Approved April 30, 2014

Minutes of the New York State Board of Elections
March 11, 2014

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 James Walsh. Commissioners present were Douglas Kellner and Gregory Peterson. Staff members present were: Robert Brehm, Todd Valentine, Kim Galvin, Paul Collins, William McCann, Anna Svizzero, Joe Burns, John Conklin, Dave Loomis and Tom Connolly. The guest list is attached.

Minutes of February 4th, 2014 – Minutes were accepted **(Commissioners Kellner, Walsh and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 3 Yes and 0 No).**

Unit Updates:

Executive – Robert Brehm and Todd Valentine reported on several issues including:
- Taking care of end of fiscal year accounts before cut-off date of March 14th.
- Legislative packet went out to members of the Assembly and Senate Committees, the leadership of both houses and the Governor's office.
- Meeting was held with the New York City Board of Elections to discuss list maintenance efforts.

Legal – Kim Galvin and Paul Collins reported on activities related to the Legal Unit including:
- Mentioned that financial disclosure report reminder e-mails will be going out soon.

Election Operations – Anna Svizzero reported that the Election Operations unit is working on several ongoing issues including:
- Certificates of vacancies were prepared for the 12 legislative vacancies.
- Working on revising the county board procedures.
- Revised timeline for the ES&S upgrade.
- Discussion on the Presidential Commission Report on Election Administration.

PIO/NVRA – John Conklin reported that the PIO/NVRA unit is working on several issues.
- Discussion on ERIC and Interstate Cross Check systems and the cost involved. Requested that staff review pros and cons of each system.

Campaign Finance – Bill McCann reported on several items his unit is working on:
- Order to Show Cause was filed on February 27th against 559 filers.
- 26 seminars have been set up throughout the state – 6 of them being CLE courses.
- Working with the IT Unit testing a new committee type specifically for independent expenditure committees.

ITU – Dave Loomis reported there was nothing to add to his monthly report.

Old Business: No old business

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

- **VOTE** on Resolution to pay expenses related to HAVA Administrative Complaint Alternative Dispute Resolution Services. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 3 Yes and 0 No.**
- Commissioners had a discussion on access to ballot images.
- **VOTE** on the staff report to open an investigation complaint CMP12-32. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 3 Yes and 0 No.**
- **VOTE** to accept staff recommendation for complaints CMP 13-18 and 13-47. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 3 Yes and 0 No.**
- **VOTE** to adopt the staff reports on the remaining preliminary determinations with the exception of 13-37, 52 and 75 which will be voted on after Executive Session. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 3 Yes and 0 No.**
- The next board meeting is scheduled for April 30th.
- **VOTE** to adjourn to Executive Session. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 3 Yes and 0 No.**
- **VOTE** to come out of Executive Session. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 3 Yes and 0 No.**
- **VOTE** to adopt the staff report to open an investigation on CMP's 13-37, 13-52 and 13-75. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 3 Yes and 0 No.**

The meeting was adjourned 1:15 p.m.