



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

**MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2023**

The meeting of the Union County Board of Elections was called to order by Chair Clara Harelik at 10:37am. 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.

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

The Board voted to reject ballots for the following reasons: certificate was not provided; voter voted a sample ballot; and chain of custody was not intact.

The Board voted to approve ballots for the following reason: the outer envelope was not returned.

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.