



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MEETING MINUTES FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025

The meeting of the Union County Board of Elections was called to order by Chair Clara Harelik, Esq. at 9:01am. The following Commissioners were in attendance: Chair Clara Harelik, Esq.; Secretary / Commissioner of Registration James Foerst, Esq.; Commissioner Dennis Kobitz; Commissioner Donald Stanzone, 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.

TALLYING MAIL-IN BALLOTS VOTED IN THE 2025 GENERAL ELECTION

The Board tallied mail-in ballots received on time through the mail and deposited in the drop boxes 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 accept ballots for the following reasons: the voters transferred within the county; and certificate envelopes were not contained in outer envelopes.

The Board voted to reject ballots for the following reasons: the voter died before Election Day; the certificate envelope did not contain a ballot; the certificate envelope did not contain a certificate; the voter was required to provide identification and did not do so; and there was a break in the chain of custody.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Kobitz and seconded by Commissioner Stanzone. All members present voted in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 pm.