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Minutes of the New York State Board of Elections
November 1, 2013

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 12:15 p.m. The meeting was chaired by Commissioner Douglas Kellner. Commissioners present were James Walsh, Evelyn Aquila and Gregory Peterson. Staff members present were: Robert Brehm, Todd Valentine, Kim Galvin, Paul Collins, William McCann, Anna Svizzero, Joe Burns, John Conklin, Dave Loomis and Tom Connolly. The guest list is attached.

Minutes of September 12, 2013 – Minutes were accepted **(Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

Unit Updates:

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

- The budget was submitted with a zero growth base.
- Bob Brehm, Todd Valentine and Bill McCann testified at the Moreland Commission Hearing in NYC on October 28th
- Budget and OGS approved the publication of the 6 proposals in newspapers throughout the state at a cost of $323,000.
- Continue to work with our host agency, OGS to better understand our fiscal needs and requirements.
- Met with the General Government cluster Group to identify the important IT related projects.

Legal – Kim Galvin and Paul Collins reported on activities related to the Legal Unit including:

- Working on same issues spoken about in Co-Executives report.
- Paul Collins spoke briefly on the ballot proposal case.

Election Operations – Anna Svizzero reported that the Election Operations unit is working on several ongoing issues including:

- A webinar was held with a few counties to share training for the Dominion Central Count System.
- Working with IT to finalize the procedures for posting election night results.
- The Asset Management System will be piloted in Saratoga County in mid-November.
- Spoke with the New York City Board at length to review forms, canvass sheets, etc.

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

- Answering press inquiries about local campaign finance filings, statewide ballot propositions
- Working with IT to finalize the procedures for posting election night results

Campaign Finance – Bill McCann reported on several items his unit is working on:

- The training unit is developing a new seminar presentation to assist filers at the end of their campaigns.
- Working on a new software system to link scanned documents to a particular filer when needed.
- Used the new process server on the order to show cause.

ITU – Dave Loomis reported on activity in the IT unit.

- Gave an overview on the two main projects that the unit is working on – the Campaign Finance Redesign Project and the NYSVoter Refresh Project.
- Hope Hardwick received an IT Service Award from the NYS Government Technology Group for her work with Campaign Finance and a 5 day letter project.

Old Business: No old business

- **VOTE** to have council submit the proposed order for the 2014 Federal Primary and General Elections regulations to Judge Sharpe. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**

New Business: The Commissioners took action on several issues including:

- Commissioner Peterson made a motion for the Board to change its policy to investigate anonymous complaints. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- There was discussion on some of the issues brought up at the Moreland Commission Hearing.
- **VOTE** on Resolution to amend part 6210 and 6206 and repeal 6211. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- **Discussion** on the Election Night Results Project.
- The next meeting will be December 12, 2013.
- Commissioner Evelyn Aquila announced that she will be retiring at the end of the year.
- The Commissioners convened to Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned 1:45 p.m.