



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

## MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2025

The meeting of the Union County Board of Elections was called to order by Chair Clara Harelik, Esq. at 10:36am. The following Commissioners were in attendance: Chair Clara Harelik, Esq.; Commissioner Dennis Kobitz; Commissioner Donald Stanzione, Esq.; Commissioner Raymond Szpond; Commissioner Debra Varnerin; and Deputy Administrator Linda Wise. 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.

### ADJUDICATION OF MAIL-IN BALLOTS VOTED IN THE 2025 GENERAL ELECTION

Commissioner Kobitz announced he would abstain from taking action on all ballots from Hillside as he has a conflict.

The Board voted to approve ballots for the following reason: certificate envelopes were not contained in an outer envelope.

The Board voted to reject ballots for the following reasons: the envelope did not contain a certification; the certificate envelope did not contain a ballot; and original, misprinted Berkeley Heights ballots were disapproved because the duplicate ballots were received.

The Board voted to issue cure letters to voters whose ballots contained a signature deficiency.

### ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Varnerin and seconded by Commissioner Kobitz. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 11:23am. Commissioner Foerst was not present.