

**Minutes of the New York State Board of Elections
December 10, 2012**

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 James Walsh. Commissioners present were Douglas Kellner, Evelyn Aquila and Gregory Peterson.

The Board of Canvassers considered a motion to certify the General Election results for the November 6, 2012 Election for Presidential and Vice Presidential Electors and United States Senate. Also, due to the counting of the Executive Ordered affidavit ballots, we are certifying certain United State House of Representatives, New York State Senate and New York State Assembly seats. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila 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 12:15 p.m. The meeting was chaired by Commissioner James Walsh. Commissioners present were Douglas Kellner, Evelyn Aquila and Gregory Peterson. Staff members present were: Robert Brehm, Todd Valentine, Kim Galvin, Paul Collins, Liz Hogan, William McCann, Joe Burns, John Conklin, Dave Loomis and Tom Connolly. The guest list is attached.

Minutes of October 16, 2012 – 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:

- We helped to coordinate and help the county boards who were affected by Hurricane Sandy with emergency management and to help them get the resources that they needed to conduct the election.

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

- Due to the hurricane two cases the Department of Justice are monitoring have been extended.
- New York City staff has not completed training on the changes to NYSVoter due to Hurricane Sandy and the full use has been extended.
- A report on the military ballots to the Department of Justice is due 14 days after the certification

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

- Phones were extremely busy before the election.
- In regards to ballot design, the general election ballots were collected from all the counties. We provided advice and suggestions a

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

- The PIO had an enormous amount of phone calls from the public and press. Staff worked the weekend before the election answering phone calls.
- Updates were made to the website in preparation for the storm.

Campaign Finance – Elizabeth Hogan had nothing to add to the written report for Campaign Finance and Enforcement

ITU – Dave Loomis reported on projects in the Information Technology Unit

- The State Tax and Finance Agency set up a 1-800 number from their call center to help the public find their polling site, etc. They handled thousands of calls

Old Business:

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

- VOTE on resolution to certify upgrades to ES&S DS200, AutoMark, Dominion ImageCast and Ballot Marking Devices voting systems in reference to the over-vote double vote screens. **The motions were approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- VOTE on resolution to certify Dominion Image Cast Central Count and ES&S DS850 Central Count Optical Scan Voting System. **The motions were approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- VOTE of resolution authorizing expenditures from state operations HAVA funds for the replacement of networking equipment. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- VOTE to adopt the preliminary determinations from Campaign Finance Unit. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- The next board meeting is tentatively set for December 20, 2012 at 11:00am

The meeting was adjourned 1:15 p.m.