



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023

The meeting of the Union County Board of Elections was called to order by Chair Clara Harelik at 10:30am. 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 opened and counted all mail-in ballots received in the office on Election Day for the 2023 General Election.

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

The Board voted to reject ballots for the following reasons: ballots were not returned in the envelope; voter is registered out of county and the 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.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Ms. DiRado provided the Board with an update regarding the opening of the polls and various updates throughout the day.

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. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.