



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

**MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

The meeting of the Union County Board of Elections was called to order by Chair Clara Harelik at 10:32am. 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 Administrator Nicole DiRado.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## COUNTING MAIL-IN BALLOTS VOTED IN THE 2023 GENERAL ELECTION

The Board open and counted Mail-In ballots and Provisional ballots.

## REVIEW OF MAIL-IN BALLOTS AND PROVISIONAL BALLOTS VOTED IN THE 2023 GENERAL ELECTION

The Board voted to reject mail in ballots which were not received on time pursuant to statute.

The Board voted to reject Provisional Ballots for the following reasons: voters' mail-in ballots were received; voters who were not registered in the county; ballots were not contained in the provisional ballot envelope; chain of custody was not intact; voters voted on the machine; and voter voted on a sample ballot.

## DISCUSSION ITEM

Pursuant to the Post-Election Audit statute and guidelines promulgated by the New Jersey Department of State, Division of Elections, the Board is required to audit one countywide election. The Board agreed to audit the election for Union County Sheriff.

## ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Kobitz to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fortunato. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 12:46pm.