



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2022

The meeting of the Union County Board of Elections was called to order by Chair Mary Ellen Harris at 10:20am. The following were in attendance: Chair Mary Ellen Harris; Secretary / Commissioner of Registration Clara Harelik, Esq.; Commissioner James Foerst, Esq.; Commissioner Dennis Kobitz; Commissioner Tony Teixeira; Commissioner Debra Varnerin; and Deputy Administrator Linda Wise.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

### ADJUDICATION OF CERTAIN VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS

Commissioner Varnerin announced that she will abstain from review of all Berkeley Heights ballots.

The Commissioners rejected ballots for the following reasons: unaffiliated voters voted both the Democratic and Republican ballot; no certificate was contained in the envelope; no ballot was contained in the envelope; voter moved out of county; and bearer exceeded the limit.

The Commissioners approved ballots for the following reasons: there is no inner envelope in the outer envelope – just the ballot and certificate; missing outer envelope, identification issue resolved; and a democratic voter changed their party to UNA at DMV, then voted the Democratic ballot.

The Commissioners voted to send ballot cure letters to certain voters.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Harelik advised that she will not be at the Board meeting on June 5, 2022 due to the religious holiday.

The Board discussed closing schools on Primary and General Election Days following the Texas school shooting; parents and local officials are expressing their concern.

### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Foerst to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Teixeira. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 11:21am.