



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Commissioner Varnerin advised the Board that her husband, Jeff Varnerin, has filed to run for Mayor in Berkeley Heights. She will abstain from any matters relative to Berkeley Heights.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Commissioner Harelik and seconded by Commissioner Kobitz, all Commissioners present voted to approve the minutes. Commissioner Foerst was absent.

- December 21, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes
- January 12, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes
- March 14, 2022 – Reorganization Meeting Minutes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made by Commissioner Kobitz and seconded by Commissioner Harelik, all Commissioners present voted to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel Matters. Commissioner Foerst was absent.

On a motion made by Commissioner Teixeira and seconded by Commissioner Varnerin, all Commissioners present voted to return to the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Foerst was absent.



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RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Kobitz to hire Diana Carello at a rate of \$33,782 starting May 1, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varnerin. A roll call vote showed that all Commissioners present voted to hire Diana Carello. Commissioner Foerst was absent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kobitz to approve the recommended, revised promotions for eleven employees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varnerin. A roll call vote showed that all Commissioners present voted to approve the recommended revised promotions for eleven employees. Commissioner Foerst was absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Kobitz advised the Board that the link to complete Financial Disclosure Statements has been emailed and must be submitted by April 30.

Ms. DiRado advised the Board that the ward and district files have been completed and sent to the State. We are now waiting on the State to apply the files to the SVRS.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Harelik to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varnerin. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. Commissioner Foerst was absent. The meeting was adjourned at 11:06am.