



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2025

The meeting of the Union County Board of Elections was called to order by Chair Clara Harelik, Esq. at 10:40 am. The following Commissioners were in attendance: Chair Clara Harelik, Esq.; Commissioner Dennis Kobitz; Commissioner Donald Stanzione, Esq.; Commissioner Debra Varnerin; and Administrator Nicole DiRado. Secretary / Commissioner of Registration James Foerst, Esq. and Commissioner Raymond Szpond were not present.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

TALLYING MAIL-IN AND PROVISIONAL BALLOTS VOTED IN THE 2025 GENERAL ELECTION

The Board tallied mail-in ballots received on time through the mail and provisional ballots voted on Election Day.

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 reject mail-in ballots for the following reasons: the voter was required to provide identification and did not do so; and there was a break in the chain of custody.

The Board voted to reject provisional ballots for the following reasons: voters were not registered; mail-in ballots were received; voters moved out of county; voter did not sign the affirmation statement; and the voter voted on the machine.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Kobitz and seconded by Commissioner Stanzione. All members present voted in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 pm. Commissioner Foerst and Commissioner Szpond were not present.