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BOARD OF ELECTIONS **POST-ELECTION MAIL-IN BALLOT AND PROVISIONAL BALLOT HEARING** **JUNE 13, 2022**

The Post-Election Mail-in Ballot and Provisional Ballot Hearing of the Middlesex County Board of Elections was called to order by Chairman Engel at 4:00 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 (absent)

In attendance were:

Staff:	Thomas Lynch, Administrator Valerie Henry, Deputy Administrator Linda Palughi, Chief Clerk Sharonda Rice-Mc Farlane, Deputy Chief Clerk Kathy Goddard, Deputy Chief Clerk Maria Tani, Administrative Assistant
Guests:	Per Sign-in Sheet

Chairman Engel announced that the purpose of this meeting is to hear challenges and review and vote on Post-Election Mail-in Ballots and Provisional Ballots that staff recommended be rejected.

There were two challenges for Piscataway Ward 3 Early Voting. The first challenge was for Lenny Washington. This challenge was withdrawn. The second challenge was for Aamer Baig. Mr. Baig was advertising full property for rent. Due to lack of information provided, the Board voted to reject the challenge and accept the ballot. Motion was made by Comm. Katz and seconded by Comm. Frankel. Voice vote 5-0.

The Board proceeded to review and vote on ballots that staff recommended be rejected.

Republican Ballots

- Party privilege date too late – 1 rejected
- Voted wrong party – 8 rejected
- No ballot enclosed – 1 rejected

Democrat Ballots

- Voted wrong party – 16 rejected
- Voted both ballots – 2 rejected
- Missing certification – 1 rejected

- Incomplete bearer portion – 15 rejected
- No ballot enclosed – 4 rejected
- Party privilege date too late – 2 rejected
- Ballot in with supplies – 1 rejected
- Voted wrong election – 3 rejected

Unaffiliated Ballots

- No ballot enclosed – 1 rejected
- Ballot in provisional bag – 2 rejected
- Incomplete bearer portion – 1 rejected
- Did not declare party – 2 rejected
- Moved out of County – 1 rejected
- Voted both ballots – 17 rejected

Motion was made by Comm. Katz to reject all the ballots in the categories listed. Motion was seconded by Comm. Moskowitz. Voice vote 5-0.

The Board reviewed and voted on the marked ballots.

- Marked Ballots – 29 rejected; 3 accepted

The Board proceeded to review and vote on Provisional Ballots that staff recommended be rejected.

Democrat Ballots

- Voted wrong party – 50 rejected
- Voted mail-in ballot – 141 rejected
- Voted machine – 6 rejected
- No ballot enclosed – 1 rejected
- Voted two ballots – 2 rejected
- Not registered – 11 rejected
- Party changed too late – 19 rejected
- Registered too late – 1 rejected
- Two ballots enclosed – 40 rejected
- Exposed ballot – 24 rejected

Republican Ballots

- Voted wrong party – 91 rejected
- Voted machine – 4 rejected
- Not registered – 4 rejected
- Party too late – 16 rejected
- Registered too late – 1 rejected
- Voted mail-in ballot – 66 rejected
- Incomplete certification – 7 rejected
- Voted two ballots – 2 rejected

Discussion on first ballot: The voter voted by machine and then wanted to cancel her vote. The poll worker issued a provisional ballot. The Board voted to reject the ballot. Voice vote 5-0.

Discussion on second ballot: The poll worker gave the voter two ballots; a ballot card and a paper provisional ballot. The Board determined that if the vote is identical on both the ballot card and the paper provisional ballot, one vote could be counted. Motion was made by Comm. Katz to accept one ballot. Motion was seconded by Comm. Frankel. Voice vote 5-0.

Motion was made by Comm. Katz to reject all the provisional ballots in the categories listed. Motion was seconded by Comm. Frankel. Voice vote 5-0.

The Board proceeded to review and vote additional ballots that staff recommended be rejected.

- Signature does not match – 18 rejected
- Power of Attorney signed – 1 rejected

Administrator Lynch indicated there were 4 provisional ballot bags that were returned unsealed on Election Day (2 from Woodbridge; 2 from Piscataway).

- Woodbridge Hopelawn Engine Company #1 – The paperwork was not filled out by the poll worker and the bag was not properly sealed. Motion was made by Comm. Jalloh to reject the ballots. Motion was seconded by Comm. Moskowitz. Voice vote 5-0.
- Woodbridge Matthew Jago School – There were no seals on the bag. Motion was made by Comm. Jalloh to reject the ballots. Motion was seconded by Comm. Moskowitz. Voice vote 5-0.
- Piscataway North Stelton Firehouse – The bag was not sealed properly. Motion was made Chairman Engel to reject the ballots. Motion was seconded by Comm. Moskowitz. Voice vote 5-0.
- Piscataway Senior Center – The paperwork was not filled out properly. The bag was not sealed. Motion was made by Comm. Jalloh to reject the ballots. Motion was seconded by Comm. Moskowitz. Voice vote 5-0.

Commissioner Comments

None

Public Comments

Charles Kratovil, New Brunswick Today Editor made comments and inquiries pertaining to the Primary Election and to the Rewarding and Redistricting. He also voiced his concerns about the Motor Vehicle Agency changing people's party affiliation.

Motion was made by Comm. Frankel to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. Motion was seconded by Comm. Katz. Voice vote 5-0.