



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MEETING MINUTES SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2024

The meeting of the Union County Board of Elections was called to order by Secretary / Commissioner of Registration James Foerst, Esq. at 12:43pm. The following were in attendance: Secretary / Commissioner of Registration James Foerst, Esq.; Commissioner Richard Fortunato, Esq.; Commissioner Dennis Kobitz; Commissioner Debra Varnerin; and Administrator Nicole DiRado. Chair Clara Harelik, Esq. and Commissioner Raymond Szpond were not present.

The Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by Commissioner Foerst.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PROCESS AND TALLY MAIL-IN AND PROVISIONAL BALLOTS CURED IN THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION

The Board prepped and tallied mail-in and provisional ballots which required a cure certification to be submitted by the statutory deadline.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Yelena Zolotarsky, Springfield: Ms. Zolotarsky asked questions regarding the cure process and provisional ballots which were rejected because the mail-in ballot was received. Commissioner Fortunato responded to her questions. Ms. Zolotarsky also made comments relative to her experience as a challenger on Election Day. Commissioner Kobitz responded that the poll workers did an amazing job on Election Day to ensure all voters in Union County were able to cast their vote. Commissioner Kobitz added that he was very impressed with how Ms. DiRado and her team administered the election.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Kobitz and seconded by Commissioner Varnerin. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. Chair Harelik and Commissioner Szpond were not present. The meeting was adjourned at 1:24pm.