

## Minutes of the New York State Board of Elections

June 25, 2018

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 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room and was called to order at 12:05 p.m. The meeting was chaired by Commissioner Peter Kosinski. Commissioners present were Douglas Kellner, Andrew Spano and Gregory Peterson.

The Board of Canvassers considered a motion to certify the results of the April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Special Election for the 32<sup>nd</sup> and 37<sup>th</sup> Senate Districts and the 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 74<sup>th</sup>, 80<sup>th</sup>, 102<sup>nd</sup>, 107<sup>th</sup> and 142<sup>nd</sup> Assembly Districts.

**The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Kosinski, Spano 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 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room was called to order at 12:15 p.m. The meeting was chaired by Commissioner Peter Kosinski. Commissioners present were Doug Kellner, Andrew Spano and Gregory Peterson. Staff members present were: Robert Brehm, Todd Valentine, Brian Quail, Kim Galvin, Nick Cartegena, Bill McCann, Tom Connolly, Brendan Lovullo, John Conklin, Cheryl Couser, Bill Cross and Risa Sugarman. Guest in attendance was: Bill Mahoney from Politico.

**Minutes of May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Kosinski, 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:

- Submitted the approved cyber security plan to the US Election Assistance Commission.
- Received \$19.5 million from the US EAC for cyber security.
- Held 6 tabletop sessions on cyber security with 60 counties attending.
- Prepared for the Federal Primary – 20 primaries in 15 congressional districts.

**Legal** – Kim Galvin and Brian Quail reported on activities related to the Counsel/Compliance Unit including:

- Working on formatting the regulations, etc. to be accessible.
- Reviewed comments received on the two pending regulations.
- Gave updates on the outstanding cases.
- Discussion on the Independent Expenditures Regulations.

**Election Operations** – Brendon Lovullo and Tom Connolly reported that the Election Operations Unit is working on several ongoing issues including:

- Received nominations for Governor, Lt. Governor and Attorney General.
- Reviewing resumes and interviewing for the Secure Elections Center.
- Conference call is scheduled with the Center for Civic Design to discuss usability.
- Completed testing of the Dominion ICE machine.

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

- Discussion on the Governor's Executive Order concerning parolees.
- Participated in the 6 tabletop exercises.

- Posted the annual report on the website along with the adopted automated audit request regulation.
- NVRA held 7 trainings and visited 8 county boards.

**ITU** – Bill Cross reported on projects IT is working on:

- Working on the new digital ads application to meet legislative requirements.
- Preparing the Election Night Reporting.
- Data Center was successfully relocated on May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- NYSVoter migrated to its new infrastructure successfully.
- Presented at the NYS Local Government IT Director’s Association conference on the topic of cyber security.

**Enforcement**– Risa Sugarman reported on the Enforcement Unit.

- Working on Enforcement’s comments for the Part 6203 regulation.

### **Old Business:**

- Vote for Final Adoption - 6215- Candidate Websites. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Kosinski, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

### **New Business:**

- VOTE on Prima facie ballot access ruling. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Kosinski, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- VOTE on Opinion on charitable trusts. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Kosinski, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- Opinion on child care was held over until next meeting.
- The next board meeting is scheduled for August 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Motion to Adjourn. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Kosinski, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

### **Executive Session:**

- There was no Executive Session.

**The meeting was adjourned at 1:45p.m.**