

# BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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## WHAT WE DO

The Board of Elections of the City of New York (the Board) is an administrative body of ten commissioners, two from each borough upon recommendation by both political parties and then appointed by the City Council for a term of four years. The commissioners appoint a bipartisan staff to oversee the daily activities of its main and five borough offices. The Board is responsible under New York State election law for the following:

Voter registration, outreach and processing; maintenance and updating of voter records; processing and verification of candidate petitions/documents; campaign finance disclosures of candidates and campaign committees; recruiting, training and assigning the various election day officers to conduct elections; operation of poll site locations; maintenance, repair, setup and deployment of the Election Day operation equipment; ensuring each voter their right to vote at the polls or by absentee ballot; canvassing and certification of the vote; voter education, notification and dissemination of election information; and preparation of maps of various political subdivisions.

## FOCUS ON EQUITY

The mission of the Board of Elections is to provide independent access to the voter franchise to all eligible voters in the City of New York. The Board is committed to providing meaningful access to over 1,200 poll sites throughout the City. The Board works closely with all interested stakeholders, including various executive and legislative bodies, as well as advocacy groups. The Board works diligently to ensure that all poll locations are compliant with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and federal limited English proficiency standards to ensure that all eligible voters receive the materials and assistance required to independently participate in the voting process.

# HOW WE PERFORMED IN FISCAL 2020

Performance Indicators	Actual					Target		Trend	
	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY20	FY21	5-Year	Desired Direction
Voter turnout - general election (000)	236	2,760	1,166	2,138	796	*	*	Up	*
Voter Registration forms processed	166,961	503,609	110,510	247,879	182,247	*	*	Down	*
Total registered voters (000)	4,552	4,927	5,054	5,138	5,270	*	*	Up	Up
Total active voters (000)	4,108	4,477	4,596	4,613	4,772	*	*	Up	Up
Poll worker attendance on Election Day (%)	89.1%	93.2%	87.8%	91.8%	91.5%	*	*	Neutral	Up
Voter complaints regarding poll workers	304	721	460	708	480	*	*	Up	Down
Voter complaints regarding poll workers - service	243	394	363	477	397	*	*	Up	Down
Voter complaints regarding poll workers - procedure	61	327	97	231	83	*	*	Down	Down
Voting equipment replacement rate - ballot scanners (%)	0.3%	0.9%	0.0%	1.4%	0.3%	*	*	Up	Down
Voting equipment replacement rate - ballot marking devices (%)	0.5%	1.4%	1.4%	2.8%	1.2%	*	*	Up	Down
Precision of unofficial election results (%)	1.8%	1.1%	0.5%	2.7%	3.4%	*	*	Up	*
Interpreters deployed on election day	1,874	2,329	2,052	2,128	5,029	*	*	Up	*
Interpreters deployed on election day - Bronx	155	176	158	158	273	*	*	Up	*
Interpreters deployed on election day - Brooklyn	500	670	588	546	1,606	*	*	Up	*
Interpreters deployed on election day - Queens	830	910	862	968	2,085	*	*	Up	*
Interpreters deployed on election day - Manhattan	351	529	404	411	861	*	*	Up	*
Interpreters deployed on election day - Staten Island	38	44	40	45	204	*	*	Up	*

★ Critical Indicator      "NA" Not Available      ⬆️⬆️ Directional Target      \* None

## AGENCY RESOURCES

Resource Indicators	Actual <sup>1</sup>					Plan <sup>2</sup>		5yr Trend
	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY20	FY21	
Expenditures (\$000,000) <sup>3</sup>	\$116.7	\$121.6	\$129.3	\$172.9	\$227.6	\$254.5	\$135.6	Up
Revenues (\$000)	\$47	\$51	\$55	\$56	\$35	\$116	\$116	Down
Personnel	752	706	714	784	883	1,079	1,079	Up
Overtime paid (\$000,000)	\$7.2	\$8.3	\$7.2	\$11.5	\$12.1	\$12.1	\$8.3	Up

<sup>1</sup>Actual financial amounts for the current fiscal year are not yet final. Final fiscal year actuals, from the Comptroller's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, will be reported in the next PMMR. Refer to the "Indicator Definitions" at [nyc.gov/mmr](http://nyc.gov/mmr) for details.      <sup>2</sup>Authorized Budget Level      <sup>3</sup>Expenditures include all funds      "NA" - Not Available      \* None

## SPENDING AND BUDGET INFORMATION

Agency expenditures and planned resources by budgetary unit of appropriation.

Unit of Appropriation	Expenditures FY19 <sup>1</sup> (\$000,000)	Modified Budget FY20 <sup>2</sup> (\$000,000)
001 - Personal Services	\$82.4	\$87.6
002 - Other Than Personal Services	\$90.5	\$140.1
Agency Total	\$172.9	\$227.6

<sup>1</sup>Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2019. Includes all funds.      <sup>2</sup>City of New York Adopted Budget for Fiscal 2020, as of June 2020. Includes all funds.      "NA" Not Available      \*None

## NOTEWORTHY CHANGES, ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

None.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For additional information go to:

- Annual reports:  
<https://www.vote.nyc/page/annual-reports>

For more information on the agency, please visit: [www.vote.nyc.ny.us](http://www.vote.nyc.ny.us).

