



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026

The meeting of the Union County Board of Elections was called to order by Chair Clara Harelik, Esq. at 10:01am. 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.

RESOLUTIONS

- A Resolution certifying the polling locations for the Berkeley Heights Special School Election on March 10, 2026:

Berkeley Heights	1	Berkeley Heights Municipal Building, 29 Park Avenue (Berkeley Room #155)
Berkeley Heights	2	Berkeley Heights Municipal Building, 29 Park Avenue (Berkeley Room #155)
Berkeley Heights	3	Berkeley Heights Municipal Building, 29 Park Avenue (Highlander Room)
Berkeley Heights	4	Berkeley Heights Municipal Building, 29 Park Avenue (Highlander Room)
Berkeley Heights	5	Berkeley Heights Municipal Building, 29 Park Avenue (Highlander Room)
Berkeley Heights	6	Fire House, 411 Hamilton Avenue (Meeting room at rear of facility)
Berkeley Heights	7	Rescue Squad Bldg, 378 Snyder Avenue (Meeting Room)
Berkeley Heights	8	Fire House, 411 Hamilton Avenue (Meeting room at rear of facility)
Berkeley Heights	9	Governor Livingston HS, 175 Watchung Blvd (Front of School Hallway)
Berkeley Heights	10	Berkeley Heights Municipal Building, 29 Park Avenue (Highlander room)
Berkeley Heights	11	Fire House, 411 Hamilton Avenue (Meeting room at rear of facility)

A motion was made by Commissioner Kobitz to approve the polling locations for the Berkeley Heights Special School Election. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varnerin. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. Commissioner Foerst was absent.

- A Resolution certifying the designated ballot drop boxes for the Berkeley Heights Special School Election on March 10, 2026:
 - Snyder Avenue Park, 240 Snyder Avenue, Berkeley Heights
 - Fraser Building, 300 North Avenue East, Westfield
 - UCBOE, 271 No. Broad Street, Elizabeth
 - UC Admin Complex, Corner of Rahway Avenue & Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth

A motion was made by Commissioner Varnerin to certify the ballot drop boxes to be available during the Berkeley Heights Special School Election. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kobitz. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. Commissioner Foerst was absent.



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- A Resolution certifying the polling locations for the Westfield Annual School Board Election on April 21, 2026:

Westfield	1	1	Roosevelt School, 301 Clark St., Gym (accessible from Tuttle Pkwy parking lot)
Westfield	1	2	Roosevelt School, 301 Clark St., Gym (accessible from Tuttle Pkwy parking lot)
Westfield	1	3	Roosevelt School, 301 Clark St., Gym (accessible from Tuttle Pkwy parking lot)
Westfield	1	4	Library, 550 E. Broad St, Program Room
Westfield	1	5	Roosevelt School, 301 Clark St., Gym (accessible from Tuttle Pkwy parking lot)
Westfield	1	6	Library, 550 E. Broad St, Program Room
Westfield	1	7	Roosevelt School, 301 Clark St., Gym (accessible from Tuttle Pkwy parking lot)
Westfield	2	1	Fraser Building, 300 North Ave East
Westfield	2	2	Wilson School, 301 Linden Ave., Gym (accessible from playground side of Linden Ave)
Westfield	2	3	Wilson School, 301 Linden Ave., Gym (accessible from playground side of Linden Ave)
Westfield	2	4	Wilson School, 301 Linden Ave., Gym (accessible from playground side of Linden Ave)
Westfield	2	5	Wilson School, 301 Linden Ave., Gym (accessible from playground side of Linden Ave)
Westfield	2	6	Wilson School, 301 Linden Ave., Gym (accessible from playground side of Linden Ave)
Westfield	3	1	Westfield Armory, 500 Rahway Ave., Entrance in Rear
Westfield	3	2	Edison Intermediate School, 800 Rahway Ave., Gym
Westfield	3	3	Edison Intermediate School, 800 Rahway Ave., Gym
Westfield	3	4	Edison Intermediate School, 800 Rahway Ave., Gym
Westfield	3	5	Westfield Armory, 500 Rahway Ave., Entrance in Rear
Westfield	3	6	Westfield Armory, 500 Rahway Ave., Entrance in Rear
Westfield	3	7	Westfield Armory, 500 Rahway Ave., Entrance in Rear
Westfield	4	1	Edison Intermediate School, 800 Rahway Ave., Gym
Westfield	4	2	Edison Intermediate School, 800 Rahway Ave., Gym
Westfield	4	3	Westfield Armory, 500 Rahway Ave., Entrance in Rear
Westfield	4	4	Westfield Armory, 500 Rahway Ave., Entrance in Rear
Westfield	4	5	Westfield Armory, 500 Rahway Ave., Entrance in Rear

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Kobitz to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Szpond. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. Commissioner Foerst was absent. The meeting adjourned at 10:06 am.