

**Minutes of the New York State Board of Elections
August 5, 2016**

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 Peter Kosinski. Commissioners present were Douglas Kellner, Andrew Spano and Gregory Peterson. Staff members present were: Robert Brehm, Todd Valentine, Kim Galvin, Brian Quail, Bill McCann, Anna Svizzero, Brendan Lovullo, John Conklin, Tom Connolly and Risa Sugarman. The guest list is attached.

Minutes of July 12, 2016 – Minutes were accepted (**Commissioners Kellner, Kosinski, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No**).

New Business:

- VOTE to adopt the staff report petition rulings. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kosinski, Kellner, 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:

- Hired a new head of the IT Dept. His name is Bill Cross and will start in 2 weeks.
- The petition process kept everyone very busy.
- 6 new temporary positions for the ITU have been approved.

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

- The Board has 8 pending litigations.
- Reviewed the Independent Expenditure Legislation.
- Had a meeting with the Department of Justice regarding New York City NYSVoter AVID interaction.
- Provided to the Commissioners a statistical report on deficiency reporting and failure to file percentages.

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

- Busy with the petition process.
- Working on the ES&S upgrade with the Run for Record ready to begin.
- Had engineering change orders for both Dominion and ES&S.

PIO/NVRA – Bob Brehm reported that the PIO/NVRA unit is working on several issues.

- Fielding numerous calls and inquiries from candidates, voters etc.
- John and Tom participated in in a video conference for the ECA Summer Conference.
- Tom Connolly did a presentation on the federal write-in absentee ballot application at the conference.
- MOVE Act surveys have been collected.

- NVRA training sessions were held with Schenectady WICS and Dept. Of Labor.
- The Interstate Cross-Check program is moving forward.

Enforcement – Risa Sugarman reported on the Enforcement Unit:

- Staff continues to work.

Old Business:

- Discussion on Political Clubs will be carried over until next board meeting.
- Discussion on the policy for handling documents from the Division of Election Law Enforcement Unit.
- The next board meetings is scheduled for September 15, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned 2:15 p.m.