



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

## MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 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.; 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 HILLSIDE WARD 4 RUNOFF ELECTION

The Board opened and counted all mail-in ballots received in the office on Election Day for the 2023 Hillside Ward 4 Runoff Election.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

Ms. DiRado advised the Board that there were several voters from Hillside Ward 4 District 1 who were not in the electronic poll book. This matter is being investigated.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Potential Litigation

A motion was made by Commissioner Foerst and seconded by Commissioner Fortunato to enter Executive Session. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Commissioner Foerst and seconded by Commissioner Varnerin to return to the Regular Meeting. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative.

### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Foerst to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fortunato. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.