



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023

The meeting of the Union County Board of Elections was called to order by Chair Clara Harelik at 10:36am. The following were in attendance via zoom: Chair Clara Harelik, Esq.; Secretary / Commissioner of Registration James Foerst, Esq.; Commissioner Richard Fortunato, Esq.; Commissioner Dennis Kobitz; Commissioner Raymond Szpond; Commissioner Debra Varnerin; and Administrator Nicole DiRado.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

- March 14, 2023 – Reorganization Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Foerst to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kobitz. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative.
- March 16, 2023 – Regular Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Foerst to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kobitz. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative.
- March 21, 2023 – Regular Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Foerst to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kobitz. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative.
- March 27, 2023 – Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of County Canvassers: A motion was made by Commissioner Foerst to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kobitz. Commissioners Harelik, Fortunato, Kobitz and Szpond voted in the affirmative with Commissioners Foerst and Varnerin abstaining.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made to enter Executive Session by Commissioner Kobitz. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Szpond. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative.

- Potential Litigation: US Department of Justice v. Union County, NJ

A motion was made to return to the Regular Meeting by Commissioner Varnerin. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fortunato. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

Ms. DiRado advised the Board that as of this date, 5,205 ballots have been mailed in the Westfield School Board Election and 47 have been received by the BOE. There were no ballots to review for signature deficiencies.

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. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.