

**Minutes of the New York State Board of Elections
June 12, 2012**

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 North Pearl Street, Albany, New York in the 5th Floor Conference Room and was called to order at 12:05 p.m. The meeting was chaired by Commissioner James Walsh. Commissioners present were Douglas Kellner, Evelyn Aquila and Gregory Peterson.

The Board of Canvassers considered a motion to approve the Certification of election results for the March 20, 2012 Special Election for the 27th Senate 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 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, Evelyn Aquila and Gregory Peterson. Staff members present were: Robert Brehm, Todd Valentine, Kim Galvin, Paul Collins, Liz Hogan, William McCann, Joe Burns, John Conklin and Tom Connolly. The guest list is attached.

Minutes of May 3, 2012 – Minutes were accepted (**Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No**).

Unit Updates:

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

- Settling into the new office space and making sure it is set up properly for petition filing next month.
- The new SFS fiscal system is up and running. We had an in-house training session it seems to be working ok with a few kinks that they are still working on.

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

- Unit is busy with phone calls pertaining to petition filings.
- Putting together a training session for staff on the petition checking process.
- The Court of Appeals denied leave in the third CD district Kiernan case.
- The DOJ responded to our request for pre-clearance of the Technical Data Package on the ES&S system.
- NYC is working on updating their deceased, felons and duplicate voter maintenance.

Election Operations – Joe Burns reported that the Election Operations unit is working on several ongoing issues including:

- Processed the results of the Senate 27th to certify today
- Received and distributed the party calls of the six recognized parties.
- Updated the running for office book to reflect new district lines and where to file petitions.
- Working on the changes for the voting system screens that were required for the double vote and over vote. In the process of certifying and hope to have it done by mid July.
- Bob Warren reported on the over-vote issue in Yates and Bronx County.

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

- Receiving a large number of inquiries regarding the congressional primary, redistricting, and petition related issues.
- Board visits continue as does NVRA training.
- Updated the web to include political calendar, etc.
- Updating all necessary documents to reflect Bengali – the new voting rights language in New York City.

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

- Beta group will be testing the revised software with the July periodic filings.
- Seminars are concluding this week. Two of the seminars are actually CLE presentations.
- Investigator Javon Owens retired last month. We are working with the State Police to set up a protocol in dealing with their assistance if needed.

ITU – Todd Valentine reported in the Unit Update

- New Chief Information Officer will be starting on June 21st.
- Staff did a great job in moving the data center to its new location. It took a couple extra days but it went fine.

Old Business:

- There was a discussion on the independent expenditure regulations. Commissioner Kellner recommends that we use the language of the Federal Election Commission Regulations in our regulations. Will be discussed further at the next board meeting.

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

- VOTE to adopt a new version of the voter registration form including Bengali. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- VOTE on resolution proposing certain amendments to 9NYCRR part 6204 and 6209. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- The next board meeting will be Tuesday, August 7th at noon, September 12th and possibly another at the end of September.
- VOTE to adopt all the staff reports on Campaign Finance Enforcement except for CMP11-10 **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

The meeting was adjourned 2:15 p.m.