

OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER  
ELECTIONS DIVISION

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Michael Scarpello, Director



Stephanie Y. O'Malley  
Clerk and Recorder

Denver Clerk and Recorder's Office  
Public Forum  
Law Library, City & County Building  
1437 Bannock Street, Room 389  
Tuesday, March 25, 2008  
5:30 p.m.

ATTENDEES: Stephanie Y. O'Malley, Clerk & Recorder  
Michael Scarpello, Director of Elections  
Faith Gross, The Legal Center  
Carol Peeples, Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition  
Sandra Shreve, League of Women Voters, Denver  
Carol Tone, League of Women Voters, Denver  
Paula VanDusen, Denver Democrats

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amber McReynolds, Deputy Director of Elections  
Nancy Reubert, Communications Director  
Alton Dillard, Communications  
Paul Casper, Logistics Manager  
Darla Sergeant, Administration Manager,  
Jim Williams, Operations Manager  
Lisa Stubbs, Administrative Services Coordinator

I. CALL TO ORDER

Stephanie O'Malley called the meeting to order at 5:30pm and reminded everyone that the purpose of the Public Forum is to inform the voting public of Denver about the ongoing functions of the Office of the Clerk & Recorder (CR), and also to update other customers who use the CR on all aspects and progress of the office.

- A. Approval of Minutes – With no need for modifications, O'Malley affixed her signature to the Public Forum Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2008.
- B. Clerk, Public Trustee, Recording Reports – O'Malley addressed the issue of the 3,000 liens received all at once that the Clerk's office did not anticipate and was

obligated to record. The number of liens received greatly affected the staff that processed these documents. The office did however work diligently to process all the documents received. O'Malley stated that efforts have been made to improve the means by which the documents are received in the future. The Public Trustee participated in a public forum in West Denver on the foreclosure process. The forum was successful and the Public Trustee was able to distribute their foreclosure brochure to the attendees. Goals were set to hold more forums in the future.

## II. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Election Update- Reviewed by Michael Scarpello:

1. Elections legislation - In January there was discussion of a potential mail ballot election which Denver strongly opposed. Another piece of legislation was SB 189 which would have mandated the state to conduct paper ballot elections. Clerk O'Malley supported this bill but it failed; however, the bill did not affect Denver's plan. The plan was recommended by the Elections Model Advisory Committee and endorsed in January.
  2. Certification/Recertification of Voting Equipment – The Secretary of State decertified the EDGE voting machines. (Denver has 240 of these machines.) House Bill 1155 passed allowing The Secretary of State to take a closer look at the certification process. The EDGE machines have been recertified for use with conditions. Denver is using an elections model which encompasses paper ballots at polling places as well as mail-in ballots. One DRE will be at each polling site to comply with HAVA. 13 early voting sites will be available. Ballots will be brought to a central location and counted.
- Public Education Campaign - Nancy Reubert discussed the strategic plan for the campaign. Materials are to be branded to increase public recognition of Denver Elections with unified graphics. The Denver Votes logo will soon be ready for materials. Community relations is also a large part of the plan which includes three mass mailings to registered voters explaining the vote model, a brochure on the vote model available to any group, and presentations at community meetings organized by Tina Romero. A basic template has been created for the Elections Division part of the website which is planned to be unveiled in the May-June timeframe. Reubert mentioned that the brochure designed for the Public Trustee on foreclosures was a great success at the Public Forum on Foreclosures.
- ### B. Introduction of New Staff - Scarpello introduced the new managers of the Election Division. Amber McReynolds, Deputy Director of Elections, was recognized for being an outstanding performer for the division. The Elections Division has been sub-divided into three departments: Operations, Administration, and Logistics.

1. Jim Williams, Operations Manager, addressed the two major areas covered by the department which are: organization and application of data systems and ballot processing. There are 5 full-time employees and up to 100 temporaries during an election period.
2. Darla Sergeant, Administration Manager, stated the four distinctive areas of Administration: administrative support services, personnel management, customer service management and voter registration. There are 6 full-time employees, 20 temporaries, and the department recruits up to 2,000 election judges.
3. Paul Casper, Logistics Manager, discussed the first major duty of the department: acquiring polling sites and surveying those sites for ADA compliance. The department creates electronic virtual election software, tests and sets up voting machines, and delivers supplies to polling sites. There are 5 full-time employees and 10-15 temporaries to be hired.

Scarpello expressed his confidence in the strength of the new team. O'Malley introduced Alton Dillard and thanked him for his work within the communications team and as the liaison for legislative matters.

### III. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS BY CLERK AND RECORDER, STAFF, AND GUESTS

- Alton Dillard gave an update on the current election legislation. HB 1128 would allow for the use of automated signature verification devices. It passed out of the House and is set for a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading in the Senate. HB 1329 would create conditionally active status in an all mail ballot election. HB 1378 concerns ranked voting or instant runoff voting to create a pilot project for Colorado. Senate bill 40 would affect on-line voting registration giving the Secretary of State access to cross-reference information.
  - Paula VanDusen, Denver Democrats, asked who is sponsoring the instant runoff voting bill.
  - Dillard answered: Senator Gordon and House Representative Kefalas.

V. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT AND/OR EXECUTIVE SESSION – O'Malley adjourned the meeting at 5:55pm.

**The Public Forum was televised by Denver 8 TV. To view the March 25, 2008 Forum in its entirety, visit: [www.DenverGov.org/Denver8Online](http://www.DenverGov.org/Denver8Online).**

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**Stephanie Y. O'Malley, Clerk & Recorder**

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