

**Minutes of the New York State Board of Elections
September 26, 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, Brian Quail, Bill McCann, Anna Svizzero, Joe Burns, John Conklin, Tom Connolly and Risa Sugarman. The guest list is attached.

Minutes of September 4, 2014 – Minutes were accepted (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:

- Large number of challenges to independent petitions
- Bob Brehm and Tom Connolly attended a meeting at the NYC Board of Elections and PEW to discuss electronic registration.

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

- Meeting with the Comptroller's office in reference to Public Financing.
- The Independent Expenditure link has about 80 disclosures that have been made so far.
- The redistricting ballot proposal had been challenged and the Judge ruled that the word "independent" be removed.

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

- Working with Boards in building ballots for Election Day and Central Count Systems.
- Functional testing will begin soon on Clear Ballots Central Count submission.
- Will be doing some functional testing on ES&S change orders that came through.
- Received a large amount of independent filings.
- There was a discussion on usability issues.

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

- Tom Connolly spoke about the upcoming deadlines for the UOCAVA reporting.
- Participating in meetings for the FIDAS and CAPAS redesign.

ITU – Robert Brehm reported on projects IT is working on:

- Weekly meetings are being attended by senior staff to go over priorities and projects that are being worked on.
- The kick-off meeting for the NYSVoter Refresh program will be October 8th.

Enforcement – Risa Sugarman reported on the Enforcement Unit:

- Investigations are being conducted.
- Interviews for audit staff have been started.

New Business:

- **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.)
- The next board meetings are scheduled for November 6th and December 15th.
There was a motion to go into Executive Session. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No.)**

The meeting was adjourned 1:15 p.m.