

Todd Valentine: Commissioner Kellner, you are still muted.

Douglas Kellner: Good afternoon, everyone. I'm calling to order this meeting of the Board of Canvassers of the State Board of Elections. I'm Douglas Kellner, Co-Chair. We're joined by Peter Kosinski, Co-Chair, and Commissioner's Andrew Spano and Anthony Casale. So, the first order of business is to approve the certification of the contest for representative on Congress from the 22<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District. Do we have the reports from the eight counties involved?

Tom Connolly: We do we have received the state results canvass from all of the eight counties and that information has been circulated to all of the Commissioners.

Douglas Kellner: So, is there a motion to approve the canvass as assembled by the Operations Unit?

Andrew Spano: So moved.

Peter Kosinski: Second.

Douglas Kellner: Those in favor say aye.

All: Aye. Opposed. So, the canvass is approved and that's the only item of business on our public meeting. I would like to move to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Is there a second?

Peter Kosinski: I'll second.

Douglas Kellner: Those in favor say aye.

All: Aye. So that's approved. So, our meeting is recessed pending the Executive Session and I don't anticipate that we'll have a public report. Do the other commissioners agree?

Anthony Casale: Yes.

Douglas Kellner: Commissioner Kosinski?

Peter Kosinski: I'm sorry what was that?

Douglas Kellner: Are you agreeable that we will not come back into...

Peter Kosinski: Oh yes, I'm sorry yes that's agreed. I think that's the case.

Douglas Kellner: Alright so the public meeting is concluded and its my understanding that we have a separate login for the Executive Session so we should log out of that and into the Executive Session. Thank you all.

Todd Valentine: Alright you can go ahead Peter.

Peter Kosinski: Okay so today's meeting is really just for one purpose its what was articulated at our Board Meeting on Friday and that was one piece of unfinished business which was the eligibility of William Weld to appear on the Presidential Primary ballot for the Republican Party for this April. On Friday we had received a request from William Weld to appear on the ballot and we had received a partial list of delegates under the State Law that allows candidates to appear on the ballot on the Republic line. One of the requirements is that they submit a complete list of delegates for the Presidential Primary to the Republican National Convention. As of Friday, we had not received a complete list and the campaign was given 3 days to submit additional names and information to try to comply with that requirement. And that I believe expired at the end of business yesterday. So, I will ask staff have you received any further information from the Weld Campaign.

Todd Valentine: There were no corrections, or any information filed from the Weld Campaign.

Peter Kosinski: Okay so based on that, there is nothing new that we can act on and as of Friday we had or I had determined, since this is something the Republican Commissioners and in my case since I'm the only Republican Commissioner on the State Board it is my responsibility to make a determination so that the status of the Weld candidacy has not changed since Friday and he is ineligible to appear on the Presidential ballot for the Republican party based on the failure to submit a complete list of delegates. And I guess that's the conclusion, that's the finding and...

Douglas Kellner: And the consequence is that there is no Republican Presidential Primary?

Todd Valentine: That is correct.

Peter Kosinski: Yeah, there's no contested primary so will not appear on the ballot in April. Donald Trump is the only candidate for the Republican Party in this April's Presidential Primary in New York State.

Douglas Kellner: Okay so I guess we're done.

Peter Kosinski: Being no further business to come before us I would call the meeting adjourned. Mr. Kellner have anything else to add today?

Douglas Kellner: Nothing at all.

Peter Kosinski: Okay so I have no further business and I will call the meeting adjourned. Thank you all for coming.