

**Minutes of the New York State Board of Elections  
February 12, 2026**

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Board of Elections was held at the office of the New York State Board of Elections, 40 North Pearl Street, Albany, New York in the 5<sup>th</sup> floor conference room and was called to order at 12:44 p.m. The meeting was chaired by Commissioner Peter Kosinski. Commissioners present were Essma Bagnuola, Henry Berger, and Anthony Casale. Staff members present were Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky, Raymond J. Riley III, Thomas Connolly, Brendan Lovullo, Brian Quail, Kevin Murphy, Aaron Suggs, Amy Connolly, Jude Seymour, Kathleen McGrath, Jennifer Wilson, and Ben Spear, and Enforcement Counsel Michael Johnson.

**Minutes from December 9, 2025** - Minutes were approved. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola, Berger, Casale, and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

**Unit Updates:**

**Executive** – Raymond Riley reported on several items including:

- Online and Automatic Voter Registration update.
- Provided support to New York City Board after snowstorm impacted two days of Special Election Early Voting.
- Guidance and training for County Boards.

**Election Operations** – Amy Connolly reported that the Election Operations unit is working on several issues including:

- Acceptance testing scheduled through March in a number of counties.
- Voting systems and vendor update.
- Testing of the operating system for new e-poll books.

**Legal** – Kevin Murphy reported on activities related to the Counsel/Compliance unit including:

- Litigation update.
- Compliance statistics.
- Compliance continues to process and investigate dormant committees, follow up on invalid email addresses and committees on hold; in addition to addressing outstanding campaign finance filing deficiencies.

**Enforcement** – Michael Johnson reported on the Enforcement Division, including:

- Enforcement report detailing the following closed investigations:
  - E2023-121, E2024-001, E2024-038, E2024-062, E2024-070, E2025-077, E2025-086, E2025-088, E2025-136.
- New mailing process includes ways to track and mail out certified letters.

**PIO/NVRA** – Kathleen McGrath and Jennifer Wilson reported that the PIO/NVRA unit is working on several issues, including:

- Public information requests. Website, media, and social media updates.
- Grants update.

**Accessibility** – Raymond Riley reported that the Accessibility unit is working on several issues, including:

- County Board outreach to confirm accessibility surveys are on file for 2025 poll sites.
- Responding to all inquiries regarding poll site relocation and modifications that may impact accessibility surveys.
- Working closely with Election Center to develop curriculum for Train the Trainer program.

**ITU** – Ben Spear reported on projects the IT unit is working on, including:

- IT continues to support the development of the Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) clearinghouse, the Dr. John Flateau Voting and Elections Database, and the MTX public campaign finance project.
- Secure Elections Center cybersecurity training for all members of each County Board.

**Old Business:**

- None.

**New Business:**

· VOTE on Resolution 26-01 to approve Certification of the Hart Verity 2.7.9 System. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola, Berger, Casale, and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

· VOTE on Formal Opinion 26-01 regarding Cryptocurrency. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola, Berger, Casale, and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

· VOTE on Resolution 26-02 for Hearing Officer Reappointment. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola, Berger, Casale, and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

· VOTE on 2026 Legislative Packet. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola, Berger, Casale, and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:23 p.m.



**Approved Resolution 26-01 – February 12, 2026  
Certification of the Hart Verity 2.7.9 System**

**WHEREAS**, Title II of Article 7 of the Election Law *inter alia* provides for the examination of and process for approving voting systems and their components for use at elections in the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS**, Hart InterCivic has submitted a voting system modification which contains new software components; and

**WHEREAS**, SLI Compliance (SLI) has conducted certification testing of said system, to ascertain compliance with the provisions of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission's 2005 Voluntary Voting System Guidelines, the State Board's Regulations, 9 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 6209, and the applicable sections of New York State Election Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the summary report of SLI Inc. was provided to the Board for consideration and has been duly considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Technology Enterprise Corporation (NYSTEC) has performed an independent review of the work conducted by SLI Compliance (SLI); and

**WHEREAS** the summary report of NYSTEC was provided to the Board, for consideration and has been duly considered; and

**WHEREAS**, having considered the Usability Test documentation provided by Hart InterCivic, it is the opinion of the Operations Unit that the determinations as set forth in the State Board's Regulations, 9 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 6210.19 can be applied without alteration; and

**WHEREAS**, having considered the summary reports and the results of functional testing, the Operations Unit of the New York State Board of Elections recommends the certification of certain components of said system, to wit:

- Hart Verity 2.7.9 voting system components:
  - Verity Touch Writer 2.7.9
  - Verity Reader 2.7.9
  - Verity Print 2.7.9
  - Verity Scan 2.7.9
  - Verity Data, Build, Count, Manage, Users, Desktop, and Central 2.7.9, as components of a central Election Management System

**WHEREAS**, having duly considered the aforesaid reports, functional testing, staff analysis and recommendations, and applicant submissions;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Commissioners of the New York State Board of Elections do hereby certify the Hart InterCivic Verity 2.7.9 voting system.

**Approved February 12, 2026**  
**VOTE 4 YES 0 NO**



**New York State Board of Elections**

**APPROVED RESOLUTION 26-02**

**Resolution of the State Board of Elections approving Thomas Swyers to serve as a Hearing Officer in conjunction with Election Law § 3-104 (5)(a)**

**WHEREAS**, the Election Law was modified pursuant to Chapter 55 of the Laws of 2014 to include a hearing process for certain violations of the Election Law that do not otherwise warrant a criminal prosecution; and

**WHEREAS**, said hearing process, as established in Election Law § 3-104(5)(a), calls for the State Board of Elections to establish a list of prospective Hearing Officers, each of whom shall have been approved by a majority vote of the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Swyers was appointed by the Board to serve as a Hearing Officer on December 7, 2023, for a term that expired on December 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to reappoint Mr. Swyers to serve as a Hearing Officer for another term;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the New York State Board of Elections approves Thomas Swyers to serve as a Hearing Officer; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution expires December 31, 2027.

**Approved February 12, 2026  
VOTE 4 YES 0 NO**