

**Minutes of the New York State Board of Elections
July 29, 2013**

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 amend the certification of the General Election results for the November 6, 2012 Election. **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, William McCann, Anna Svizzero, Joe Burns, John Conklin, Dave Loomis, Tom Connolly and Cheryl Couser. The guest list is attached.

Minutes of June 4, 2013 – 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:

- We are cooperating fully with the Moreland Commission, assembled by the governor to investigate election practices.
- A notice was received from the State Comptroller's Office that they will begin an audit of procurement of paper ballots.

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

- Receiving numerous phone calls on the petition process.

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

- Processed petitions for upcoming election
- Ballot drawing will be held July 30th at 1:00pm.
- Functional testing for the Sequoia Legacy Central Account System has been completed.
- Procurement process has started for a new RFP for voting systems supplies and services.

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

- Numerous calls concerning filings and the Moreland Commission
- Looking into publishing requirements in regard to the Constitutional amendments.

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

- Order to Show Cause for the July Periodic is scheduled to go out on August 22nd.
- Finalizing procurement for a new process server. Referrals were made to the Albany County District Attorney's office.

- Received a three year renewal on the Seminar Accreditation for CLE's in reference to training.
- Commissioner Kellner asked about the enforcement of Judgments and that we should be able to levy against the active filers with funds in the bank.

ITU – Dave Loomis reported on activity in the IT unit.

- Working with the IT Organization ITS to prioritize upcoming projects.

Old Business: No old business

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

- **VOTE** on the staff report on petition determinations and prima facie matters. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- **VOTE** on Resolution to certify upgrades to ES&S Central Account System. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- **VOTE** on Resolution to certify Sequoia Dominion Legacy Central Count Absente System. **(The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- **VOTE** on Resolutions to adopt the formal opinion requested by the Citizen's Union. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- **VOTE** to approve the recommendation of staff for the determination from Campaign Finance Unit. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- **VOTE** to adopt the text of the six proposals and abstracts that will appear on the November ballot as revised and authorize the Co-Executive Director's to make any further revisions in consultation with the Commissioners. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- The next meeting will tentative be September 12 and/or September 20, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned 1:15 p.m.