

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022 AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

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

Commissioners Jose Miguel Araujo, Michael J. Coppotelli, Jenny Low,
Gino A. Marmorato, 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
Raymond Riley, Chief Clerk - Kings County
Daniel Ortiz, Deputy Chief Clerk - Kings County

Mr. Ryan opened the meeting and announced that the Board is now preparing for Special Election number five, for calendar year 2022. The Special Election is being held in the 58th Assembly District, to fill the seat vacated by the former Assemblyman Nick Perry, after being appointed as the Ambassador to Jamaica.

Governor Hochul issued the proclamation on Friday, April 8, 2022, setting the Special Election date for Tuesday, May 24, 2022. Early Voting will be conducted from Friday, May 14, 2022 through Sunday, May 22, 2022, and we will maintain the same Early Voting hours as in the previous four Special Elections. There will be a total of three (3) Early Voting sites, and twenty-eight (28) Election Day sites open to conduct Early Voting.

In regards to Filing Independent Nominations, the last day to file is Friday, April 15, 2022, and the last day to file Petitions is Monday, April 18, 2022. To date, no Independent Nominating filings have been received.

Hemalee Patel, General Counsel requested to convene a meeting of the Board of Canvassers, to certify the results of the Special Election in the 43rd Assembly District, that was held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, in Kings County. Mrs. Patel noted that the Kings County Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Clerk were present at today's meeting as well.

Prior to convening the Meeting of the Board of Canvassers, President Pepe-Souvenir made a brief comment in reference to the Subway Shooting that occurred earlier this morning in Brooklyn, and noted that the Brooklyn Voting Machine

Facility is located in the hub of the area where there shooting took place. President Pepe-Souvenir was happy to report that all Board Staff is safe, and extended her prayers to the people who were injured, hurt or affected by this incident. The President thanked the Brooklyn VMF Staff for making it in safely, and continuing the work of the people. Secretary Shamoun echoed her remarks and thanked President Pepe-Souvenir for her words of reflection.

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 Pepe-Souvenir called the meeting of the Board of Canvassers in the City of New York to order for the purposes of certifying the canvass of votes cast for the March 22, 2022 Special Elections held for the 43rd Assembly District in Kings County.

President Pepe-Souvenir designated Commissioner Taylor to serve as the Democratic Member, and Secretary Shamoun designated Commissioner Umane as the Republican Member to serve as the Board of Canvassers for the purpose of certifying the Special Election.

Raymond Riley, Kings County Chief Clerk, and Daniel Ortiz, Kings County Deputy Chief Clerk and their staff have prepared and signed the returns of canvass for the March 22, 2022 Special Election, in the 43rd AD in accordance with the

Board's policies and procedures. Due to the meeting being held virtually, the returns have been provided electronically for approval.

Mr. Riley and Mr. Ortiz confirmed that the election results presented are accurate and correct, there are no discrepancies to report, and the audit of the poll site and central count scanners required by Article 9 of the New York State Election Law been successfully completed. Based on that report, President Pepe-Souvenir moved that the Board of Canvassers certify the Returns of Canvass for Special Election for the 43rd Assembly District conducted in Kings County. Commissioner Umane seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted. The returns of canvass prepared by the staff was certified by the Board of Canvassers, and adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to authorize the use of the Commissioners' electronic signatures as appropriate on each Statement and Returns of Canvass. Commissioner Umane seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Shamoun 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 Taylor seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The Meeting of the Board of Canvassers was adjourned.

President Pepe-Souvenir thanked the Brooklyn Chief Clerk, Deputy Chief Clerk and Staff for the work that was done to prepare the documents for certification. Commissioner Shamoun thanked the staff as well, and noted that there is more to come.

Mr. Ryan resumed the regularly stated meeting, and announced that an additional item, #4 will be added to the meeting agenda, for an Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters.

Commissioner Araujo moved to adopt the April 5, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. President Pepe-Souvenir seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mrs. Patel announced the Commissioners' Committee Members for Petition and Cover Sheet Review including Cures, for the second week of petition filing which begins this afternoon following today's meeting.

The Commissioners' Committee Members are scheduled as follows, based on availability:

<u>DATE & TIME</u>	<u>DEMOCRATIC COMMISSIONER</u>	<u>REPUBLICAN COMMISSIONER</u>
Tuesday April 12, 2022 At 3:00 PM	<u>Patricia Anne Taylor</u>	<u>Simon Shamoun</u>
Wednesday April 13, 2022 At 3:00 PM	<u>Jose M. Araujo</u>	<u>Michael J. Coppotelli</u>
Thursday April 14, 2022 At 3:00 PM	<u>Rodney L. Pepe-Souvenir</u>	<u>Frederic M. Umane</u>
Friday April 15, 2022 At 3:00 PM	<u>Jodi Morales</u>	<u>Gino A. Marmorato</u>
Monday April 18, 2022 At 3:00 PM	<u>Jenny Low</u>	<u>Michael J. Coppotelli</u>
Tuesday April 19, 2022 At 3:00 PM	<u>Rodney L. Pepe-Souvenir</u>	<u>Keith Sullivan</u>

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.

Commissioner Coppotelli moved to schedule the next meeting of the Commissioners for Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 1:30 P.M. President Pepe-Souvenir seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 1:30 P.M.

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

Following Executive Session, the open meeting resumed.

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

The meeting was adjourned.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday,
April 19, 2022 at 1:30 P.M.