

**Minutes of the New York State Board of Elections
July 9, 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 5th 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, William McCann, Joe Burns, Tom Connolly and Cheryl Couser. The guest list is attached.

Minutes of May 22, 2014 – Minutes were accepted (**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:

- The Executive Chamber has approved the new staffing plan for the Compliance Unit.
- Dave Loomis left the Board to work at the Office of Information Technology.
- The petition season has started.

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

- Working to get acclimated with the new Compliance Unit.

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

- Unit is very busy with the petition filing.

PIO/NVRA – Tom Connolly reported that the PIO/NVRA unit is working on several issues.

- The Election Night reporting for the Federal Election went very well. The IT Department did a great job.
- Posted on the website the proposed amendment for the Emergency Regulation.
- Posting the petition filings as they come into the office.
- Sent voice samples to colleagues in New York City for the recordings on the BMD devices.

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

- Working with our Admin office on getting the new phone system to have the same metrics as the old system.
- Working on the transition to the Compliance Unit.
- Audit staff is working on procedures for the compliance review as well as the pilot program for the Comptroller's race as well as Independent Expenditure.

ITU – Bob Brehm reported on a few projects IT is working on:

- Independent Expenditure and Public Finance

Old Business: The Commissioners took action on the following:

- **VOTE** on Resolution to amend the emergency regulations part 6200.10 – Disclosure of Independent Expenditures. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No.)**

New Business:

- **VOTE** to adjourn to Executive Session. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No.)**
- **VOTE** to accept all staff recommendations except for 12-32 and 14-30 which will be modified and closed as discussed. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No.)**
- **VOTE** on Resolution to appoint Kathleen O’Keefe as Co-Counsel of the State Board of Elections effective July 9, 2014 with a start date to be determined. **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 August 1st

The meeting was adjourned 12:45 p.m.