



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING

The meeting of the Union County Board of Elections was called to order by Chair Clara Harelik, Esq. at 3:00pm. 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

- Resolution authorizing the Union County Board of Elections to meet pursuant to the Emergency Meeting exemption of the Open Public Meetings Act to discuss matters relative to on-going litigation and attorney-client privileged communications which require the Board to act swiftly due to pending election deadlines.

A motion was made by Commissioner Szpond and seconded by Commissioner Stanzione to authorize an Emergency Meeting. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. Commissioner Foerst was not present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- On-going Litigation: Cynthia Johnson v. Union County Board of Elections, et al.
- Attorney-Client Privileged Communication

A motion was made by Commissioner Szpond and seconded by Commissioner Stanzione to enter Executive Session. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. Commissioner Foerst was not present.

A motion was made by Commissioner Varnerin and seconded by Commissioner Kobitz to return to the Regular Meeting. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. Commissioner Foerst was not present.

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 3:48pm. Commissioner James Foerst, Esq. was not present.