



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MEETING MINUTES FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025

The meeting of the Union County Board of Elections was called to order by Secretary / Commissioner of Registration James Foerst, Esq. at 10:30am. The following Commissioners were in attendance: Secretary / Commissioner of Registration James Foerst, Esq.; Commissioner Dennis Kobitz; Commissioner Donald Stanzone, Esq.; Commissioner Raymond Szpond; and Administrator Nicole DiRado. Chair Clara Harelik, Esq. and Commissioner Debra Varnerin were not present.

The Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by Commissioner Foerst.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

TALLYING MAIL-IN BALLOTS VOTED IN THE 2025 HILLSIDE RUNOFF ELECTION

The Board tallied on-time mail-in ballots voted in the 2025 Hillside Runoff Election which were received 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 wherein the certificate envelopes were not contained in outer envelopes.

The Board voted to reject ballots which were postmarked too late and those which did not contain a certification.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Stanzone and seconded by Commissioner Szpond. All members present voted in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 am. Chair Clara Harelik, Esq. and Commissioner Debra Varnerin were not present.