

**Minutes of the New York State Board of Elections
June 22, 2010**

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 4th 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, Evelyn Aquila 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, George Stanton and Patrick Campion. The guest list is attached.

Minutes of May 11th, 2010 – Minutes were accepted (Commissioners Walsh, Kellner, Aquila and Peterson all voted to accept; 4 Yes and 0 no).

Unit Updates:

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

- The Federal HAVA Audit has been completed. They were very pleased with the county board visits and the asset tracking of the equipment.
- The Election Commissioners Association conference is this week and a number of staff will be holding workshops for the county commissioners.

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

- The Legislature has passed a significant number of bills that affect the Board and the election process.
- Work with the Election Operations Unit to review documents in regard to nominating petitions.
- All legislation has gone to the Department of Justice for pre-clearance.
- Paul Collins spoke on the lawsuits with Nassau County.

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

- A request to the counties to certify their complete transition to optical scan voting machines is due on July 23rd. 15 counties have responded so far.
- The Voter Bill of Rights has been modified.
- Anna Svizzero spoke on the question from some of the counties concerning the interpretation of section 9-106. Anna is going to speak to the county commissioners concerning this at the Commissioners conference.

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

- John reported on the disability access monitoring of the counties. There are 7 poll sites remaining in the state that are not handicapped accessible.

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

- Liz Hogan and Bill McCann will be attending the Election Commissioners Association Conference to be available to discuss the new campaign forms with the commissioners.
- Bill McCann introduced Frank Malatesta, an intern from Albany Law School.

ITU – George Stanton reported on several issues, including:

- Updating and simplifying some of the campaign finance reports on the web.
- Shut down the system last weekend and applied the latest patches and updates..

Old Business:

- There was a lengthy discussion of the MOVE Act. Bob Brehm reported that the contracting is moving along and hopefully will be completed within the next week. A state scope of work requested by the Federal Voting Assistance Program was finalized. Regional training will be held and will be discussed at the Commissioners Conference.

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

- VOTE on an Amendment to Part 6212.9 **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- VOTE on Resolution to Approve Affidavit Envelopes. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- Discussion, ES&S Engineering Change Orders. Anna Svizzero explained that there were minor hardware issues with components of the parts of the machine that do not make any functional or computer changes.
- There was a motion to approve the enforcement determinations as proposed by staff. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- The next board meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, August 3rd.
- There was a motion to adjourn the meeting and go to Executive Session. **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.