

**Minutes of the New York State Board of Elections  
October 16, 2012**

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 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room was called to order at 12:05 p.m. The meeting was chaired by Commissioner Douglas Kellner. Commissioners present were James Walsh, Evelyn Aquila and Gregory Peterson. Staff members present were: Robert Brehm, Todd Valentine, Kim Galvin, Paul Collins, Liz Hogan, William McCann, Joe Burns, John Conklin, Dave Loomis and Tom Connolly. The guest list is attached.

**Minutes of September 12, 2012 – Minutes were accepted (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

**Unit Updates:**

**Executive** – Robert Brehm and Todd Valentine reported on several issues including:

- Working on the budget for next year which is due.
- The monthly County Commissioners conference call meeting was held here in the office due to the fact that some of the Commissioners were at the Hotel Albany to plan for their winter conference.

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

- Helping with the mailed in registration forms
- Working on the issues with the Department of Justice

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

- An asset management system has been selected
- Working on ballot usability collecting now the general ballot samples and have all the primary ballot samples

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

- Due to all the voter registration forms that came to us, we had to reach out to all the other units in the agency to help process those forms to get them to the county boards of elections.
- Fielding a lot of phone calls from the military and special federal overseas voters.

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

- A vendor has been selected and the documentation has been submitted to DOB for the processing of the certified letters sent from CFU
- Unit is busy with the many filings this year.

**ITU** – Dave Loomis reported on projects in the Information Technology Unit

- Nothing to add to the written report

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

- VOTE on the substitutions and objections in regards to the Working Families Party 10<sup>th</sup> JD. Commissioner Peterson made a motion that the original nomination is void. **(Commissioners Walsh and Peterson voted yes, Commissioners Kellner and Aquila voting no; 2 Yes and 2 No)**. Commissioner Kellner motioned to overrule the objection and find that the substituted candidate should appear on the ballot. **((Commissioners Kellner and Aquila voted yes, Commissioners Walsh and Peterson voted no based upon it being void from the beginning and therefore they don't feel they can vote in favor at this juncture)**.
- VOTE on Resolution to authorize HAVA expenditures for the cost associated with services for an asset management system to track and inventory voting systems and equipment. **(Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No)**.
- DISCUSSION regarding Bengali required enhancements to the ES&S voting system. Kim Galvin reported that she and Bob Warren have been in contact with ES&S in regards to this update and also other changes that are pending.
- DISCUSSION of the voter registration issues in Dutchess County with regards to college students. Commissioner Kellner made a motion to send an advisory letter to Dutchess County Commissioners that based on the fact that the voter registrations in question are wholly within one election district and that there the mailing address is adequate to mail the acknowledgement cards. **(Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No)**.
- VOTE to accept two determinations from the campaign finance unit. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No)**.
- The next board meeting will be held December 10, 2012.
- The Commissioners went into Executive Session to discuss enforcement issues.

**The meeting was adjourned 1:15 p.m.**