

Proposed Minutes

Minutes of the New York State Board of Elections December 9, 2025

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers 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 5th floor conference room and was called to order at 1:14 p.m. The meeting was chaired by Commissioner Henry Berger. Commissioners present were Essma Bagnuola, Anthony Casale, and Peter Kosinski via video conference. Staff members present were Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky, Raymond J. Riley III, Thomas Connolly, Brendan Lovullo, Brian Quail, Kevin Murphy, Amy Connolly, Jude Seymour, Kathleen McGrath, Jennifer Wilson, Laura Baker, Ben Spear and Enforcement Counsel Michael Johnson.

The Board of Canvassers met to certify election results from the November 4, 2025, General Election. Commissioner Bagnuola made a motion to approve the report as submitted by the staff. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola, Berger, Casale and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes 0 No).**

· MOTION to adjourn the meeting. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola, Berger, Casale and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes 0 No).**

The Board of Canvassers was adjourned; and the meeting of the Commissioners of the New York State Board of Elections was convened at 1:16 p.m.

Minutes from August 6, 2025, and September 10, 2025 - Minutes were approved. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola, Berger, Casale, and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

Unit Updates:

Executive – Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky reported on several items including:

- Online and Automatic Voter Registration update.
- State Board Training Institute will develop curriculum for certified poll worker training and Train the Trainer programs.
- Election Commissioners Association Winter Conference is coming up on January 5th.

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

- Provided support to county boards leading up the General Election.
- Acceptance testing will be resumed next week for county boards to accept new voting equipment.
- Voting systems and vendor update.

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

- Litigation update.
- Compliance statistics.

- Compliance management is focused on updating training, simplifying processes and procedures that will be more understandable to treasurers, candidates and stakeholders.

Enforcement – Michael Johnson reported on the Enforcement Division, including:

- Enforcement report detailing the following closed investigations:
 - E2023-043, E2023-066, E2023-136, E2023-138, E2023-141, E2023-147, E2023-158, E2024-019, E2024-028, E2024-048, E2024-061, E2025-037, E2025-052, E2025-064, E2025-076, E2025-092, E2025-093, E2025-106, E2025-114, E2025-119, E2025-121, E2025-135
- Handling complaints from General Election and compiling information that will be shared with the Co-Executive Directors and Election Operations.

PIO/NVRA – Kathleen McGrath and Jennifer Wilson reported that the PIO/NVRA unit is working on several issues, including:

- County Board outreach and visits.
- Website, media, and social media updates.
- Grants update.

ITU – Laura Baker reported on projects the IT unit is working on, including:

- Continued replacement of all the network infrastructure.
- Replaced the audio-visual in all the conference rooms as well as adding a conference room.
- Implemented a new phone system that enables staff to answer calls remotely.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

· VOTE on Resolution 25-15 for final adoption of the addition of Part 6201.3 to 9 NYCRR Subtitle V related to Procedure in Fair Campaign Code Proceedings Regulations. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola, Berger, Casale, and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

· VOTE on Resolution 25-16 for final adoption of the addition of Part 6210.13(12) to 9 NYCRR Subtitle V related to Standards for Determining Valid Write-In Votes Regulations. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola, Berger, Casale, and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

· VOTE on Resolution 25-17 for final adoption of the addition of Part 6213.4 to 9 NYCRR Subtitle V related to Voter Registration Transmittal Submission Regulations. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola, Berger, Casale, and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

· VOTE on Resolution 25-18 for final adoption of the addition of Part 6222 to 9 NYCRR Subtitle V related to Conflicts of Interest Among Board of Elections Employees Regulations. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola, Berger, Casale, and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

· VOTE on Resolution 25-19 to commence Testing of Enhanced Audit, version 2026. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola, Berger, Casale, and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

· VOTE on Fair Campaign Code Complaint Matters (1 to 3). **The motions were approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola, Berger, Casale, and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

· VOTE on Fair Campaign Code Complaint (#4) **The motion was rejected (Commissioners Bagnuola and Berger voting in the affirmative, Commissioners Casale and Kosinski voting in the negative; 2 Yes and 2 No).**

· VOTE on Advisory Opinion 25-01 related to Campaign Finance Security Expenses. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola, Berger, Casale, and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:24 p.m.