

Proposed Minutes

Minutes of the New York State Board of Elections February 12, 2026

The meeting of the Board of 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 12:44 p.m. The meeting was chaired by Commissioner Peter Kosinski. Commissioners present were Essma Bagnuola, Henry Berger, and Anthony Casale. Staff members present were Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky, Raymond J. Riley III, Thomas Connolly, Brendan Lovullo, Brian Quail, Kevin Murphy, Aaron Suggs, Amy Connolly, Jude Seymour, Kathleen McGrath, Jennifer Wilson, and Ben Spear, and Enforcement Counsel Michael Johnson.

Minutes from December 9, 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:

- Online and Automatic Voter Registration update.
- Provided support to New York City Board after snowstorm impacted two days of Special Election Early Voting.
- Guidance and training for County Boards.

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

- Acceptance testing scheduled through March in a number of counties.
- Voting systems and vendor update.
- Testing of the operating system for new e-poll books.

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

- Litigation update.
- Compliance statistics.
- Compliance continues to process and investigate dormant committees, follow up on invalid email addresses and committees on hold; in addition to addressing outstanding campaign finance filing deficiencies.

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

- Enforcement report detailing the following closed investigations:
 - E2023-121, E2024-001, E2024-038, E2024-062, E2024-070, E2025-077, E2025-086, E2025-088, E2025-136.
- New mailing process includes ways to track and mail out certified letters.

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

- Public information requests. Website, media, and social media updates.
- Grants update.

Accessibility – Raymond Riley reported that the Accessibility unit is working on several issues, including:

- County Board outreach to confirm accessibility surveys are on file for 2025 poll sites.
- Responding to all inquiries regarding poll site relocation and modifications that may impact accessibility surveys.
- Working closely with Election Center to develop curriculum for Train the Trainer program.

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

- IT continues to support the development of the Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) clearinghouse, the Dr. John Flateau Voting and Elections Database, and the MTX public campaign finance project.
- Secure Elections Center cybersecurity training for all members of each County Board.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

· VOTE on Resolution 26-01 to approve Certification of the Hart Verity 2.7.9 System. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola, Berger, Casale, and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

· VOTE on Formal Opinion 26-01 regarding Cryptocurrency. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola, Berger, Casale, and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

· VOTE on Resolution 26-02 for Hearing Officer Reappointment. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola, Berger, Casale, and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

· VOTE on 2026 Legislative Packet. **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 1:23 p.m.