

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS
AND THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2021 AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: President Frederic M. Umane
 Secretary Miguelina Camilo

Commissioners Jose Araujo, Gino A. Marmorato, Michael Michel,
Rodney Pepe-Souvenir, Simon Shamoun, Patricia Anne Taylor,
Tiffany Townsend, John Wm. Zaccone

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
Brendaliz Candelaria, Deputy Chief Clerk, Bronx Office – Virtually
Steve Alfasi, Deputy Chief Clerk, Bronx Office – Virtually
Amanda Berinato, Chief Clerk, Queens Office – Virtually
Bart Haggerty, Deputy Chief Clerk, Queens Office – Virtually
Don Bosco, Chief Clerk, Staten Island Office – Virtually
Stephanie Volpe-Baker, Asst. to Dep. Chief Clerk, Staten Island Office – Virtually
Greg Lehman, Chief Clerk, Manhattan Office – Virtually
Cynthia Doty, Deputy Chief Clerk, Manhattan Office – Virtually
Ray Riley, Chief Clerk, Brooklyn Office – Virtually
Daniel Ortiz, Deputy Chief Clerk, Brooklyn Office – Virtually

GUEST: Kate Doran, LWV

President Umame called the meeting to order at 1:45 P.M.

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 2 of Article 9 of the New York State Election Law and the Charter of the City of New York, President Umame called the meeting of the Board of Canvassers in the City of New York to order for the purposes of certifying the recanvass of votes cast for the June 22, 2021 Primary Election for Public Offices and Party Positions conducted within the City of New York. It was the first election using Ranked Choice Voting for all citywide elections, as well as those for each of the fifty-one (51) Council Districts throughout the five (5) boroughs.

President Umame designated Commissioner Michel as the other Republican Commissioner to serve as a Member of the Canvassing Board to sign the Certified Statements.

Secretary Camilo designated Commissioner Townsend as the other Democratic Commissioner to serve as a Member of the Canvassing Board to sign the Certified Statements.

The Deputy Chief Clerks of the Bronx Office and their staff have prepared and signed the Return of Canvass for the June 22, 2021 Primary Elections for

Public Offices and Party Positions in Bronx County in accordance with this Board's Policies and Procedures. Ms. Candelaria and Mr. Alfasi confirmed that the results presented are accurate and correct, there are no discrepancies to report to the Board, and the audit of the poll site and central count scanners required by Article 9 of the New York Election Law has been successfully completed. Based on that report, Secretary Camilo moved that the Board of Canvassers certify the Returns of Canvass for the Public Offices and Party Positions Primary Elections conducted in Bronx County. Commissioner Marmorato seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted. On behalf of the Bronx Commissioners, Secretary Camilo thanked the Bronx Office staff for their day-to-day commitment to ensure the election was concluded successfully.

The Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Clerk of the Queens Office and their staff have prepared and signed the Return of Canvass for the June 22, 2021 Primary Elections for Public Offices and Party Positions in Queens County in accordance with this Board's Policies and Procedures. Ms. Berinato and Mr. Haggerty confirmed that the results presented are accurate and correct, there are no discrepancies to report to the Board, and the audit of the poll site and central count scanners required by Article 9 of the New York Election Law has been successfully completed. Based on that report, Commissioner Araujo moved that the Board of Canvassers certify the Returns of Canvass for the Public Offices and

Party Positions Primary Elections conducted in Queens County. Commissioner Michel seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted. On behalf of the Queens Commissioners, Commissioner Araujo thanked the Queens Office staff for their hard work.

The Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Clerk of the Staten Island Office and their staff have prepared and signed the Return of Canvass for the June 22, 2021 Primary Elections for Public Offices and Party Positions in Richmond County in accordance with this Board's Policies and Procedures, with the exception of the Republican Primary Election for Member of the City Council for the 50th Council District. That contest, pursuant to New York State Election Law, is the subject of a hand recount as the margin of victory was less than one half of one percent separating the two (2) candidates with the greatest number of votes. Mr. Bosco and Ms. Volpe-Baker, on behalf of Mr. Andriulli, confirmed that the results presented are accurate and correct, there are no discrepancies to report to the Board, and the audit of the poll site and central count scanners required by Article 9 of the New York Election Law has been successfully completed. Based on that report, Commissioner Taylor moved that the Board of Canvassers certify the Returns of Canvass for the Public Offices and Party Positions Primary Elections conducted in Richmond County. Commissioner Zaccone seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted. On behalf of the Staten Island

Commissioners, Commissioner Zaccone thanked the Staten Island Office staff for working long hours preparing the elections during these difficult times.

The Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Clerk of the Manhattan Office and their staff have prepared and signed the Return of Canvass for the June 22, 2021 Primary Elections for Public Offices and Party Positions in New York County in accordance with this Board's Policies and Procedures, with the exception of the Democratic Primary Election for Member of the City Council for the 9th Council District. That contest, pursuant to New York State Election Law, is the subject of a hand recount as the margin of victory was less than one half of one percent separating the two (2) candidates with the greatest number of votes. Mr. Lehman and Ms. Doty confirmed that the results presented are accurate and correct, there are no discrepancies to report to the Board, and the audit of the poll site and central count scanners required by Article 9 of the New York Election Law has been successfully completed. Based on that report, President Umane moved that the Board of Canvassers certify the Return of Canvass for the Public Offices and Party Positions Primary Elections conducted in New York County. Commissioner Townsend seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted. On behalf of the Manhattan Commissioners, Commissioner Townsend thanked the Manhattan Office staff for their hard work during this challenging environment.

The Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Clerk of the Brooklyn Office and their staff have prepared and signed the Return of Canvass for the June 22, 2021 Primary Elections for Public Offices and Party Positions in Kings County in accordance with this Board's Policies and Procedures. Mr. Riley and Mr. Ortiz confirmed that the results presented are accurate and correct, there are no discrepancies to report to the Board, and the audit of the poll site and central count scanners required by Article 9 of the New York Election Law has been successfully completed. Based on that report, Commissioner Shamoun moved that the Board of Canvassers certify the Return of Canvass for the Public Offices and Party Positions Primary Elections conducted in Kings County. Commissioner Pepe-Souvenir seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted. On behalf of the Brooklyn Commissioners, Commissioner Shamoun thanked the Brooklyn Office staff for their hard work and dedication throughout the long and difficult process.

Secretary Camilo moved to approve and adopt the Recap Statement and Return of Canvass for the Citywide Public Offices as well as those Council Districts which cross borough lines. Commissioner Araujo seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Taylor moved to authorize the use of the Commissioners' electronic signatures as appropriate on each Statement and Return of Canvass. Secretary Camilo seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Taylor moved to adjourn the Meeting of the Board of Canvassers and to convene the weekly stated meeting of the Commissioners of Elections in the City of New York. Commissioner Marmorato seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Secretary Camilo moved to adopt the minutes for the July 6, 2021 Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Marmorato seconded the motion, with Commissioner Araujo abstaining. The motion was adopted.

Secretary Camilo moved to adopt the minutes for the July 13, 2021 Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Marmorato seconded the motion, with Commissioners Zaccone, Taylor, Pepe-Souvenir and Marmorato abstaining. The motion was adopted.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 1:30 P.M.

President Umane moved to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Camilo seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.