



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2022

The meeting of the Union County Board of Elections was called to order by Secretary / Commissioner of Registration Clara Harelik, Esq. at 11:05am. The following were in attendance: Secretary / Commissioner of Registration Clara Harelik, Esq.; Commissioner James Foerst, Esq.; Commissioner Dennis Kobitz; Commissioner Tony Teixeira; Commissioner Debra Varnerin; and Administrator Nicole DiRado. Chair Mary Ellen Harris was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- August 9, 2022 – Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Kobitz to adopt the minutes. Commissioner Varnerin seconded the motion. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative with Commissioner Foerst abstaining.

RESOLUTION

- Approving the following relocated polling location:
 - Fanwood Districts 6 & 7: Forest Road Park Building, 200 Forest Road, Fanwood

Ms. DiRado explained that the Fanwood Library is going to be under construction and the Forest Road Park Building is an excellent alternative.

A motion was made by Commissioner Foerst to approve the relocation of the polling place for Fanwood Districts 6 and 7 to the Forest Road Park Building. Commissioner Teixeira seconded the motion. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative.

BALLOT SIGNATURE REVIEW

A motion was made by Commissioner Varnerin to issue a cure letter for a signature deficiency on a vote by mail ballot. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Teixeira. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative.



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DISCUSSION MATTERS

Ms. DiRado advised the Board that the State will be issuing revised Ballot Drop Box Pick-Up Guidelines and they may want to consider an alternate pick up schedule which decreases frequency in the first few weeks of voting then return to daily pickups the last few weeks prior to Election Day. More information and a recommendation will be forthcoming once the Guidelines are issued.

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 Chair Harris absent. The meeting was adjourned at 11:22am.