

**Minutes of the New York State Board of Elections
August 1, 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 12:05 p.m. The meeting was chaired by Commissioner James Walsh. Commissioners present were Douglas Kellner, Andrew Spano and Gregory Peterson. Staff members present were: Robert Brehm, Todd Valentine, Kim Galvin, Kathleen O’Keefe, William McCann, Anna Svizzero, Joe Burns, John Conklin and Tom Connolly. The guest list is attached.

Minutes of July 9, 2014 – Minutes were accepted (**Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No**).

VOTE on petition rulings (see attached)

Prima Facie Review

Authorization/Acceptance/Declination Summary

Objections and Specifications that were late or faulty

Specifications: summary of staff findings

Hearings Conducted – summary of findings

The motion was approved unanimously (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:

- Bob and Todd attended the Election Commissioners Association Summer Conference. Staff was web-conferenced in.
- Setting up interviews to fill the vacant position of Chief Information Officer.

Legal – Kathleen O’Keefe reported on activities related to the Counsel Unit including:

- Finalizing the Public Financing Program.
- Kathleen spoke about the new Compliance Unit and the changes that filers can expect.
- Kim Galvin reported that there were 17 petition cases some of which are still pending.

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

- Worked on another group of procedures for ballot access.
- Ballot draw for the September Primary was conducted
- Met with a delegation from the Philippines along with the Schenectady County Board of Elections.

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

- Received numerous calls concerning petitions and the July periodic
- Participated in the Election Commissioners Association conference via web access.
- Waiting certification of the language for the ballot propositions to then post them to our website.

ITU – Elizabeth Mowrey reported on projects IT is working on:

- A Project Manager for the Candidate Management/Campaign Finance upgrade has started and meetings are underway.

New Business:

- **VOTE to Certify the 2014 Ballot Propositions:**
Ballot Proposal #1-Revising the State’s Redistricting Procedure. The form of submission has been amended to reflect recommendations from the public. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
Ballot Proposal #2 – Permitting Electronic Distribution of State Legislative Bills. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No.)**
Ballot Proposal #3 – The Smart Schools Bond Act of 2014. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- **VOTE on Resolution to certify Robert T. Antonacci, II as participating candidate in the Matching Fund Financing Pilot Program for Office of State Comptroller for the year 2014. The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No.)**
- **VOTE to accept staff recommendations on Campaign Finance Complaints. 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 September 4th

The meeting was adjourned 1:15 p.m.