



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023

The meeting of the Union County Board of County Canvassers was called to order by Chair Clara Harelik at 12:00pm. The following were in attendance: Chair Clara Harelik, Esq.; Commissioner Richard Fortunato, Esq.; Commissioner Dennis Kobitz; Commissioner Raymond Szpond; County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi; and Administrator Nicole DiRado. Commissioner Debra Varnerin was absent.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board signed the Election Certification for the Westfield Annual School Board Election.

The Board rejected ballots voted in the Westfield Annual School Board Election because they were postmarked and received too late.

ADJUDICATION OF CERTAIN MAIL-IN BALLOTS FOR THE 2023 PRIMARY ELECTION

The Board voted to accept certain ballots for the following reason: no outer envelope provided.

The Board voted to reject certain ballots for the following reasons: ballots were not contained in the inner envelope; ballots were not returned with a Certificate.

The Board voted to issue cure letters for ballots with signature deficiencies.

The Board asked for an opinion from the Attorney General's Office regarding the adjudication of a ballot.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Ms. DiRado advised the Board that Paola D'Angelo will take on the role of Spanish Language Election Program Coordinator, in accordance with the Consent Decree.

Ms. DiRado also advised the Board that the Scotch Plains municipal clerk asked for an estimate from our office to conduct a special election.

A conversation relative to the relocation of the Election Board ensued.

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 Commissioner Varnerin absent. The meeting was adjourned at 12:53pm.