

**Minutes of the New York State Board of Elections  
June 13, 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 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room and was called to order at 12:20 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 May 24, 2011 Special Election in the 26<sup>th</sup> Congressional 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 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room was called to order at 12:25 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, Elizabeth Hogan, William McCann, Anna Svizzero, Joe Burns, John Conklin, Tom Connolly, George Stanton and Patrick Campion. The guest list is attached.

**Minutes of April 1<sup>st</sup> and May 10, 2011** – Minutes were approved as written. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh Aquila and Peterson all voted to accept; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

**Unit Updates:**

**Executive** – Robert Brehm reported on several issues including:

- Todd Valentine and Robert Brehm had a meeting with the New York City Board of Elections senior staff on compliance with the NYSVoter maintenance provisions. They also attended a follow-up meeting with the Commissioners of the City Board
- Went to the Uniform Law Committee meeting in Albany. The Committee is trying to promote a Uniform Law throughout the country that would deal with compliance issues with the MOVE Act.
- There were two retirements in the agency- Dennis Caro and Monica LaGue, both from our IT Unit.
- Report was received from out Federal EAC Audit of the spending of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) money. A response will be going out within the next week.

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

- Communication with the Department of Justice is still ongoing.
- Communicating with the Legislature regarding any legislation that they are working on that might affect us.
- Waiting to hear from the State Supreme Court on our motion to dismiss the Nassau County law suit.

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

- Acceptance testing was held in Oneida County.
- ES&S's update software is expected tomorrow and Dominion's will be here by the end of the week.
- A workshop for ballot redesign and usability will be held at the Board on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

- The Annual Report is complete and posted on the website.
- The pre and post-election surveys for overseas/military voters from the Special Election in the 26<sup>th</sup> CD gave been returned and results were very favorable.

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

- Discussed the language of the new ethics bill proposed by the Governor.

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

- Working with HP to update NYSVoter with the new party information.
- Working with Scytl on the updates to NYSVoter that are required to implement the provisions of the MOVE Act.

### **Old Business:**

- VOTE of Resolution for Suffolk County Board of Elections Extended Ballot Pilot Project Program. With an additional provision there was a vote on the resolution. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson all voted to accept; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

### **New Business:**

- VOTE on Resolution to approve HAVA funding for Scytl MOVE Act. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson all voted to accept; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- Vote on Resolution to approve funding for tasks related to pre-election testing and post-election audit research grant. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson all voted to accept; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- VOTE on Resolution to apportion 100 percent of the 2011 Health and Human Services poll site access grant award. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson all voted to accept; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

- There was a lengthy discussion on the contents of the new affidavit ballot envelopes. To move ahead on this project there was a motion to delegate to the Co-Executive Directors the authority to promulgate the form required by Election Law 8-302. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson all voted to accept; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- Before going into Executive Session, Commissioner Kellner wanted to let the public know that it is important to comply with the provisions of the Fair Campaign Code regarding the filing of polls.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss pending legislation.

**The meeting was adjourned 2:10 p.m.**