

**Minutes of the New York State Board of Elections
February 6, 2013**

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, Evelyn Aquila and Gregory Peterson.

The Board of Canvassers considered a motion to amend the certification of the General Election results for the November 6, 2012 Election. The Board of Canvassers also certified the results of the 46th Senate District. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 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, Evelyn Aquila and Gregory Peterson. Staff members present were: Robert Brehm, Todd Valentine, Kim Galvin, Paul Collins, Liz Hogan, William McCann, Anna Svizzero, Joe Burns, John Conklin, Dave Loomis and Tom Connolly. The guest list is attached.

Minutes of October 31st, December 10th and December 31st, 2012 – Minutes were accepted (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).

Unit Updates:

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

- Received the Executive Budget Proposal.
- Attended the Election Commissioners Association conference held at the Hotel Albany.
- Bob and Todd attended the NASED Conference in Washington, DC. Todd was elected Secretary of the organization. Bob also attended the Overseas Vote foundation Conference.

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

- Transcripts of the depositions concerning over-vote have been received and will need to be reviewed.
- Discussing some issues with the New York City Board.
- Waiting a determination from the Court of Appeals on Nassau County's Motion for Leave of appeal.
- Commissioner Kellner suggested that a letter be sent to Judge Prudenti to thank her for her letter concerning Ex-parte.

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

- Working on the Bengali upgrade for ES&S Voting systems.
- Reviewing all issues that came up during the last election.
- Scheduled new Commissioner's workshops.
- The Election Assistance Commission Audit Grant report is being worked on and will be completed by the May 1st deadline.

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

- Working on MOVE Act updates with Scytl.
- Presented at the ECA Conference in January.
- NYSVoter Reviews are being conducted.
- Working with counties with regard to compliance with Chapter 505 of the Laws of 2010 with regard to poll site accessibility.

Campaign Finance – Elizabeth Hogan had nothing to add to the written report for Campaign Finance and Enforcement

- The Unit used a new automated machine to assist in preparing the over 5000 letters that were sent out in reference to the January Periodic.
- In the process of instituting a process for the collection of judgments.
- Implementing the provisions of the Ethics Bill chapter 399.
- The contract with the current process server is due to expire.

ITU – Dave Loomis had nothing to add to ITU's written report.

- Anna Svizzero and Liz Hogan thanked Dave Loomis for his work with their units.

Old Business:

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

- **DISCUSSION** on Central Count Absentee Systems. The board needs to review the old Teamwork System and report back to the commissioners.
- **VOTE** to adopt the Election Law Proposals for 2013. **(The motion was adopted. The Commissioners voted 4-0 to adopt).**
- **DISCUSSION** on the New York City Run-Off election and the Internal Report the City board did for the City Council and the Mayor's office.
- Commissioner Kellner thanked Amiee Allaud from the NYS League of Women Voters for compiling the Election Survey of 2012 and the Independence Living Council for their report.
- **VOTE** to adopt the preliminary determinations from Campaign Finance Unit. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

The meeting was adjourned 1:15 p.m.