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## MINUTES

### MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS PROVISIONAL BALLOT HEARING NOVEMBER 18, 2022

The 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 (absent)
Commissioner Jalloh (absent)	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 provisional ballots that staff recommended be rejected.

There were a total of 5 provisional ballots for New Brunswick being challenged by Joe Catanese. Mr. Catanese did not attend the meeting. The reason for the challenge was voters voted in New Brunswick but do not reside in New Brunswick. Staff determined that 4 voters do not live in New Brunswick; 1 voter lives in New Brunswick. A motion was made by Commissioner Katz to accept the 4 ballots of the voters that do not reside in New Brunswick but only count their ballots for the races on the ballot in the municipality in which they actually reside. The Board voted to accept the ballot of the voter that resides in New Brunswick and count the full ballot. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Frankel. Voice vote 4-0.

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

- Missing signatures – 17

A motion was made by Commissioner Katz that to the extent that cure letters for ballots that have a no signature on certification, that are not returned by the voter, be rejected. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Frankel. Voice vote 4-0.

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

Signature does not match – 12 rejected

Commissioner Jalloh joined the meeting. Administrator Lynch indicated that ballots are still being counted. An emergency meeting will be held on Monday, November 21, 2022, at 9:15 a.m. to address any remaining ballots and to certify the election.

**Commissioner Comments**

None

**Public Comments**

Charlie Kratovil, Editor New Brunswick Today followed up on issues discussed at the last meeting. The Board indicated that none of the issues from the last meeting have been addressed because votes are still being counted and the election is in the process of being finalized.

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