

**Minutes of the New York State Board of Elections
March 3, 2011**

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 Steuben Street, Albany, New York in the 4th 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 approve the Certification of election results for the November 2, 2010 General Election for the 100th Assembly 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 Steuben Street, Albany, New York in the 4th 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, Elizabeth Hogan, William McCann, Anna Svizzero, Joe Burns, John Conklin, George Stanton and Patrick Campion. The guest list is attached.

Minutes of December 23rd, 2010 and January 19, 2011 – Minutes were approved as written (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson all voted to accept; 4 Yes and 0 no).

Unit Updates:

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

- Staff attended and presented at the Election Commissioners Association conference January 25th – 28th in Rockland County.
- The monthly conference calls with the Executive and Legislative Committee members of the Election Commissioner’s Association have continued.
- At the request of Commissioner Aquila, Bob Brehm explained what the “Shoobox Program” was so that people who were watching the webcast would understand
- Bob Brehm attended the EAC Standards Board Meeting held in Oklahoma City.
- The Board met with the Commission on Quality Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities, the Catskill Center for Independence and the Center for Independence for the Disabled in New York to guide us in implementing Chapter 505 of the Laws of 2010.

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

- In contact with the Department of Justice to comply with the MOVE Act and the Governor’s program bill # 4 as it pertains to the Special and General Election.
- Worked with Campaign Finance to put together a consensus regulation.
- Kim Galvin, as the agency ethics officer has spoken with the Public Integrity Commission insuring compliance with ethical training of staff.
- A motion to dismiss the Nassau County case is scheduled for March 18th.

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

- Waiting source code findings from ES&S and Dominion’s software which is due by the end of March.
- Communication has begun with a couple of usability experts to look at potential training and/or workshops for staff. Anna Svizzero gave an update on the project.

PIO/NVRA – John Conklin reported on several ongoing projects in the PIO/NVRA unit.

- Results of the 100th AD race are now posted on the website.
- The NVRA Unit has completed site visits to several counties and the visits went very well.
- Tom Connolly spoke on the most significant issues that were discussed in the meeting with the Disability’s Offices with respect to disability access that need to be addressed.

Campaign Finance – Elizabeth Hogan reported on the projects in Campaign Finance and Enforcement, including:

- Staff worked on an order to show cause that included 530 non-filers.
- Staff is continuing working with IT to develop software can that be used not only by MAC users but also by mobile devices.

ITU – George Stanton was not in attendance to report on the Unit Update

Old Business:

- The issue of the Green Party enrollments has been resolved.

New Business: None

The next board meeting is scheduled for April 12th .

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss pending legislation.

The meeting was adjourned 2:15 p.m.