



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025

The meeting of the Union County Board of Elections was called to order by Chair Clara Harelik, Esq. at 9:30am. The following Commissioners were in attendance: Chair Clara Harelik, Esq.; Secretary / Commissioner of Registration James Foerst, Esq.; Commissioner Dennis Kobitz; Commissioner Donald Stanzone, Esq.; Commissioner Raymond Szpond; Commissioner Debra Varnerin; and Administrator Nicole DiRado, Deputy Administrator Linda Wise and Chief Coordinator Bridget Sloane.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board conducted a recount of the mail-in ballots and provisional ballots voted in the 2025 Primary Election Borough of Roselle Councilmember-at-Large contest as well as the voter verified paper audit trail from Voting Machine 19282. The Certification of the recount is attached.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Denise Wilkerson, Roselle: Ms. Wilkerson thanked the Election Board and asked questions relative to provisional ballots and signatures.

Cynthia Johnson, Roselle: Ms. Johnson thanked the Board and the staff for their professionalism. She also made comments relative to voters changing their parties at the Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC), which voters are included in the poll book and poll worker training.

Ms. DiRado responded to questions relative to which voters are included in the Electronic Poll Book in a primary election.

Commissioner Kobitz and Commissioner Varnerin responded to the comments relative to the MVC. Commissioner Varnerin responded to comments regarding poll worker training and the hands-on experience afforded to poll workers.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Kobitz and seconded by Commissioner Varnerin. All members present voted in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 11:49am.



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CERTIFICATION AND REPORT OF THE RECOUNT OF THE ELECTION FOR COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE, BOROUGH OF ROSELLE

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; and

WHEREAS, an order for such recount was issued by the Appellate Court (A-003609-24) on July 28, 2025. On July 29, 2025, an order issued by Judge John M. Deitch, J.S.C., promulgated the parameters of the recount. "The mail-in ballots and provisional ballots shall be hand counted. There shall be an electronic recount of the machine votes, with the exception of machine #19282, which shall have its votes hand counted; and

WHEREAS, the recount was held on Monday, August 4, 2025 at 9:30am at the Union County Board of Elections, 271 North Broad Street, Elizabeth; and

WHEREAS, the following were present for the Recount of the Election for Council Member-at-Large, Borough of Roselle:

Board of Elections: Clara Harelik, Esq., Chair; Secretary / Commissioner of Registration James Foerst, Esq.; Commissioner Dennis Kobitz; Commissioner Donald Stanzone, Esq.; Commissioner Raymond Szpond; Commissioner Debra Varnerin; Nicole DiRado, Administrator; Linda Wise, Deputy Administrator; Chief Coordinator Bridget Sloane; Phil Powers, Election Technology Supervisor; Diana Carrelo, Computer Operator; Jessica Checo, Administrative Assistant; Ena Herrera, Computer Operator; and Joan Folidore, Computer Operator;

Members of the Public: Denise Wilkerson; Adam Colicchio, Esq.; Cynthia Johnson; Marie Dupont; Emily Montegudo, Union County Clerk's Office; Christine Dansereau; Alyssa Zara, Esq.; Julia Pudimott, Esq.; and Sylvia Turnage.

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WHEREAS, the Board hand counted 637 mail-in ballots; 44 provisional ballots and 155 ballot cards from Voting Machine 19282. Further, the Board reloaded each Result USB from 63 voting machines used in the Roselle Primary Election and conducted a comparison to the voting machine result tapes printed during the recheck of the voting machines on July 16, 2025;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Union County Board of Elections does hereby certify and report the results for the election of Council Member-at-Large, Borough of Roselle:

Cynthia Johnson: 1494
Denise Wilkerson: 1496

Respectfully submitted Monday, August 4, 2025

NICOLE L. DiRADO, CMC,
MPA
Administrator

LINDA WISE
Deputy Administrator

Nicole L. DiRado, Administrator
Union County Board of Elections



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			Council Member-at-Large				
Batch ID	Ballot Type	No. of Ballots	1E Cynthia JOHNSON	2E Denise WILKERSON	Over Votes	Under Votes	Write-Ins
C0001-A	VBM	31	18	10		1	2
C0003-A	VBM	50	21	27	1	1	
C0003-B	VBM	35	14	18	2	1	
C0004-A	VBM	50	18	29	1	2	
C0004-B	VBM	49	21	26		2	
C0004-C	VBM	16	11	5			
C0034-A	VBM	3	0	3			
D0005-A	VBM	49	21	28			
D0006-A	VBM	50	20	26	2	2	
D0006-B	VBM	50	23	19	5	2	1
D0006-C	VBM	32	11	18	1	2	
D0007-A	VBM	50	16	32		2	
D0007-B	VBM	50	18	29		3	
D0007-C	VBM	25	9	15		1	
D0059-A	VBM	1	1	0			
D0060-A	VBM	48	24	24			
F0004-A	VBM	39	27	8		3	1
F0006-A	VBM	2	0	2			
F0008-A	VBM	3	1	2			
H0001-A	VBM	3	0	3			
Handcount	VBM	1	1	0			
VBM Totals		637	275	324	12	22	4
			1E Cynthia JOHNSON	2E Denise WILKERSON	Over Votes	Under Votes	Write-Ins
G0006-A	Provisional	43	19	20		3	1
Handcount	Provisional	1	1	0			
Provisional Totals		44	20	20	0	3	1
			1E Cynthia JOHNSON	2E Denise WILKERSON	Over Votes	Under Votes	Write-Ins
Handcount	Machine 19282	1	0	1			
19282-A	Machine 19282	50	26	22		1	1
19282-B	Machine 19282	50	21	28		1	
19282-C	Machine 19282	50	23	26		1	
19282-D	Machine 19282	4	1	3			
Voting Machine 19282 Totals		155	71	80	0	3	1



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Recount Results						
Totals		1E Cynthia JOHNSON	2E Denise WILKERSON			
Mail-in Ballot Totals		275	324			
Provisional Ballot Totals		20	20			
Voting Machine Totals		1199	1152			
Recount Results		1494	1496			
Union County Clerk Certified Totals						
VBM Totals	638	274	324	14	22	4
Provisional Totals	44	20	20	0	3	1
All Voting Machines		1199	1152			
Totals		1493	1496			