



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022

The meeting of the Union County Board of Elections was called to order by Chair Mary Ellen Harris at 10:09am. The following were in attendance: Chair Mary Ellen Harris; Secretary / Commissioner of Registration Clara Harelik, Esq.; Commissioner James Foerst, Esq.; Commissioner Dennis Kobitz; Commissioner Raymond Szpond; Commissioner Debra Varnerin; and Administrator Nicole DiRado.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by Chair Harris.

COUNTING VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS AND PROVISIONAL BALLOTS FOR THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTION

The Board began opening and counting vote by mail ballots received on time and approved provisional ballots voted in the 2022 General Election.

REVIEW OF PROVISIONAL BALLOTS FOR THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTION

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

There were a total of 3,893 provisional ballots voted in the 2022 General Election of which 3,466 would be approved and counted and 427 would be rejected. The Board began opening and counting provisional ballots. The Board reviewed and voted to reject certain provisional ballots.

Vote by mail ballots were reviewed and rejected for the following reasons: Too late; and break in the chain of custody.

Vote by mail ballots were reviewed and approved to be hand counted.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Foerst to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varnerin. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative with Chair Harris and Commissioner Szpond absent, as they left the meeting early. The meeting was adjourned at 3:16pm.