

Sylvia Engel – Chairman

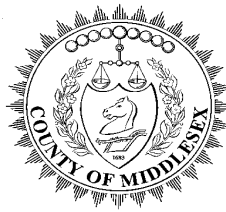
Daniel Frankel – Secretary &  
Commissioner of Registration

Donald Katz – Commissioner

Beatrice Moskowitz – Commissioner

Mohammed Jalloh, Commissioner

April Bengivenga, Commissioner



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## MINUTES

### MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING JANUARY 6, 2022

The Virtual Public Meeting of the Middlesex County Board of Elections was called to order by Commissioner Frankel at 5:00 p.m. Flag salute followed.

Maria Tani called the roll as follows:

Chairman Engel (present)	Commissioner Frankel (present)
Commissioner Katz (present)	Commissioner Moskowitz (present)
Commissioner Jalloh (present)	Commissioner Bengivenga (present)

In attendance were:

Staff:	Thomas Lynch, Administrator Linda Palughi, Chief Clerk Sharonda Mc Farlane, Deputy Chief Clerk Kathy Goddard, Deputy Chief Clerk Maria Tani, Administrative Assistant Stephen Nyers, Supervisor VMB
Guests:	Charles Kratovil, New Brunswick Today Editor

Motion was made by Chairman Engel to approve the Minutes of the October 7, 2021, November 2, 2021, November 5, 2021, November 9, 2021, November 12, 2021, November 15, 2021, November 19, 2021, and December 2, 2021 Board Meetings. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jalloh. Voice vote 6-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Old Bridge Ward 4 Special Election

The Court decided in favor of Councilman Mark Rizzoli from Old Bridge Ward 4. A Special Election will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022.

#### 2021 General Election Review

The Board decided to table the 2021 General Election Review until the next Board Meeting. Chairman Engel and Comm. Katz indicated that complaints were received from Party members and will be discussed at the next meeting. Individual meetings were held with the Municipal Clerks and Administrator Lynch, Deputy Administrator Henry, Linda Palughi and Stephen Nyers. A report of all issues discussed will be presented to the Board at the next meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Administration Reports**

The Board reviewed and accepted the Administration Reports as written.

Ms. Palughi reviewed the process for the 2022 Fire Election. Printed poll books will be used for this election. According to last year's guidance from George Cohen, Deputy Attorney General, drop boxes must be used for the Fire Election. Fire Elections are non-partisan elections therefore it is not required that both a Democrat and a Republican staff member pick up the ballots and lock the drop boxes. The Board discussed the drop box pickup schedule. Administrator Lynch indicated that the ballots should be picked up the weekend and Monday prior to the election, and the day before the election.

**Commissioner Comments**

Comm. Katz commented on the deadline for the Re-Warding. Comm. Frankel stated that this is not the proper venue to discuss the Re-Warding. He requested that the Board meet offline after this meeting.

**Public Comment**

Charles Kratovil, New Brunswick Today Editor made comments on the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS). He encouraged the Board to invite the County Clerk, representative from the State, Knowink and Remington & Vernick to the next meeting.

Motion was made by Comm. Frankel to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 PM. Motion was seconded by Comm. Bengivenga. Voice vote 6-0.