

Board of Commissioners Special Meeting

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JAMES WALSH: Alright, good morning, everyone. I will call this meeting to order. I would like to welcome everyone to our video conference this morning. And I would first like to go around the room as we traditionally do and introduce ourselves. I'll start with myself because I can see myself on camera here. Jim Walsh, I'll be chairing this meeting this morning. I would ask for the commissioners now to check in and tell us where you are and who you are, please.

EVELYN AQUILA: I'm Commissioner Aquila, here in Manhattan.

DOUGLAS KELLNER: Doug Kellner, also in Manhattan.

GREGORY PETERSON: Gregory Peterson in Garden City, New York.

JAMES WALSH: And around the table please.

TODD VALENTINE: Todd Valentine.

JOHN CONKLIN: John Conklin.

LIZ HOGAN: Liz Hogan.

BOB BREHM: Bob Brehm.

TOM CONNOLLY: Tom Connolly.

PAUL COLLINS: Paul Collins.

JOE BURNS: Joe Burns.

JAMES WALSH: Thank you all. We have had no snow here in Albany, for those of you who thought we were going to be buried. I was one of the ones who thought we were going to be buried.

This morning we have the need to certify the ballot today for the special election to fill the vacancy in the 26th congressional district, and we're meeting, as result, by video conference.

Our sole item of business on the agenda is to render determination with regard to the failure of David Bellavia, a candidate for independent nomination by the Federalist Party for the 26th Congressional District. I would like to note that the candidate does not protest the ruling and acknowledges by way of a letter that he has failed to timely file his required acceptance. He also stipulated and agreed with specific objections that the petition had an insufficient number of valid signatures.

At this time I would like to call for a vote on the ruling of the failure to file the required acceptance for an independent petition for the special election to fill the vacancy in the 26th congressional district. Do I have a motion, please?

DOUGLAS KELLNER: I move that we approve the report and that the candidate will be off the ballot for failure to file a timely acceptance.

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GREGORY PETERSON: I'll second that motion.

JAMES WALSH: Motion made and seconded. Any comments, questions? If not, motion will stand. The vote on the ruling has confirmed the failure to file.

DOUGLAS KELLNER: Let's take a formal vote.

JAMES WALSH: Excuse me, yes. I'm trying to move this thing along I guess too quickly.

EVELYN AQUILA: I haven't said a word yet.

[LAUGHTER]

JAMES WALSH: Well maybe that was intentional. That's alright. On the motion? All in favor, please?

(Chorus of Ayes)

All opposed?

JAMES WALSH: The ayes have it. Our next scheduled meeting of the Board is April 12, 2011 at 12:00 PM. If there's no further business I'll accept a motion to adjourn.

DOUGLAS KELLNER: So moved.

GREGORY PETERSON: Does this have anything to do with April Fool's Day, by the way?

[LAUGHTER]

EVELYN AQUILA: I agree with you, Greg.

JAMES WALSH: Motion made and seconded. We'll see you on April the 12th. Thank you.

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