



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023

The meeting of the Union County Board of Elections was called to order by Chair Clara Harelik at 10:38am. The following were in attendance: Chair Clara Harelik, Esq.; Secretary / Commissioner of Registration James Foerst, Esq.; Commissioner Richard Fortunato, Esq.; Commissioner Dennis Kobitz; and Administrator Nicole DiRado. Commissioner Raymond Szpond and Commissioner Debra Varnerin were absent.

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 31, 2023 – Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Foerst to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kobitz. All members present voted in the affirmative with Commissioner Szpond and Commissioner Varnerin absent.
- March 31, 2023 – Executive Session Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Foerst to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kobitz. All members present voted in the affirmative with Commissioner Szpond and Commissioner Varnerin absent.
- April 18, 2023 - Executive Session Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Foerst to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kobitz. All members present voted in the affirmative with Commissioner Szpond and Commissioner Varnerin absent.
- April 18, 2023 - Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Foerst to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kobitz. All members present voted in the affirmative with Commissioner Szpond and Commissioner Varnerin absent.
- April 25, 2023 - Executive Session Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Foerst to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kobitz. All members present voted in the affirmative with Commissioner Szpond and Commissioner Varnerin absent.
- April 25, 2023 - Meeting Minutes - Executive Session Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Foerst to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kobitz. All members present voted in the affirmative with Commissioner Szpond and Commissioner Varnerin absent.
- April 27, 2023 - Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Foerst to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kobitz. All members present voted in the affirmative with Commissioner Foerst abstaining and Commissioner Szpond and Commissioner Varnerin absent.



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- May 2, 2023 - Meeting Minutes - Executive Session Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Foerst to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kobitz. All members present voted in the affirmative with Commissioner Szpond and Commissioner Varnerin absent.
- May 6, 2023 - Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Foerst to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kobitz. All members present voted in the affirmative with Chair Harelik abstaining and Commissioner Szpond and Commissioner Varnerin absent.
- May 8, 2023 - Meeting Minutes - Executive Session Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Foerst to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kobitz. All members present voted in the affirmative with Commissioner Szpond and Commissioner Varnerin absent.

RESOLUTIONS

- Appoint Paola D'Angelo as the Spanish Language Election Program Coordinator for the Union County Board of Elections.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kobitz to appoint Ms. D'Angelo the Spanish Language Election Program Coordinator for the Union County Board of Elections. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Foerst. All members present voted in the affirmative with Commissioner Szpond and Commissioner Varnerin absent.

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

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

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

DISCUSSION ITEM

The Board briefly discussed the composition of the Spanish Language Advisory Board.

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 Commissioner Szpond and Commissioner Varnerin absent. The meeting was adjourned at 11:19am.