Sylvia Engel - Chairman

**Daniel Frankel –** Secretary & Commissioner of Registration

Donald Katz - Commissioner

Beatrice Moskowitz - Commissioner

Mohamed S. Jalloh - Commissioner

April Bengivenga - Commissioner



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#### **MINUTES**

# MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS POST-ELECTION MAIL-IN BALLOT HEARING NOVEMBER 14, 2022

The Post-Election Mail-in 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 Moskowitz (present)

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Commissioner Bengivenga (present)

In attendance were:

Staff: Thomas Lynch, 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 that staff recommended be rejected.

- Moved out of county 5
- No ballot enclosed 10
- Exposed ballot 7
- ID not completed 2
- Incomplete bearer portion 1
- Federal overseas ballot (voter never applied) 1
- Wrong election 1
- Voter arrived at drop box at 8:25 pm and handed ballot to staff member 1

A motion was made by Commissioner Katz to reject all the ballots in the categories presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Moskowitz. Voice vote 6-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Katz to reject 1 marked ballot. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jalloh. Voice vote 6-0

The Board proceeded to review and vote on the following category of ballots.

• Signature does not match – 21 rejected; 1 accepted

Cure letters sent to voters for ballots with missing signatures and printed signatures on certification.

- Missing signatures 30
- Printed signatures 11

A motion was made by Commissioner Katz that to the extent that cure letters for ballots that have a printed signature and no signature on certification, that are not returned by the voter, be rejected. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jalloh. Voice vote 6-0.

## **Commissioner Comments**

None

### **Public Comments**

Charlie Kratovil, Editor New Brunswick Today expressed concerns about not being able to obtain election results on election night. He also requested an update on the list of voters that are in the wrong district in SVRS. Members of the public discussed various issues that occurred on Election Day at the polling locations.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jalloh to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Moskowitz. Voice vote 6-0.