Minutes of the New York State Board of Elections February 4, 2014

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers of the New York State Board of Elections was convened at the offices of the New York State Board of Elections, 40 North Pearl Street, Albany, New York in the 5th Floor Conference Room and was called to order at 12:05 p.m. The meeting was chaired by Commissioner Douglas Kellner. Commissioners present were James Walsh and Gregory Peterson.

The Board of Canvassers considered a motion to certify the amended General Election results for the November 5, 2013 Election. The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 3 Yes and 0 No).

The meeting of the Commissioners of the New York State Board of Elections held at the offices of the New York State Board of Elections, 40 North Pearl Street, Albany, New York in the 5th Floor Conference Room was called to order at 12:15 p.m. The meeting was chaired by Commissioner Douglas Kellner. Commissioners present were James Walsh and Gregory Peterson. Staff members present were: Robert Brehm, Todd Valentine, Kim Galvin, Paul Collins, William McCann, Anna Svizzero, Joe Burns, John Conklin, Dave Loomis and Tom Connolly. The guest list is attached.

Minutes of December 12, 2013 – Minutes were accepted as amended (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 3 Yes and 0 No).

Unit Updates:

Executive – Robert Brehm and Todd Valentine reported on several issues including:

- Attended the Election Commissioners Association Winter Conference at the Hotel Albany.
- The Executive Budget was received.
- Phone system has been upgraded to an internet voiceover system

Legal – Kim Galvin and Paul Collins reported on activities related to the Legal Unit including:

- Attended the Election Commissioners Association Winter Conference.
- Worked to put together the legislative update.
- Paul has been working with the Campaign finance Unit with some of their treasury collections.

Election Operations – Anna Svizzero reported that the Election Operations unit is working on several ongoing issues including:

- Conducted two launch sessions for the Asset Management Program.
- County Board procedures are being revised.
- Bob Warren is working with IT to assist the remaining counties with their election night reporting.

PIO/NVRA – John Conklin reported that the PIO/NVRA unit is working on several issues.

- Finalizing a guide for both voters and county boards with regard to the MOVE Act.
- Working with IT to research the list of ineligible voters from the DOI report for NYC

Campaign Finance – Bill McCann reported on several items his unit is working on:

- Five Day letters have been sent out and the Order to Show Cause is due on February 27th.
- A CLE course was given at the ECA Winter Conference.
- The 2014 seminar schedule and CLE schedule are being prepared. In the process of updating the software for EBIZ the scanning vendor.
- Enforcement will look at the issue of pursuing the older versus the newer filing issues.

ITU – Dave Loomis reported on activity in the IT unit.

- Progress has been made on the NYSVoter Refresh Project.
- Background work is being completed on the Candidate Management System and the Campaign Finance System.
- New e-mail system will be moved over on February 10th.

Old Business: No old business

New Business: The Commissioners took action on several issues including:

- VOTE on the NYSVoter Refresh Project HAVA Funding Resolution. The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 3 Yes and 0 No.
- VOTE on the Resolution to Authorize Proposed Upgrades to ES&S DS200 voting systems. The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 3 Yes and 0 No.
- VOTE on Adopting the 2014 Legislative Proposals. The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 3 Yes and 0 No.
- VOTE on the staff report on enforcement matters. The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 3 Yes and 0 No.
- The next board meeting is scheduled for March 11th.

The meeting was adjourned 1:15 p.m.