

**Minutes of the New York State Board of Elections  
September 6, 2023**

The meeting of the Commissioners of the New York State Board of Elections was held at the office of the New York State Board of Elections, 40 North Pearl Street, Albany, New York in the 5<sup>th</sup> floor conference room and was called to order at approximately 12:02 p.m. The meeting was chaired by Commissioner Peter Kosinski. Commissioners present were Anthony Casale, Douglas Kellner, and Andrew Spano. Staff members present were Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky, Raymond J. Riley III, Thomas Connolly, Brendan Lovullo, Amy Hild, Brian Quail, Kevin Murphy, Aaron Suggs, Kathleen McGrath, Jennifer Wilson, Michael Haber, and Enforcement Counsel Michael Johnson.

**Minutes from August 2, 2023** – Minutes were held over until the next monthly meeting.

The Board of Canvassers met to certify the ballot access determinations for two judicial districts, the 4<sup>th</sup> JD and 9<sup>th</sup> JD. Commissioner Kellner made a motion to approve the staff report. The motion was approved unanimously (**Commissioners Kellner, Kosinski, Spano and Casale voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No**).

**Unit Updates:**

**Executive** – Raymond J. Riley III reported on several items including:

- Attending the Election Commissioners Association summer conference in Niagara Falls.
- Referring attempts to impersonate election officials and intimidate voters to State and Federal law enforcement.
- Renovation and space planning update.
- 3,270 voter registration applications received statewide through the Online Voter Registration portal since it was deployed through the end of August.

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

- Prepared certification for general election.
- Staff has conducted accepted testing for seven counties so far and over 1,100 machines.
- Launched a civic roundtable platform of which approximately fifty counties are currently participating.

**Legal** – Kevin Murphy reported on activities related to the Counsel/Compliance unit including:

- Litigation update.
- Compliance statistics.
- Nonfiler statistics.

**ENFORCEMENT** – Michael Johnson reported on the Enforcement Division including:

- Nonfiler report.
- Enforcement report detailing the following closed investigations:
  - E2022-040, E2022-056, E2022-100, E2023-009, E2023-022
  - E2023-039, E2023-041, E2023-057, E2023-060, E2023-072
- Submitted a proposed regulation of a fined structure to Counsel for those who fail to make filings.

**PIO/NVRA** – Kathleen McGrath reported that the PIO/NVRA unit is working on several issues:

- Launched new Freedom of Information (FOIL) platform GovQA to receive, process, and respond to FOIL requests.
- Ballot propositions were posted to the State Board’s website, translated into required languages, and will be placed in newspapers throughout the state.
- Social media update.

**ITU** – Michael Haber reported on projects IT is working on, including:

- Began deploying equipment and replacing end of life user devices for work from home staff.
- Released a mandatory Cybersecurity training for County and State Board Employees.
- The State Board’s Chief Information Security Officer will be traveling NYS with Homeland Security and Emergency Services to inform them of Federal Homeland Security Grant Program or Mandatory Election Security Funds.

**Old Business:**

· None.

**New Business:**

· None

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:07 p.m.