



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2022

The meeting of the Union County Board of Elections was called to order by Chair Mary Ellen Harris at 10:05am. 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.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

Administrator DiRado advised the Board that so far, 47,860 mail-in ballots have been issued and 25,998 have been received.

### THE ELECTION BOARD BEGAN OPENING AND PREPPING BALLOTS TO BE COUNTED ON ELECTION DAY.

### 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; voter provided a medical notification of assistance; voter transferred within the county (hand count, no locals).

Mail-in ballots were reviewed and rejected for the following reasons: No ballots; and voter is deceased.

Mail-in 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 Varnerin. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 3:31pm.