



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023

The meeting of the Union County Board of Elections was called to order by Chair Clara Harelik at 10:31am. 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.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Attorney-Client Privilege Communications

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

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

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

Ms. DiRado advised the Board that grant money in the amount of \$57,000 was awarded by the New Jersey Division of Elections for the purpose of engaging a vendor to provide a Security Seal and Asset Tracking Program. The security seal program is designed to identify seals which may be switched between the time machines leave the warehouse to the time they are returned. A discrepancy in the seal numbers may indicate that the voting machine was tampered with.

The Board briefly discussed the composition of the Spanish Language Election Program Advisory Board and recommended a member of a marketing or journalism department at either Union College or Kean University to assist with outreach.

### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Szpond to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fortunato. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 11:33am.