



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2025

The meeting of the Union County Board of Elections was called to order by Chair Clara Harelik, Esq. at 10:31am. 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.

RESOLUTION

- A resolution certifying the following secure ballot drop boxes available to voters in the Clark Special School Election being held on September 16, 2025:
 - Clark Recreation Building, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark
 - Fraser Building, 300 North Avenue East, Westfield
 - Union County Administration Building, Corner of Rahway Avenue & Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth
 - Union County Board of Elections, 271 No. Broad Street, Elizabeth

A motion to approve the drop boxes for the Clark Special School Election was made by Commissioner Szpond. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kobitz with all members present voting in the affirmative. Commissioner Foerst was not present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Pending Litigation: Cynthia Johnson v. Union County Board of Elections, et al

A motion to enter Executive Session was made by Commissioner Szpond. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stanzione with all Commissioners voting in the affirmative. Commissioner Foerst was not present.

A motion to return to the Regular Meeting was made by Commissioner Kobitz. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stanzione with all Commissioners voting in the affirmative. Commissioner Foerst was not present.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Stanzione and seconded by Commissioner Varnerin. All members present voted in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 11:21am. Commissioner Foerst was not present.