



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2022

The meeting of the Union County Board of Elections was called to order by Commissioner James Foerst, Esq. at 10:10am. The following were in attendance: Chair Mary Ellen Harris; Secretary / Commissioner of Registration Clara Hareluk, Esq.; Commissioner James Foerst, Esq.; Commissioner Dennis Kobitz; Commissioner Debra Varnerin; and Administrator Nicole DiRado. Commissioner Tony Teixeira was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by Commissioner Foerst.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Administrator DiRado advised the Board that so far, 47,397 vote by mail ballots have been issued and 20,620 have been received. Additionally, 102 cure letters had been issued and the 43 responses had been returned.

Commissioner Foerst and Commissioner Varnerin expressed their concern regarding alleged suspicious activity transpiring with vote by mail ballots. The Board asked Ms. DiRado to be especially vigilant, looking for any anomalies and to advise the Board accordingly.

REVIEW OF BALLOTS FOR THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTION

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

Vote by mail ballots were reviewed and rejected for the following reasons: No certification; bearer exceeded the limit; and no ballots.

Vote by mail ballots were reviewed for signature deficiencies and the Board voted to issue cure letters.

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 Commissioner Teixeira absent. The meeting was adjourned at 10:54am.