Minutes of the New York State Board of Elections October 2, 2019

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 Douglas Kellner. Commissioners present were Peter Kosinski, Gregory Peterson and Andy Spano. Staff members present were Robert Brehm, Todd Valentine, Brian Quail, Kim Galvin, Nick Cartagena, Bill McCann, Tom Connolly, John Conklin, Cheryl Couser, and Bill Cross. Guests in attendance were Jaret Berg of Vote Early NY, Lulu Friesdat of Smart Elections, Bill Mahoney of Politico and Jennifer Wilson of League of Women Voters.

Minutes of August 28th, 2019 and Executive Minutes from July 25th, 2019 – Minutes were approved as written. The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Kosinski, 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:

- Reported on all the new legislation.
- Continue meeting with the Deputy Secretary to review spending.
- Preparing for Early Voting next month.

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

- Update on court cases.
- Received numerous calls concerning the new LLC law.

Election Operations – Tom Connolly reported that the Election Operations unit is working on several ongoing issues including:

- Update on voting machine testing.
- Assisting the counties with the new e-poll books
- Discussion concerning county security plans for early voting.

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

- Participated in Webinar for the new MOVE Act internal application.
- Did a presentation at the ECA conference on the Capital Grant.
- Worked with IT for launch of the SANS training.

ITU – Bill Cross reported on projects IT is working on:

- CAPAS-FIDAS EFS tested by Beta Group
- Preparing NYSVoter for early voting.
- Complete risk assessment with DHS

Enforcement– Risa Sugarman did not attend the board meeting and did not present a unit report.

Old Business:

- Resolution for Use of Force will be held over until next meeting.
- Fair Campaign Code #19-1 will be on hold for next meeting.

New Business:

- VOTE on Resolution to approve final adoption of Regulations Part 6210.18. The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Kosinski, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).
- VOTE on Resolution to approve final adoption of Regulations Part 6210.19. The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Kosinski, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).
- VOTE on Resolution to approve extension of emergency adoption of Regulation part 6210.17 and 6210.10. The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Kosinski, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).
- VOTE on Resolution to approve extension of emergency regulation 6211. The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Kosinski, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).
- VOTE on Resolution to approve the Dominion Upgrade Certification. The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Kosinski, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).
- Next board meetings are scheduled for December 12, 2019 and January 16th, 2020.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Kosinski, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.