



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

## MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2025

The meeting of the Union County Board of Elections was called to order by Chair Clara Harelik, Esq. at 10:01am. The following Commissioners were in attendance: Chair Clara Harelik, Esq.; Commissioner Dennis Kobitz; Commissioner Donald Stanzione, Esq.; Commissioner Raymond Szpond; Commissioner Debra Varnerin; and Administrator Nicole DiRado. Secretary / Commissioner of Registration James Foerst, Esq. was not present.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board tallied mail-in ballots and provisional ballots voted in the 2025 Primary Election.

The Board conducted a court ordered recheck of the voting machines used during Early Voting and on Election Day in the Borough of Roselle Council Member-at-Large contest. The certification of the recheck is attached.

### ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Kobitz and seconded by Commissioner Stanzione. All members present voted in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 am. Commissioner Foerst was not present.



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**CERTIFICATION AND REPORT FOR THE RECHECK  
OF THE VOTING MACHINES USED IN THE  
2025 PRIMARY ELECTION IN THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE  
COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE CONTEST**

WHEREAS, Alyssa Duffy Zara, Esq., on behalf of Cynthia Johnson, Candidate for Council Member-at-Large in the Borough of Roselle, filed an Order to Show Cause for a recount of the machine votes, mail-in ballots, and provisional ballots voted in the election for the office of Council Member-at-Large for the Borough of Roselle held on June 10, 2025;

WHEREAS, an order for the recheck of the voting machines was issued on July 10, 2025 by the Honorable John M. Deitch, Union County Superior Court Judge; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the order, the recheck was held on Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 10:00am at the Union County Voting Machine Warehouse, 2345 South Avenue, Scotch Plains; and

WHEREAS, the following were present for the recheck of the voting machines used in the 2025 Primary Election for the Borough of Roselle Council Member-at-Large contest:

Union County Board of Elections: Clara Harelik, Esq., Chair; Dennis Kobitz, Commissioner; Donald Stanzone, Esq., Commissioner; Raymond Szpond, Commissioner; Debra Varnerin, Commissioner; Nicole L. DiRado, Administrator; Linda Wise, Deputy Administrator; Bridget Sloane, Chief Coordinator; Phil Powers, Elections Technology Supervisor; Michael Marantz, Elections Technology Asst. Supervisor; Natalia Zaviysky; Warehouse Technician; and Darryl Hall, Warehouse Technician:

Members of the Public: Alyssa Zara; Julia Pudimott, Adam Colicchio and Denise Wilkerson.

WHEREAS, there were 64 voting machines used in the 2025 Primary Election for the Borough of Roselle, which included 45 Early Voting voting machines and 19 Election Day voting machines; and



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WHEREAS, during the course of the recheck of the voting machines, the result tapes from the voting machines used in the 2025 Primary Election were compared to the reports generated from ElectionWare, the software program used to tally votes on Election Night;

WHEREAS, there was one discrepancy in the Election Day voting machine used in Roselle Ward 5 District 3. The vote total on the result tapes read: Cynthia Johnson: 71 / Denise Wilkerson: 79 . However, the report from ElectionWare reported: Cynthia Johnson: 71 / Denise Wilkerson: 80. This discrepancy has been explained. On Election Day, a voter's ballot card was ejected from the voting machine. The poll worker instructed the voter to insert their ballot card into a provisional ballot envelope. On June 18, 2025, the Union County Board of Elections Commissioners voted to accept the voting machine ballot and it was hand-counted. The vote was manually entered into ElectionWare by the Union County Clerk's Office. The Union County Board of Elections confirmed the ballot card came from Roselle Ward 5 District 3. The audit log from ElectionWare confirmed the Union County Clerk's Office manually entered a vote for Denise Wilkerson in Roselle Ward 5 District 3; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Union County Board of Elections does hereby certify and report the voting machine results from the 2025 Primary Election for the Borough of Roselle Council Member-at-Large to be as follows:

Cynthia Johnson: 1199  
Denise Wilkerson: 1152

Respectfully submitted Wednesday, July 16, 2025,

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Nicole L. DiRado, CMC, MPA, Administrator  
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**Recheck of the Voting Machines Used in the 2025 Primary Election for the Borough of Roselle**

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*Pursuant to court order in the matter of Cynthia Johnson v. the Union County Board of Elections, et al.*

*(UNN-L-002449-25) filed on July 10, 2025.*

				<b>Council Member-at-Large</b>	
<b>Munic</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Machine #</b>	<b>1E Cynthia JOHNSON</b>	<b>2E Denise WILKERSON</b>
Roselle	1	1	19265	46	37
Roselle	1	2	19266	36	48
Roselle	1	3	19267	21	65
Roselle	1	4	19268	49	59
Roselle	2	1	19269	28	26
Roselle	2	2	19270	35	50
Roselle	2	3	19271	62	51
Roselle	2	4	19272	41	24
Roselle	3	1	19273	21	22
Roselle	3	2	19274	37	48
Roselle	3	3	19275	48	39
Roselle	3	4	19276	85	38
Roselle	4	1	19277	68	74
Roselle	4	2	19278	68	66
Roselle	4	3	19279	53	51
Roselle	5	1	19280	62	72
Roselle	5	2	19281	47	54
Roselle	5	3	19282	71	80
Roselle	5	4	19283	36	34
EV Site 1			19476	0	0
EV Site 1			19477	0	0
EV Site 1			19478	0	0
EV Site 1			19479	0	0
EV Site 2			19480	1	0
EV Site 2			19481	1	2
EV Site 2			19482	0	1
EV Site 2			19483	1	1
EV Site 2			19484	0	0
EV Site 2			19485	0	0
EV Site 3			19486	0	0
EV Site 3			19487	0	0
EV Site 3			19488	0	0
EV Site 4			19489	0	0
EV Site 4			19490	0	0
EV Site 4			19491	0	0
EV Site 4			19492	0	0
EV Site 4			19493	0	0
EV Site 4			19494	0	0
EV Site 5			19495	0	0
EV Site 5			19496	0	0
EV Site 5			19497	0	0
EV Site 6			19498	0	1
EV Site 6			19499	0	0

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EV Site 7			19500		0	0
EV Site 7			19501		1	0
EV Site 7			19502		0	0
EV Site 7			19503		1	0
EV Site 8			19504		80	56
EV Site 8			19505		96	75
EV Site 8			19506		104	78
EV Site 9			19507		0	0
EV Site 9			19508		0	0
EV Site 9			19509		0	0
EV Site 9			19510		0	0
EV Site 9			19511		0	0
EV Site 9			19512		0	0
EV Site 10			19513		0	0
EV Site 10			19514		0	0
EV Site 10			19515		0	0
EV Site 10			19516		0	0
EV Site 11			19517		0	0
EV Site 11			19518		0	0
EV Site 11			19519		0	0
EV Site 11			19520		0	0
<b>Results Total</b>					<b>1199</b>	<b>1152</b>