and Daniel Ortiz in Brooklyn. The subject is a challenge to a voter, Tony Rubino. Initially this was done a while back, and Mr. Ryan asked the Commissioners to approve an investigation into this individual's voter registration. Ultimately, for this particular voter, Tony Rubino VSN# 414320095, the bipartisan team was sent to his most recent registration address, which is a Bay Ridge Avenue address, and no one answered at that address. Ultimately, the team met a resident of the building who indicated that no one resides in the building by the name of Tony Rubino. The bipartisan team concluded that Tony Rubino does not live at that address.

To refresh the Commissioners' recollection, Mr. Ryan stated that this came to our attention as a result of other documents not directly related to these voter registrations. Other documents submitted with similar handwritings that caused us to believe that perhaps they were connected to other matters that were under investigation.

Secondly, the bipartisan team went to the previous registration address, which was a Blake Avenue address in Brooklyn. The team spoke to a resident at the location, and she said that she has remained in contact with Mr. Rubino but that he no longer resides at that address. During the visit the team documented that there was no indication of his name listed on the mailbox and there are photographs attached to this report. The bipartisan team concluded that Tony Rubino no longer resides at the Blake Avenue address. They tried to contact Mr. Rubino multiple times with respect to phone numbers that were on file, but the call could not be completed as dialed. Acting Chief Clerk Barrera and Deputy Chief Clerk Ortiz are recommending that with respect to Tony Rubino, that his voter registration remain inactive and that the address and party enrollment be reverted back to reflect the Blake Avenue address, which is not the Bay Ridge address, and that his enrollment should also reflect the Democratic Party because the purported new voter registration form sort to change Mr. Rubino's party affiliation from Republican to Democrat. Mr. Rubino is presently registered as a Republican and will be reverted back to Democrat, and back to his original address.

The recommendation of the Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Clerk are that Mr. Rubino's registration remain inactive, that his registration revert from the Bay Ridge address to the Blake Avenue address, and that his registered party revert from Republican back to Democrat.

President Pepe-Souvenir moved to accept the report from the Chief and Deputy Chief, Mr. Barrera and Mr. Ortiz on this matter. Commissioner Shamoun seconded the motion, with Commissioner Marmorato abstaining, the motion was adopted.

Mr. Ryan continued with the next matter, noting that it was a similar situation. In regards to the second matter Mr. Ryan stated that the handwriting appeared to be very similar on the voter registration that was submitted for Tony Rubino and the one that was submitted for Kevin Paul. Both matters were submitted to the Commissioners simultaneously and an investigation was ordered. With respect to Kevin Paul VSN# 411092193, the bipartisan team was sent to the St. Johns Place address in Brooklyn, the team rang the bell, and it was answered by Mr. Bradshaw who stated that Mr. Paul is his brother and never resided at that address. The bipartisan team provided pictures of the doorbell and mailbox, there was no indication of Kevin Paul, and they concluded that he does not live at that address stated on his voter registration form. The recommendation of the Chief and Deputy, Mr. Barrera and Mr. Ortiz, is that Mr. Paul's registration be canceled.

President Pepe-Souvenir asked if in the process of the investigations, are these witnesses asked to sign an affidavit or do we just take whatever the information is that they provide and support it with the pictures provided. Mr. Ryan informed the Commissioners that it is a combination of the observations of

the bipartisan staff that goes out to the locations, plus discussions with the witnesses.

President Pepe-Souvenir moved to accept the recommendation of Mr. Barrera and Mr. Ortiz based on the information that they received. Commissioner Shamoun seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Ryan continued with Manhattan, going back there was a Mr. Nassif and Ms. DalPio challenged the voter registration of Raissa Mendome Mvoume, VSN# 413831956. A letter was sent by certified mail to Ms. Mendome Mvoume, and no response was received. A bipartisan team was sent to the address on the registration, which was an East 22<sup>nd</sup> Steet address, and no one answered the door. The document enclosed are pictures of the names Nassif and DalPio as they appear on the mailbox for that apartment. The team called the building super, Mr. Cuevas, who said that Ms. Mendome Mvoume is no longer a resident there. The team called the management company and also confirmed that the individual had been evicted from the building. The Chief Clerk and Acting Deputy Chief Clerk, Stephen Evans and Rhonda Evans recommend that the registration of Raissa Mendome Mvoume be cancelled.

Secretary Umame moved to accept the recommendation of Mr. Evans and Ms. Evans and cancel the registration of Raissa Mendome Mvoume. Commissioner Edmead seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Ryan continued with item #3 of the meeting agenda, the appointment of a Commissioners' Cover Sheet Review Committee for Independent Nominating Petition Matters for the November 5, 2024 General Election.

President Pepe-Souvenir and Secretary Umame were appointed as the Committee for today's Cover Sheet Review, scheduled to take place after the Commissioners Meeting.

Mr. Ryan acknowledged Victor Malyar, a member of the public who has submitted a notice of appearance to address the Commissioners at today's meeting.

Mr. Malyar stated that he is a former Poll Worker at the Shorefront YM-YWHA poll site, located at 3300 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11235, and feels that he was wrongfully fired last year and would like to be reinstated. The Commissioners instructed Mr. Malyar to discuss this matter with Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel, at the end of today's meeting.

President Pepe-Souvenir suggested scheduling the next Commissioners Meeting for Tuesday, June 11, 2024, and noted that there are plans to commemorate Dr. John Flateau, the former Commissioner from Kings County who passed away last year. President Pepe-Souvenir stated that Dr. Flateau's family is planning on being here and asked that all of the Commissioners attend if they can, so they can properly pay their respects to Dr. Flateau and his family. The Commissioner stated that she will send something to everyone to remind them.

President Pepe-Souvenir moved to set the date of the next meeting for Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 1:00 P.M. Commissioner Coppotelli seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

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

Following the Executive Session, the open meeting resumed.

Mr. Ryan stated that there are no matters to report from the Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners of Elections is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 1:00 P.M.