

Proposed Minutes

Minutes of the New York State Board of Elections August 6, 2025

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 5th floor conference room and was called to order at 12:46 p.m. The meeting was chaired by Commissioner Peter Kosinski. Commissioners present were Essma Bagnuola, Anthony Casale, and Henry Berger via video conference. Staff members present were Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky, Raymond J. Riley III, Thomas Connolly, Brendan Lovullo, Brian Quail, Kevin Murphy, Aaron Suggs, Amy Hild, Jude Seymour, Kathleen McGrath, Jennifer Wilson, and Ben Spear. Guests in attendance were Bill Mahoney of Politico.

Minutes from February 25, 2025, and April 29, 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 – Raymond Riley reported on several items including:

- Creation and implementation of the Accessibility Services and Training Unit.
- State Board staff will present at the Election Commissioners Association Summer Conference at the End of August.
- Online and Automatic Voter Registration update.

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

- Prepared roll calls for judicial nominating conventions as well as certification of offices to be filled at the General Election.
- Continued acceptance testing of new voting equipment across the state.
- Voting systems and vendor update.

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

- Litigation update.
- Retained a data scientist to analyze languages per county to ensure election and voting materials are created and disseminated in all required languages.
- Compliance statistics.

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

- Website updates.
- Media and social media engagements, as well as presenting to outside groups regarding options for voter registration and recent law changes related to elections and voting.
- Grants update.

ITU – Ben Spear reported on projects the IT unit is working on, including:

- Installed security equipment at the State Board.
- Membership in State RAM (Risk Analysis and Management System).

- Network redesign update which includes modernizing connections with the County Boards of Election.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

· VOTE on Resolution 25-06 to appoint Helen Hellmuth as Director of Accessibility & Training. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola, Berger, Casale, and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

· VOTE on Resolution 25-08 to appoint Jennifer Mainello as Deputy Director of Accessibility & Training. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola, Berger, Casale, and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

· VOTE on Resolution 25-07 to appoint Kevin Murphy as Co-Counsel. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola, Berger, Casale, and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

· VOTE on Re-appointment of Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky as Co-Executive Director. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola and Berger voting in the affirmative; 2 Yes and 0 No).**

· VOTE on Resolution 25-09 to certify the Statewide Ballot Proposal. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola, Berger, Casale, and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

· VOTE on Resolution 25-10 for final adoption of the addition of Part 6223 to 9 NYCRR Subtitle V Related to Automatic Voter Registration Regulations. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola, Berger, Casale, and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

· VOTE on Resolution 25-11 to approve certification testing of Electronic Systems & Software's EVS 6.5.2.1 Voting System. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola, Berger, Casale, and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

· VOTE on Resolution 25-12 to approve Electronic Poll Book System. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola, Berger, Casale, and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

· VOTE on Resolution 25-13 to appoint Edward Mevec and Gianni Presciutti as Hearing Officers. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola, Berger, Casale, and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

· MOTION to adjourn meeting. **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 1:34 p.m.