

Sylvia Engel – Chairman

Daniel Frankel – Secretary &  
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Donald Katz – Commissioner

Beatrice Moskowitz – Commissioner

Mohamed Jalloh, Commissioner

April Bengivenga, Commissioner



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**MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
**REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING & MAIL-IN BALLOT HEARING**  
**NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

The Public Meeting and Mail-in Ballot Hearing of the Middlesex County Board of Elections was called to order by Chairman Engel at 2:00 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:	Linda Palughi, Chief Clerk
		Sharonda Mc Farlane, Deputy Chief Clerk
		Kathy Goddard, Deputy Chief Clerk
		Maria Tani, Administrative Assistant

Guests: None

A motion was made by Commissioner Katz to approve the minutes of the October meetings. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Moskowitz. Voice vote 6-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

Chairman Engel announced that the Board would review and vote on the mail-in ballots that staff recommended be rejected.

- Certificate missing – 29
  - No ballot enclosed – 110
  - Incomplete bearer – 8
  - Moved out of county – 13
  - ID not completed - 39
  - Overseas ballot – 1
- Discussion: Voter was not able to print waiver. Voter provided signature on a separate sheet of paper. The signature provided matched the signature on file.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Jalloh to accept the overseas ballot. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Moskowitz. Voice vote 6-0.
- Power of Attorney signed certification for voter – 1
- Discussion: The Power of Attorney signed the mail-in ballot certification for the voter. A cure letter was sent to the voter.

The Power of Attorney signed the letter but did not return the signed assistor certification. Ms. Palughi stated that according to the State, an assistor can sign for the voter however they must sign the assistor certification. Commissioner Katz indicated that he was not aware of this. He requested clarification from the Attorney General.

There were a total of 8 mail-in ballots from Perth Amboy that were challenged by Iris Rodriguez. Ms. Rodriguez did not attend the meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Katz to reject the challenges and accept the ballots. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jalloh. Voice vote 6-0.

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

- Missing signatures – 132
- Printed signatures - 185

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.

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

- Signatures do not match – 78 rejected; 4 accepted

#### **Commissioner Comments**

None

#### **Public Comment**

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.