

**Minutes of the New York State Board of Elections  
January 12, 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 Steuben Street, Albany, New York in the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 approve the amended Certification of election results for the November 8, 2011 General Election for Justice of the Supreme Court in the Third JD. **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 Steuben Street, Albany, New York in the 4<sup>th</sup> 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, Elizabeth Hogan, William McCann, Anna Svizzero, Joe Burns, John Conklin, Tom Connolly, Dan Valvo, Elizabeth Mowrey and Patrick Campion. The guest list is attached.

**Minutes of December 15, 2011 – 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:

- On January 4<sup>th</sup>, the Governor gave his State of the State address. There were four proposals mentioned that would affect our agency.
- The budget is due on January 17<sup>th</sup>. There was mention that all agencies will have to have a 2.5% cut across the board
- There is a projected date of mid-March for the agency move. There is a meeting with the restacking committee on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January. The biggest issues with the move are security and our NYSVoter database.

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

- Waiting to hear from the Department of Justice on moving the primary.
- Tom Connolly has done a great job in reaching out to the counties concerning the 2010 ballot reconciliation efforts.
- Paul Collins is working on updating the legal updates for the ECA conference next week.
- New York City has been cleaning up their voter registration lists and removing thousands of duplicates.

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

- The proclamation and calendar was sent out for the Special Election.
- The presidential primary filings will be due in February.
- Bob Warren and staff have worked admirably to put together test plans for the certification resolution.

**PIO/NVRA** – John Conklin reported on several ongoing projects in the PIO/NVRA unit.

- The review of the county poll site surveys is complete. Tom Connolly will follow-up with ones that are missing.
- Greg Fiozzo and Patrick Campion continue to process poll site and training vouchers.

**Campaign Finance** – Elizabeth Hogan reported on the projects in Campaign Finance and Enforcement, including:

- The January 2012 periodic filing is due on January 17<sup>th</sup>.
- The draft for the independent expenditure regulation will be covered under new business.

**ITU** – Elizabeth Mowrey reported in the Unit Update

- The email migration to Outlook happened on December 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The new EFS software is currently in beta testing and is available to about 24 selected users. After the January filing there will be discussion on any changes that need to be made. The software will then be made available to new filers shortly after that.

## **Old Business:**

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

- VOTE on a Resolution to Upgrade Election Systems And Software (ES&S) DS 200 Precinct-Based Optical Scan Voting System and Optical Scan Voting System And Companion Automark Ballot Marking Device. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Walsh, Kellner, Aquila and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- VOTE on Posting for Comments Part 6200.10 Regulation Relative to Independent Expenditures. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Walsh, Kellner, Aquila and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).** Bob Brehm asked the Commissioners to make nonsubstitutive changes if need be instead of waiting for another board meeting. All Commissioners agreed that would be fine. The Commissioners would have to vote to accept the final document.
- VOTE to adopt all the staff reports on Campaign Finance Enforcement except for 12-04. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioners Walsh, Kellner, Aquila and Peterson voting in the affirmative; 4 Yes and 0 No).**
- The next board meeting will be Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at noon.

**The meeting was adjourned 2:15 p.m.**