

**Minutes of the New York State Board of Elections
September 12, 2013**

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 James Walsh, Evelyn Aquila and Gregory Peterson.

The Board of Canvassers considered a motion to amend the certification of the General Election results for the November 6, 2012 Election. **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 Douglas Kellner. Commissioners present were James Walsh, Evelyn Aquila and Gregory Peterson. Staff members present were: Robert Brehm, Todd Valentine, Kim Galvin, Paul Collins, Liz Hogan, William McCann, Anna Svizzero, Joe Burns, John Conklin, Dave Loomis and Tom Connolly. The guest list is attached.

Minutes of July 29, 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:

- Staff met with representatives from the Dept. of Health in regards to the Agency Health Benefit Exchange Program and NVRA.
- Monthly conference calls with the counties are ongoing. Discussed election night reporting processes.
- Working with IT to put together procedures to use this year as a test to put all election results on our website on election night.
- Continued to cooperate with the Moreland Commission.

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

- Participating in all Moreland Commission phone calls.
- Addressing numerous phone calls on a variety of subjects.

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

- Processed the JD delegates and alternates information received from the county boards.
- Conducting acceptance testing in certain counties that have purchased the Dominion Central Count System.
- A deminimus voting system update with Dominion Central Count System.
- Reports to the EAC have been completed in response to their grant.
- Discussions with Postal Service, Election Center, etc. in regards to the non-cancellation of some postage stamps.

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

- Routine phone calls concerning, campaign filings, ballot propositions, etc.
- Ballot propositions are now posted on the web
- Compiling estimate in regards to publishing the legal ads for the ballot props in newspapers

Campaign Finance – Liz Hogan reported on several items his unit is working on:

- 2012 Corporate and Legislative over–contribution audits are being completed
- Process Server contract has expired but can use a purchase order to use for the July Periodic mailing.
- Continue to work with IT on new software.
- Ongoing federal lawsuit.
- Worked with the NYCCFB on dates for filings for the Run-off Election.
- The Commissioners wished Liz Hogan a great retirement and thanked her for her contribution to the board.

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

- Dave Loomis reported on the financial disclosure system and what needs to be done to update it.

Old Business: No old business

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

- **VOTE** on the staff report on prima facie matters. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Kellner, Walsh, Aquila and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- There was a consensus from the Commissioners to have Counsel put together formal text for the amendment of Part 6210 and repeal 6211 regarding central count absentee voting systems.
- There was a discussion on amending Part 206 relating to designation of polling places and accessibility surveys.
- The next meetings will be September 30th, October 29 and December 12, 2013.
- The Commissioners convened to Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned 1:15 p.m.