

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023 AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: Secretary Rodney L. Pepe-Souvenir

Commissioners Jose M. Araujo, *Michael J. Coppotelli, Carol R. Edmead, Gino A. Marmorato, Jodi Morales, Keith Sullivan, Frederic M. Umane

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director

Vincent M. Ignizio, Deputy Executive Director

Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager

Hemalee J. Patel, General Counsel

Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel

Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners

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

Mr. Ryan opened the meeting with item #1 of the meeting agenda, a Meeting of the Board of Canvassers in the City of New York for Hearings on Independent Nominating Petitions for the September 12, 2023 Special Election, in the 27th Senate Assembly District in Queens County, and matters relating to the November 7, 2023 General Election, in the 13th Council District in Bronx County.

Commissioner Marmorato recused himself of all matters relating to the 13th Council District in Bronx County.

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers in the City of New York was convened.

Commissioner Umane moved to adjourn the Meeting of the Board of Canvassers and convene the weekly stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners, in the City of New York. Secretary Pepe-Souvenir seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers was adjourned.

Following the meeting of the Board of Canvassers, the regular stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners resumed.

Mr. Ryan continued with item #2 of the meeting agenda, the approval of the minutes of the August 1, 2023 Commissioners Meeting.

Hearing no objections, the minutes of the August 1, 2023 Commissioners Meeting were adopted.

Mr. Ryan added an additional item to the meeting agenda, an Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter. Mr. Ryan noted that Commissioner Araujo

has recused himself of this personnel matter and will not participate in today's Executive Session.

Mr. Ryan stated that he wanted to reiterate that there is a Special Election coming up on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 in the 27th Senate District in Queens County. The Early Voting dates run from Saturday, September 2, 2023 through Sunday, September 10, 2023, and the hours for Early Voting were previously approved and are the same voting hours that were for the June Primary Election.

Commissioner Umame asked if there was anything special regarding the rate of pay for Poll Workers, being that one of the dates for Early Voting falls on Labor Day; are the poll workers paid any more or less because it's Labor Day. Commissioner Umame stated that the question is being raised for clarification, there may be questions that the Poll Workers ask. Mr. Ryan stated that the Board has no authority to change the rate of pay for the Poll Workers who work on Labor Day.

Mr. Ryan stated that Labor Day actually falls on September 4th, and the Queens County Borough Managers will make determinations with respect to keeping the operation going with only the amount of staff that is necessary. There

are contractual provisions under the collective bargaining agreement for appropriate compensation when union workers have to work on the actual holiday.

Mr. Ryan stated that the contract has been taken care of, and the Commissioners approval is being requested to give an additional holiday day by way of compensatory time for the Managers that have to work on September 4th so that they are compensated in the same manner.

Commissioner Araujo made a motion for any Managers that need to work either at the General Office or the Queens Office on Labor Day would be granted holiday leave for use at their own discretion. Commissioner Umane seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Ryan asked that the Commissioners set the next meeting date for Tuesday, August 15, 2023.

Commissioner Umane moved to set the date of the next meeting for Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 1:30 P.M., and adjourn the open meeting and convene an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Secretary Pepe-Souvenir seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Following the Executive Session, the open meeting resumed.

During Executive Session, the following actions were taken by the Board of Commissioners, except for Commissioner Araujo who recused himself of this personnel matter and did not participate in today's Executive Session, the decision was unanimous:

1. Raquel Torres, an Administrative Assistant, was granted 210 hours of an Advance of Time. This grant is retroactive from July 19, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 1:30 P.M.