

**Minutes of the New York State Board of Elections
August 2, 2017**

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers of the New York State Board of Elections was convened at the offices 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 12:05 p.m. The meeting was chaired by Commissioner Douglas Kellner. Commissioners present were Peter Kosinski, Andrew Spano and Gregory Peterson.

The Board of Canvassers considered a motion to certify the results of the Special Election held on May 23, 2017 for the 30th SD and the 9th AD. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Kosinski, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

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 5th Floor Conference Room was called to order at 12:25 p.m. The meeting was chaired by Commissioner Douglas Kellner. Commissioners present were Peter Kosinski, Andrew Spano and Gregory Peterson. Staff members present were: Robert Brehm, Todd Valentine, Brian Quail, Kim Galvin, Bill McCann, Nick Cartegena, Brendan Lovullo, John Conklin, Tom Connolly, Bill Cross and Risa Sugarman. The guest list is attached.

Minutes of June 1, 2017 – Minutes were approved. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Kosinski, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

Unit Updates:

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

- Attended a Cyber Security Workshop in New York City.
- Had a meeting with the New York State’s new IT CIO, Bob Sampson.
- The Governor released an Executive Order regarding voter registration.
- Working on the political calendar for 2018.

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

- The Parish-Kosinski case has been discontinued.
- An appellate brief was filed in the Lauder case.
- Working on a process for some special federal voters (those that are temporarily overseas) to be able to receive not only the federal ballot but also the state-wide ballot.

Election Operations – Brendan Lovullo reported that the Election Operations unit is working on several ongoing issues including:

- Processed all the designating petitions.
- There were two de minimis changes that do not need to be voted on.

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

- The 2016 Annual Report is completed.
- The third ballot proposal’s draft language was posted to the website.
- August 11th is the deadline for counties to send out the primary ballot to military voters.

ITU – Bill Cross reported on projects IT is working on:

- Hired two developmental staff to work on the CAPAS-FIDAS Project.
- Working on schedules for the working groups for the EFS System.
- Attended meetings on Cyber Security.
- NYSVoter Refresh Project is moving forward.

Enforcement – Risa Sugarman reported on the Enforcement Unit:

- Viewing the non-filer list.
- Meeting with Counsel’s Office.

New Business:

- **VOTE to Accept the Staff Rulings on the Designating Petitions. The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Kosinski, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- **VOTE on the Certification of the Statewide Ballot Proposals. The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Kosinski, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- **VOTE on Resolution to Adopt Regulation 6200.7. The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Kosinski, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- **VOTE on Resolution to Adopt Regulation 6201.2 and 3. The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Kosinski, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- **VOTE of Resolution to Adopt Regulation 6216.2. The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Kosinski, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- **VOTE to Adopt Opinion Regarding 14-130. The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Kosinski, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- **VOTE on Resolution to Appoint Thomas Connolly as Director of Election Operations. The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Kosinski, Spano and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- A Discussion was held on the audit procedures.
- Next Board Meeting will be held September 15, 2017.

Executive Session

There wasn’t anything for Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50p.m.



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**New York State Board of Elections
APPROVED RESOLUTION – August 2, 2017**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING THOMAS E. CONNOLLY
TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF ELECTION OPERATIONS**

WHEREAS, there currently exists a vacancy within the New York State Board of Elections in Director of Election Operations position effective August 10, 2017 due to the retirement of Anna E. Svizzero, and

WHEREAS, Thomas E. Connolly has indicated a willingness to serve as Director of Election Operations, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Thomas E. Connolly be and hereby is appointed Director of Election Operations effective August 11, 2017.

**Approved August 2, 2017
VOTE – 4-0**