



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025

The meeting of the Union County Board of Elections was called to order by Secretary / Commissioner of Registration James Foerst, Esq. at 10:31am. The following Commissioners were in attendance: Secretary / Commissioner of Registration James Foerst, Esq.; Commissioner Dennis Kobitz; Commissioner Donald Stanzione, Esq.; Commissioner Raymond Szpond; Commissioner Debra Varnerin; and Administrator Nicole DiRado. Chair Clara Harelik, Esq. was not present.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mark Demo: Mr. Demo asked if the camera for the Union College of Union County, Cranford drop box was being moved and who owned the equipment and footage. Ms. DiRado explained that the County owns all drop box cameras and servers and does not rely on a third party to manage and archive the surveillance footage.

RESOLUTIONS

- A Resolution approving the following, additional Early Voting Location for the 2025 General Election:
 - Cranford: Union College of Union County, 1033 Springfield Avenue, Nomahegan Building, Room N4

A motion was made by Commissioner Kobitz to adopt the Cranford Early Voting location. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varnerin. All members present voted in the affirmative. Chair Harelik was not present.

- A Resolution approving the relocation of the following ballot drop box:
 - Cranford: Union College of Union County, 1033 Springfield Avenue, Lot 1, near the Nomahegan Building

A motion was made by Commissioner Varnerin to adopt the new location for the Union College of Union County, Cranford drop box. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stanzione. All members present voted in the affirmative. Chair Harelik was not present.

ADJUDICATION OF BALLOTS VOTED IN THE CLARK SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION

The Board voted to issue cure certifications for certain ballots voted in the Clark Special School Election.



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DISCUSSION ITEMS

Poll Worker Assignments: Commissioner Foerst addressed the poll worker assignments for Early Voting. He advised that he reviewed the roster, found it to be balanced. He discussed protocol for hiring poll workers, specifically that an application is required. Further, he confirmed the eligibility to fill vacancies and substitute as needed. Finally, he noted that if the Republican National Committee wanted a list of assigned poll workers and vacancies, he agreed an OPRA request would be appropriate.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Szpond and seconded by Commissioner Stanzione. All members present voted in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45am. Chair Clara Harelik, Esq. was not present.