

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 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 Michael J. Coppotelli, Jenny Low, Gino A. Marmorato, Jodi Morales, Keith Sullivan, Patricia Anne Taylor, Frederic M. Umame

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director

Vincent M. Ignizio, Deputy Executive Director

Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager

Wilma Brown Phillips, Administrative Manager

Hemalee Patel, General Counsel

Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel

Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners

Debra Leible, Coordinator, Election Day Operations

GUEST: Charles Liebling  
Ronald Ellis Canada

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Mr. Ryan opened the meeting, and announced that today is day #4 of Early Voting for the August 23, 2022 Primary Election, for United States Congress and New York State Senate contests. The polls will remain open until 8:00 PM tonight.

Mr. Ryan provided the following update on the August 23, 2022 Primary

Election:

- As of 12:00 noon today, a total of 26,300 voters have participated in Early Voting, citywide.
- Daily check-ins are posted on the Board's website, at [www.vote.nyc](http://www.vote.nyc) , at the close of Polls each day.
- As of the close of business, Monday, August 16, 2022, the Board has mailed out a total of 108,343 absentee ballots, including 312 requests for accessible ballots.
- As of the close of business, Monday, August 16, 2022, a total of 31,280 absentee ballots have been returned.
- The delivery of Election Day equipment has begun. A total of 49,929 pieces of Election Day equipment will be deployed, to a total of 967 Poll Sites citywide.
- Early Voting for the August 23, 2022 Primary Election will continue through Sunday, August 21, 2022.

- The hours and poll site locations for Early Voting, can also be found on the Board's website, at [www.vote.nyc](http://www.vote.nyc), or by contacting the Board's Offices.
- Election Day for this Primary Election is, Tuesday, August 23, 2022.

This concluded the update on the August 23, 2022 Primary Election.

Mr. Ryan continued with item #1 of the meeting agenda, and requested that the Commissioners approve the minutes of the August 2, 2022 Commissioners Meeting.

Commissioner Coppotelli moved to adopt the minutes of the August 2, 2022 Commissioners Meeting. Secretary Shamoun seconded the motion, with President Pepe-Souvenir abstaining. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Ryan continued with item #2 of the meeting agenda, the Poll Worker Exceptions Report for the August 23, 2022 Primary Election, for Richmond County.

Mr. Ryan acknowledged Debra Leible, Coordinator, of Election Day Operations, to present the report.

Ms. Leible confirmed that this report has been reviewed and approved by the Richmond County Commissioners, prior to today's meeting.

Commissioner Sullivan moved to adopt the Poll Worker Exceptions Report for Richmond County. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Ryan acknowledged the Office of the General Counsel, and informed the Commissioners Committee that the Counsels have a matter to present, a Voter Challenge from a voter in New York County who is present at today's meeting.

Hemalee Patel, General Counsel, addressed the Commissioners Committee, to inform them that the Voter Challenge, pursuant to Election Law §5-220, is being presented today by Charles Liebling, a registered voter, VSN#: 302383951, residing at 305 West 87<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, New York 10024.

In a sworn statement, Mr. Liebling claims that a former occupant of his building, Nicole K. Quinn, VSN#: 304943542, DOB: May 8, 1972, moved out of 305 West 87 Street, Apt. 3, New York, New York on April 1, 2022, and has not voted in New York since 2002.

Mrs. Patel informed the Commissioners that copies of the documents that she received from Mr. Liebling relating to this matter, were provided to them just prior to the meeting.

The Manhattan Borough Managers were instructed to conduct a bi-partisan investigation into this challenge.

Upon the completion of the bi-partisan staff investigation, the Manhattan Commissioners Committee will review the staff's recommendation, and it will be presented before the full Board of Commissioners for their consideration and approval.

Mr. Liebling will be contacted and made aware of the Commissioners' resolution.

The Commissioners Committee thanked Mr. Liebling for bringing this matter before the Board.

President Pepe-Souvenir and Secretary Shamoun authorized the use of their electronic signatures as appropriate on the sworn statement presented by Mr. Liebling.

Mr. Ryan continued with item #3 of the meeting agenda, and asked that the Commissioners convene an Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters. Mr. Ryan also asked that the Commissioners consider the date for the next meeting.

Commissioner Coppotelli moved to adjourn the weekly stated meeting of the Commissioners, and convene an Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters. Commissioner Marmorato seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Umane moved to schedule the next meeting of the Commissioners for Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at 1:30 P.M. Commissioner Marmorato seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Following Executive Session, the open meeting resumed with the Manhattan Commissioners Committee.

Mr. Ryan acknowledged Mrs. Patel once again, and informed the Commissioners Committee that another Voter Challenge is being presented from a voter in New York County who is now present and would like to address the Committee.

Mrs. Patel informed the Commissioners Committee that the Voter Challenge, pursuant to Election Law §5-220, is being presented today by Ronald

Ellis Canada, a registered voter, VSN#: 411462710, residing at 160 Claremont Avenue, Apt. 2E, New York, NY 10027.

In a sworn statement, Mr. Canada stated that Christopher J. White, VSN#: 414220766, DOB: October 3, 1957, has fraudulently submitted a voter registration with the Board of Elections, using his address. Mr. Canada stated that he has lived at this address since, May 28, 2001, and does not know Christopher J. White.

The Manhattan Borough Managers were instructed to conduct a bi-partisan investigation into this challenge.

Upon the completion of the bi-partisan staff investigation, the Manhattan Commissioners Committee will review the staff's recommendation, and it will be presented before the full Board of Commissioners for their consideration and approval.

Mr. Canada will be contacted and made aware of the Commissioners' resolution.

The Commissioners Committee thanked Mr. Canada for taking the time to bring this matter before the Board.

Commissioner Umame and Commissioner Low authorized the use of their electronic signatures as appropriate on the sworn statement presented by Mr. Canada.

The meeting was adjourned.

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