

**Minutes of the New York State Board of Elections  
August 5, 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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, 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.

**New Business:** VOTE on the Petition Rulings which included any prima facie matters, rulings on acceptance and authorizations report, rulings on objections (determinations with and without hearings) Full report attached. (**Commissioners Walsh, Kellner, Aquila and Peterson all voted to accept; 4 Yes and 0 no**).

**Minutes of June 22<sup>nd</sup> , 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 lease on our building is in the process of being extended for another 10 years.
- Staff was busy with the petitions and hearings

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

- Staff has been busy with the 42 petition lawsuits that were filed to date.
- Work with the Election Operations Unit to review documents in regard to nominating petitions.

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

- The drawing for ballot positions was held.
- Provided the County Boards with a number of forms and applications in multiple languages.
- Extremely busy with petition activity.

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

- New York Network has completed the shooting of the Spanish language television commercial.

- NVRA training will be held the middle of September. New training for CUNY and SUNY will be held the middle of August.
- Staff participated in meetings on the MOVE Act.
- 2005 HHS Poll Site Access Improvement money will expire

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

- July 15<sup>th</sup> was the filing date for the periodic. Staff was busy processing calls, etc.
- Commissioner Peterson asked if there was a way to notify a filer at the time of filing that there are issues with the report.

**ITU** – George Stanton reported on several issues, including:

- Putting the finishing touches on the electronic filing software which should be released next year.
- Assisting with the MOVE Act.

### **Old Business:**

- There was a lengthy discussion of the MOVE Act. Patrick Campion reported that Scytl has been awarded the contract for New York. Training has been set up with all the county regional contact. Robert Brehm and Todd Valentine had a meeting with the Department of Justice and FVAP. Bob Brehm explained the different steps to getting a military ballot.

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

- VOTE on Resolution for Payment of an Asset Management System. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- Discussion on the New York City VMWare Request. Anna Svizzero explained that New York City made a request proposing an additional way to facilitate the exchange of information between the main office and the five boroughs. Staff from the State Board will monitor the system during the Primary to make sure it doesn't compromise any of the procedures that have set forth in respect to the certification of the system.
- There was a discussion on the Suffolk County Board of Elections Central Scanning request. Anna Svizzero feels that due to the fact that Suffolk County was not part of the Pilot Program that this request should be held off until the General Election. After a lengthy discussion, Suffolk County will be notified that the Board is taking their request under advisement and Suffolk County is not authorized to use it for the Primary Election.
- The Commissioners tabled CMP9-92, 9-122 and 9-170. The Commissioners approved the recommendation of the Enforcement staff to all other enforcement items on the agenda. **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 Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- There was a motion to adjourn the meeting and go to Executive Session to discuss litigation matters and voting machine certification issues. **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.**