



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023

The meeting of the Union County Board of Elections was called to order by Chair Clara Harelik, Esq. at 10:30am. The following were in attendance: Chair Clara Harelik, Esq.; Commissioner Richard Fortunato, Esq.; Commissioner Dennis Kobitz; Commissioner Raymond Szpond; Commissioner Debra Varnerin; and Administrator Nicole DiRado. Secretary / Commissioner of Registration James Foerst, Esq.; was absent.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board conducted the 2023 Post-Election Audit pursuant to statutes and guidelines promulgated by the New Jersey Department of State, Division of Elections.

Each batch audited was 100% consistent with the machine tally. The audit did not result in a change in the number of votes counted for any candidate. The voting machines do not allow for overvotes. Any paper ballot which contained an overvote for a particular contest recorded it as an overvote, but did not count a vote. Undervotes were recorded by the vote tabulation system and were reconciled during the course of the audit.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Kobitz to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varnerin. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative with Commissioner Foerst absent. The meeting was adjourned at 12:34pm.