

Approved May 25, 2021

**Minutes of the Public Campaign Finance Board of the New York State Board of Elections
April 22, 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 12:00 p.m. The meeting was chaired by Commissioner Ekow Yankah. Commissioners present were Anthony Casale, Douglas Kellner, Brian Kolb, Peter Kosinski and 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.

Minutes from March 15, 2021 – Minutes were approved as written. The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Casale, Kellner, Kolb, Kosinski, Spano and Yankah voting in the affirmative; 6 Yes and 0 No).

New Business:

The discussion of the Public Campaign Finance Board (PCFB) meeting included:

- An initial draft of regulations have been circulated to the commissioners. Staff is continuing to work on the regulations and have since advanced. The regulations will ultimately be posted and will be subject to a 90-day public comment period.
- There are ongoing conversations regarding the staff and space needs of the PCFB. Anticipating spacing needs are larger than what had been allocated by the Division of Budget.
- Given the urgency in creating this public campaign finance program in a timely manner, discussions have been had on who should be hired to build the program. There will be a bipartisan structure, including bipartisan co-directors, in building and administering the program.
- Job descriptions for certain positions were submitted to Civil Service. Civil Service is expected to approve the job descriptions in its May 19th meeting.
- It may take a few months to hire someone for these positions given the various approvals needed once the board has determined who they want to appoint.

· Next board meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2021.

· Motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Casale, Kellner, Kolb, Kosinski, Spano and Yankah voting in the affirmative; 6 Yes and 0 No).

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.