



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025

The meeting of the Union County Board of Elections was called to order by Chair Clara Harelik, Esq. at 10:02 am. The following were in attendance: Chair Clara Harelik, Esq.; Secretary / Commissioner of Registration James Foerst, Esq; Commissioner Dennis Kobitz; Commissioner Donald Stanzione, Esq., Commissioner Raymond Szpond; Commissioner Debra Varnerin; and Administrator Nicole DiRado.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

POST-ELECTION AUDIT OF THE 2025 GENERAL ELECTION

The Union County Board of Elections (UCBOE) performed a post-election audit consistent with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:61-9 and the guidelines promulgated by the New Jersey Secretary of State's Office on Monday, November 17, 2025. The audit was available to the public via zoom and in-person observation.

The UCBOE conducted a hand-to-eye count of the voter-verifiable paper records for the November 4, 2025 General Election for the offices of the New Jersey Governor, New Jersey General Assembly, Union County Clerk and the top local contest, either Municipal Mayor or Council / Township Committee. Public Questions and Boards of Education elections were excluded from the audit.

Pursuant to the statute, "the audit shall be conducted in at least 2% of the election districts in which each audited election appears on the ballot." The guidelines provided for this audit require 2% of the audit units in each of the legislative districts to be randomly selected.

Audit units included voter verified paper audit trails from each voting machine, vote by mail ballots by municipality / ward; and provisional ballots by municipality / ward. In total, 913 audit units were created.

There are four legislative districts in Union County: the 20th, 21st, 22nd and 28th. There are 258 audit units for the 20th Legislative District and therefore 5 were audited. There are 259 audit units for the 21st Legislative District and therefore 5 were audited. There are 365 audit units in the 22nd Legislative District and therefore 7 were audited. There are 31 audit units in the 28th Legislative District and therefore 2 were audited.

As provided for in the statute, the following audit units were randomly selected for audit on Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 10:00am via a publicly advertised and accessible zoom meeting:

1. 20th Legislative District: Early Voting Machine Number 19524
2. 20th Legislative District: Early Voting Machine Number 19513
3. 20th Legislative District: Election Day Machine Number 19071
4. 20th Legislative District: Mail-In Ballots: Batch C0118
5. 20th Legislative District: Mail-In Ballots: Batch C0022
6. 21st Legislative District: Provisional Ballots: Batch H0037
7. 21st Legislative District: Mail-In Ballots: Batch D0002
8. 21st Legislative District: Mail-In Ballots: Batch D0027



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9. 21st Legislative District: Mail-In Ballots: Batch C0011
10. 21st Legislative District: Mail-In Ballots: Batch C0077
11. 21st Legislative District: Mail-In Ballots: Batch D0119
12. 22nd Legislative District: Election Day Voting Machine Number 19233
13. 22nd Legislative District: Provisional Ballots: Batch F0030
14. 22nd Legislative District: Mail-In Ballots: Batch G0001
15. 22nd Legislative District: Election Day Machine Number 19250
16. 22nd Legislative District: Election Day Machine Number 19176
17. 22nd Legislative District: Election Day Machine Number 19153
18. 28th Legislative District: Provisional Ballots: Batch G0012
19. 28th Legislative District: Mail-In Ballots: Batch E0013

In each district, the hand to eye audit was 100% consistent with the machine tally. The audit did not result in a change in the number of votes counted for any candidate.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Stanzione and seconded by Commissioner Foerst. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. Commissioner Kobitz and Commissioner Varnerin were not present. The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 pm.