

Sylvia Engel – Chairman

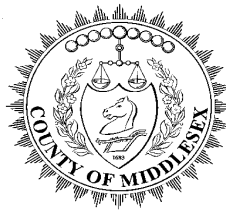
Daniel Frankel – Secretary &
Commissioner of Registration

Donald Katz – Commissioner

Beatrice Moskowitz – Commissioner

Mohamed Jalloh, Commissioner

April Bengivenga, Commissioner



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MINUTES
(AMENDED)

MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2022

The Public Meeting of the Middlesex County Board of Elections was called to order by Chairman Engel 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
		Valerie Henry, Deputy 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: None

Motion was made by Commissioner Katz to approve the Minutes of the May and June Meetings. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jalloh. Voice vote 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Sayreville Polling Locations

Sayreville is having a Special School Election on October 6, 2022. Administrator Lynch asked the Board to approve the polling locations, which are the same locations that were used for the Primary Election, with the exception of one location Truman School. Motion was made by Commissioner Frankel to approve moving Sayreville District 26 from President’s Park Firehouse to Truman School, subject to staff determining which room to use in Truman School. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Moskowitz. Voice vote 6-0.

Early Voting Locations

For the Primary Election, the Board made a motion to approve 10 Early Voting locations. During that motion, it was indicated that it would only be for the Primary Election. For the upcoming General Election, the Board must vote to reapprove the current 10 Early Voting locations or vote to approve different locations.

Commissioner Katz discussed his desire for more coverage of Early Voting locations in the northern areas of the County and the possibility of adding an additional location in Dunellen, Middlesex, or South Plainfield or moving a current location. Administrator Lynch mentioned that the State would only reimburse Middlesex County for 10 Early Voting locations, if there is an 11th location the County will have to assume the cost. Administrator Lynch will speak with the County Commissioners and verify if they would agree to pay for an 11th location as agreed to last year for South Plainfield. Upon further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Jalloh to approve the current 10 Early Voting locations. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Moskowitz. Voice vote 3-3; Chairman Engel, Commissioner Katz and Commissioner Bengivenga voted no. Commissioner Frankel, Commissioner Moskowitz and Commissioner Jalloh voted yes. The Board will search further for an 11th location.

Administration Reports

Steve Nyers – Supervisor VMB

Mr. Nyers reviewed his written report. No additional items were discussed.

Linda Palughi – Chief Clerk

Ms. Palughi reviewed her written report. She mentioned that the local party chairs and poll worker designees within the towns that have Early Voting locations are requesting that they have priority hiring for Early Voting. Administrator Lynch indicated that the statute defers to the Board of Elections to do the hiring for Early Voting.

Thomas Lynch – Administrator

Administrator Lynch reviewed his written report. He mentioned that Family Day went very well. He thanked the Commissioners and staff.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Katz reported that the tradeshow at the IGO Conference was canceled. Signature comparison documents were discussed.

Public Comment

None

Motion was made by Commissioner Jalloh to go into executive session at 5:45 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Katz. Voice vote 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.