



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023

The meeting of the Union County Board of Elections was called to order by Chair Clara Harelik at 10:34am. The following were in attendance: 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 Deputy Administrator Linda Wise.

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 Privileged Communication

A motion was made and seconded to enter Executive Session for the purposes of discussing Attorney – Client Privileged Communications. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative.

A motion was made and seconded to return to the Regular Meeting. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative.

REVIEW OF MAIL-IN BALLOTS VOTED IN THE 2023 GENERAL ELECTION

As of this date, a total of 47,730 mail-in ballots have been mailed. The Board has received 12,913 ballots.

The Board voted to reject ballots for the following reasons: certificate was not provided; ballot was not enclosed; voters were deceased; and voter moved out of county.

The Board voted to approve ballots for the following reasons: the outer envelope was not returned; and a geocode issue was resolved for a voter and the correct ballot was counted.

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

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 Szpond was absent for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50am.