

**Minutes of the New York State Board of Elections  
April 30, 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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, Andrew Spano 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 March 11, 2014** – Minutes were accepted (**Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No**).

**New Business:** taken out of order:

- **VOTE** on the determinations regarding designations/objections to federal petitions and certificates. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

**Unit Updates:**

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

- Bob Brehm welcomed Commissioner Spano.
- Preparing for the changes that were enacted in the budget.
- Working on the petition process for the federal primary in June.
- Monthly calls with the county election commissioners are ongoing.

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

- 11 petition actions have been filed.
- Working on the new budget items.
- Collected on an old judgment for \$18,000.00.

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

- Procedures have been updated for the Guide on Operating a County Board of Elections.
- Worked on the petition process for the federal primary in June.

**PIO/NVRA** – John Conklin reported that the PIO/NVRA unit is working on several issues.

- Attended meetings on election night reporting.
- Updates on our website including petitions and objections received, voter registration deadlines, campaign finance handbook.
- Focusing on compliance with the MOVE Act.
- Working with IT to prepare for the NCOA data scrub which will start the week of May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Campaign Finance** – Bill McCann reported on several items his unit is working on:

- Outreach and training group are preparing training materials for their upcoming seminars.

- Preparing a webinar for independent expenditures disclosure and compliance for the end of May.
- Working on procedures for the new compliance unit that was created in the budget.

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

- Moving forward on the Campaign finance Redesign Project
- Working on getting the contract settled with the vendor for the NYSVoter Refresh Project.

**Old Business:** the commissioners took action on several issues including:

- **VOTE** on Resolution to adopt certain amendments to Part 6210 and 6211 of SBOE Regulations. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No.)**  
**VOTE** on Resolution adopting certain amendments to Part 6206 of the Election Law. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No.)**
- **VOTE** on Resolution to Certify the ES&S DS200 voting system upgrade. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No.)**
- **DISCUSSED** report on Voter Registration List Maintenance.
- **VOTE** on Resolution to adopt the formal opinion. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No.)**

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

- **DISCUSSED** the Changes from Budget in regard to the Compliance Unit, Matching funds Pilot Program, Independent Expenditure and the Public Financing Pilot Programs.
- **VOTE** to accept staff recommendation for all complaints except for CMP-30 which is tabled for next meeting. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No.)**
- The next board meeting is scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**The meeting was adjourned 1:35 p.m.**