

Approved February 10, 2021

Minutes of the Public Campaign Finance Board of the New York State Board of Elections

January 14, 2021

The meeting of the Public Campaign Finance Board of the New York State Board of Elections was held remotely by WebEx and called to order at 2:35 p.m. The meeting was chaired by Commissioner Peter Kosinski. Commissioners present were Commissioner Ekow Yankah, Commissioner Anthony Casale, Commissioner Douglas Kellner, Commissioner Peter Kosinski, and Commissioner Andrew Spano. Staff members present were Robert Brehm, Todd Valentine, Brian Quail, Kim Galvin, William McCann, Nicholas Cartagena, Tom Connolly, Brendan Lovullo, John Conklin, Cheryl Couser, and Bill Cross.

New Business:

The discussion of the first Public Campaign Finance meeting included:

- Where the Public Finance Commission will be physically located.
 - 150 Broadway in Menands has been identified as a space that can fit both the NYSBOE and the PCFB.
 - With the lease and minor improvements, there was an estimated cost, without approval from the Division of Budget (“DOB”), there is no way to pay it. Planning cannot continue without funding and an agreement from DOB. There is an urgency in funding as 2022 is a busy election year and there needs to be ample time to train employees of the Public Campaign Finance Division.
- Status on the appointments of the other two (2) Public Finance Commissioners
 - Both the Gubernatorial and Republican appointments have not been named.
- Utilizing and reaching out to the media to highlight funding issues impacting the Public Campaign Finance Board.
 - Commissioner Yankah will work with the NYSBOE Public Information Office on this issue.

· Next board meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2021.

· Motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Casale, Kellner, Kosinski, Spano and Yankah voting in the affirmative; 5 Yes and 0 No).

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.