

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, May 31, 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,
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
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

Mr. Ryan opened the meeting and added an Executive Session for Personnel Matters to the agenda.

Mr. Ryan continued with the following reminder:

Today is the last day to file a Certificate of Designation for the August 23, 2022 Primary Election, for any Congressional or Senate candidates that had prior ballot access. As a result, the Board's General Office will be required to be opened until 12:00 Midnight.

The calendars for the new Designating Petition and Independent Nominating Petition filing periods, can be located on the Board's website at, www.vote.nyc.

The final district maps for United States Congress and New York State Senate, were received by the Board of Elections on Saturday, May 21, 2022. The staff immediately commenced the work required to reapportion the Election Districts, based on those new lines and new mapping environments. The borough office staff was brought into the General Office to make adjustments to the work that had previously been completed, and was required to be redone.

All work was verified and proofed, and the new updated maps were sent to the Department of City Planning to GEO Code all voter addresses on Wednesday, May 25, 2022.

Mr. Ryan thanked the Department of City Planning and their staff for working with the Board staff once again, to complete this process within 48 hours.

The Board was able to shut down all agency systems over the weekend, to resync the AVID database with the new district information. The AVID system was started up again this morning.

The Board is currently maintaining two databases: one for the June 28, 2022 Primary Election district lines, and one for the August 23, 2022 Primary Election district lines. Once the June 2022 Primary Election is completed, the two databases will be merged.

Mr. Ryan expressed the Board's appreciation for the partnership and support of both N-TIER Technology, LLC and SageSmith Consulting, LLC and commended the work that the Board staff was able to complete within 10-days while also conducting the Special Election in the 58th Assembly District in Kings County.

Mr. Ryan thanked the borough teams and MIS Department staff for a job well done, and noted that with hope and prayer we will not have to do this process again until the time when the City Council district lines are drawn.

Commissioner Umame moved to adopt the minutes of the May 17, 2022 Commissioners Meeting. President Pepe-Souvenir seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Ryan provided an update on the Special Election that was held on May 24, 2022, in the 58th Assembly District in Kings County.

- The Special Election has concluded.
- Not including Affidavit Ballots, or any additional Absentee Ballot received, a total of 2,384 votes were cast in the 58th Assembly District. This includes votes cast during Early Voting, on Election Day, and Absentee Ballots canvassed under the new canvassing law and the procedures associated that enacted into law earlier this year.
- For the 9 days of Early Voting, a total of 285 voters voted, and a total of 1,965 voters voted on Election Day.
- During this Special Election, there were 3 Early Voting Sites and 28 Election Day Poll Sites.
- 1,558 individual pieces of voting equipment and related items were deployed. Accessibility Equipment was installed at 14 Poll Sites, to meet the Board's ADA compliance requirements.
- 562 Poll Workers worked on Election Day.
- A total of 56 calls and 9 emails were received requesting assistance, but none of those calls were related to the Special Election.

- Post-Election preparations began once the Polls were closed, and is in progress, including the preliminary review of Absentee Ballots.
 - To date, a total of 64 Affidavit Ballots were received;
 - A total of 958 Absentee Ballots were mailed, excluding Accessible Ballots;
 - A total of 39 Military Ballots were mailed;
 - To date out of the total Ballots mailed, 230 Ballots have been received back;
 - A total of 205 Ballots have been marked valid, and with the new canvass procedures in place, the totals were included in the Board's Election Night Reporting;
 - A total of 25 Ballots were marked invalid;
 - A total of 6 Cure Notices have been mailed out;
To date, no Cure Notices have been received or expired;
there are 6 notices that are due for submission: 5 notices, are due by Friday, June 3, 2022 and 1 notice is due by Monday, June 6, 2022.

Today is the last day for the Board to receive a timely, postmarked Absentee Ballot, and the last day to receive a timely, postmarked Military Ballot is, Monday, June 6, 2022.

The canvass of Absentee Ballots is ongoing, and the Board would like to certify the results of this Special Election at the next Board meeting, scheduled to be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, pending no additional Cure deadlines.

Mr. Ryan requested that the Commissioners designate a Committee of 4 Commissioners who serve as the Board of Canvassers to certify the Special Election, in the 58th Assembly District as early as Friday, June 3, 2022 at 2:00 PM, in the event that any outstanding ballots are returned by that time. This will allow the Borough staff to get a jump on their preparations for the upcoming June 28, 2022, Primary Election.

The following Commissioners will serve as the Board of Canvassers on Friday, June 3, 2022 at 2:00 PM, to certify the results of the May 24, 2022 Special Election in that was held in the 58th Assembly District, in Brooklyn:

President Pepe-Souvenir

Secretary Shamoun

Frederic M. Umane

Jenny Low

The meeting notice will be post on the Board's website today, at www.vote.nyc.

Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel, addressed the Commissioners Committee regarding changes that were made to the Board's Designating Petition and Opportunity to Ballot Petition rules that are being presented today for their consideration and approval.

Mr. Savino stated that the Legal Department restored the language that was previously removed from the Designating and Opportunity to Ballot Petitions. Changes were made to Section H-1 that pertains to the requirement of Specifications of objections, and specifically for Party Positions as set forth in the Election Law. Revisions were also made to the Sample Coversheets, to add a location for the Candidate or Agent to include their printed name. The revised Petition rules and coversheet have been placed on the Board's website.

Commissioner Araujo moved to adopt the revisions that were made by the Legal Department. Commissioner Low seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

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

Following Executive Session, the open meeting resumed.

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

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 1:30 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned.