



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2022

The meeting of the Union County Board of Elections was called to order by Secretary / Commissioner of Registration Clara Harelik, Esq. at 10:07. The following were in attendance: Secretary / Commissioner of Registration Clara Harelik, Esq.; Commissioner James Foerst, Esq.; Commissioner Dennis Kobitz, Commissioner Tony Teixeira (via zoom); Commissioner Debra Varnerin; and Deputy Administrator Linda Wise. Chair Mary Ellen Harris was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by Secretary / Commissioner of Registration Harelik.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- October 6, 2022 – Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Foerst to adopt the minutes of October 6, 2022. Commissioner Varnerin seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in the affirmative.

COUNTING PROVISIONAL AND MAIL-IN BALLOTS FROM THE KENILWORTH SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION

The Election Board counted provisional ballots as well as on-time ballots received for the Kenilworth Special School Election.

REVIEW OF BALLOTS FOR THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTION

Commissioner Varnerin noted that she will abstain from all matters relative to Berkeley Heights.

Mail-in ballots were reviewed and approved for the following reasons: No outer envelope; husband and wife switched certifications; and damaged outer envelope.

Mail-in ballots were reviewed and rejected for the following reasons: No certification; no ballot; identification required but not provided; and two ballots and only one certification.

Mail-in ballots were reviewed for signature deficiencies and the Board voted to issue cure letters. Commissioner Teixeira abstained from signature reviews.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Foerst to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kobitz. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative with Chair Harris absent. The meeting was adjourned at 11:39am.