

**Minutes of the New York State Board of Elections
February 25, 2025**

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers 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 5th floor conference room and was called to order at approximately 3:01 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, Amy Hild, Jude Seymour, Brian Quail, Kevin Murphy, Aaron Suggs, Kathleen McGrath, Jennifer Wilson, Laura Baker, and Enforcement Counsel Michael Johnson.

The Board of Canvassers met to certify amended election results from the November 5, 2024, General Election. Commissioner Casale made a motion to approve the report as submitted by the staff. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola, Berger, Casale, and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

The Board of Canvassers was adjourned; and the meeting of the Commissioners of the New York State Board of Elections was convened at 3:01 p.m.

Minutes from December 9, 2024 - 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:

- Six State Board staff are working towards a Certified Elections Registration Administrator Certification from Election Center, which is the nation’s first professional certification program for election and voter registration professionals.
- Online and Automatic Voter Registration update.
- The Elections Commissioners’ Association Winter Conference took place last month in Albany where Board staff presented and interacted with County Commissioners.

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

- Continued acceptance testing of new voting equipment since December 9, 2024; approximately 1,750 machines have been tested in Broome, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Delaware, Monroe, Schuyler and Suffolk counties.
- Beginning a monthly training for new county commissioners.
- Voting systems and vendor update.

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

- Litigation update.
- NYS Voting Rights Act language assistance update.
- Conferring with ITU and State and Federal Courts on the recently enacted Judicial Security Act.
- Compliance statistics.

Enforcement – Michael Johnson reported on the Enforcement Division including:

- Enforcement report detailing the following closed investigations:
 - E2023-120, E2024-007, E2024-046, E2024-052, E2024-063, E2024-064
- Non-filer update.
- The Enforcement Unit's issues with submitting multiple Court filings with the Court.

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

- FOIL statistics.
- Website and social media updates.
- Grants update.

ITU – Laura Baker reported on projects the IT unit is working on, including:

- Continued work on Systems and Application Modernization Project.
- The Infrastructure Team replaced all network hardware in both the office and two data centers.
- The Secure Election Center is hosting an in-person cybersecurity training in March.

Old Business:

· None.

New Business:

· VOTE on Resolution 25-01 to approve changes to the Voter Registration form. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola, Berger, Casale, and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

· VOTE on Resolution 25-02 to approve Affidavit and Affidavit Ballot envelope revision. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola, Berger, Casale, and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

· VOTE on Resolution 25-03 to reappoint Hearing Officers Naomi Abramowitz, Richard Kass, and La'Teea Goings. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola, Berger, Casale, and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

· VOTE on Resolution 25-04 to certify the amount of public matching funds necessary to fund Special Election payments to participating candidates. **The motion was approved unanimously (Co-Chairs Berger and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 2 Yes and 0 No).**

· MOTION to approve the 2025 Legislative Packet. **The motion was approved unanimously (Co-Chairs Berger and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

· MOTION to adjourn meeting. **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 4:04 p.m.