



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 CLARK SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION DAY

The meeting of the Union County Board of Elections was called to order by Chair Clara Harelik, Esq. at 10:33am. The following Commissioners were in attendance: Chair Clara Harelik, Esq.; Secretary / Commissioner of Registration James Foerst, Esq.; Commissioner Dennis Kobitz; Commissioner Donald Stanzione, Esq.; Commissioner Raymond Szpond; and Administrator Nicole DiRado. Commissioner Debra Varnerin was not present.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

TALLY MAIL-IN BALLOTS VOTED IN THE CLARK SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION

The Board tallied mail-in ballots voted in the Clark Special School Election.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

Yelena Zolotarsky, Springfield: Ms. Zolotarsky followed up on an email she sent which contains voters who allegedly registered after the deadline, yet voted on Election Day. Ms. DiRado acknowledged receipt of the email and will follow up with a response.

Ms. Zolotarsky also suggested the Board have the poll workers tape the results to the walls for the public because she is the only challenger charged with collecting results after the close of the polls and she cannot get to each location fast enough. The Board explained that is just not feasible and suggested her party seek additional volunteers to assist with the collection of results.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Poll Worker Training: Ms. DiRado presented a draft document entitled "Poll Worker Expectations" which will be included in the poll worker assignment packets. She advised that poll worker behavior is digressing in many locations and it is now necessary to specifically define what is and is not appropriate in the polling location as an employee of the Union County Board of Elections. The Board agreed to include the document in the assignments for the poll workers.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Kobitz and seconded by Commissioner Szpond. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. Commissioner Varnerin was not present. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm