

## Proposed Minutes

### Minutes of the New York State Board of Elections May 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 5<sup>th</sup> floor conference room and was called to order at 10:01 a.m. The meeting was chaired by Commissioner Henry Berger. Commissioners present were Essma Bagnuola, Anthony Casale, and Peter Kosinski. Staff members present were Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky, Raymond J. Riley III, Brian Quail, Kevin Murphy, Aaron Suggs, Jude Seymour, Kathleen McGrath, Jennifer Mainello, Jennifer Wilson, Laura Baker, Helen Hellmuth, Brian Keegan, Carl Zeilman, Ben Spear, and Enforcement Counsel Michael Johnson.

**Minutes from February 12, 2026; March 17, 2026; April 13, 2026 and April 28, 2026 - 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.
- The 2026 Primary Election ballot certified by the State Board on April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Met with state partners to review playbook to address any emergencies during the election season, both physical and cyber.

**Election Operations** – Jude Seymour reported that the Election Operations unit is working on several issues including:

- The receipt and processing of ballot access documents received such as petitions, acceptances, authorizations, declinations, substitutions, general objections, specific objections.
- Voting systems and vendor update.

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

- Litigation update.
- Compliance statistics.
- Updating procedures to create a new resource reference for treasurers.

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

- Enforcement report detailing the following closed investigations:
  - E2023-145, E2024-023, E2024-045, E2024-047, E2024-053, E2024-055, E2024-066, E2025-040, E2025-045, E2025-050, E2025-053, E2025-065, E2025-083, E2025-094, E2025-095, E2025-098, E2025-101, E2025-108, E2025-109, E2025-139.
- Working with Co-Executive Directors and Office of General Services (OGS) to renew process server contract.

**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.

- Visited sixteen county boards for list maintenance, National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) requirements, and grant updates.
- Grants update.

**Accessibility** – Helen Hellmuth reported that the Accessibility unit is working on several issues, including:

- Created large print voter registration form that was posted to the website and shared with county boards.
- Fulfilled accommodation requests for American Sign Language (ASL).
- Working with the Election Center to finalize curriculum for Train the Trainer program.

**ITU** – Laura Baker and 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 L. Flateau Voting and Elections Database, and the MTX public campaign finance project.
- The internal IT team was instrumental in the architect, design, and launch of the VEDA application.
- Secure Elections Center will be hosting a series of security workshops in August.

#### **Old Business:**

- None.

#### **New Business:**

· VOTE on Resolution 26-05 for certification of ES&S 6.5.2.1 System (updated hardware and software components). **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola, Berger, Casale, and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).** (A scrivener's error in version numbers was corrected.)

· VOTE on Resolution 26-06 to upgrade ES&S 7.2.9.0 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 26-07 for Deputy Counsel Appointment of Christina Asbee. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola, Berger, Casale, and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

· VOTE on Resolution 26-08 to add Part 6225 to 9 NYCRR Subtitle V related to Ballot Drop Box Requirements and Procedures. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Bagnuola, Berger, Casale, and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

· VOTE on Resolution 26-09 to certify the maximum amount of public matching funds necessary to fund 2026 Primary Election payments to participating candidates. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Berger and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 2 Yes and 0 No).**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:04 a.m.