

## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

## MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF UNION COUNTY CANVASSERS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2023

The meeting of the Union County Board of County Canvassers was called to order by Chair Clara Harelik, Esq. at 12:01pm. The following were in attendance: Chair Clara Harelik, Esq.; Commissioner Richard Fortunato, Esq.; Commissioner Dennis Kobitz; Commissioner Raymond Szpond; Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi and Administrator Nicole DiRado. Secretary / Commissioner of Registration James Foerst, Esq. and Commissioner Debra Varnerin were absent.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board of County Canvassers certified the results of the 2023 General Election and School Board Election.

The Board discussed the requirements of a new statute (A5175) which went into effect this year, requiring the post-election audit to be performed prior to certification and moving the certification date back two days to allow for the audit to take place.

## **RESOLUTION**

• Approving the Cranford and Westfield Ballot Drop Boxes as the certified drop boxes for the Cranford Special School Election on January 23, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Szpond and seconded by Commissioner Kobitz. All Election Board Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. Commissioner Foerst and Commissioner Varnerin were absent.

Secretary / Commissioner of Registration James Foerst, Esq.; and Commissioner Debra Varnerin joined the meeting virtually.

## ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Foerst to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Szpond. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40pm.