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Beatrice Moskowitz –
Commissioner



Thomas Lynch – Administrator

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MINUTES

BOARD OF ELECTIONS EMERGENCY HEARING AUGUST 3, 2020

The Emergency Hearing of the Middlesex County Board of Elections was called to order by Chairman Engel at 4:30 p.m. Flag salute followed.

Maria Tani called the roll as follows:

Chairman Engel (present)

Commissioner Katz (present)

Commissioner Frankel (present)

Commissioner Moskowitz (present)

In attendance were:

Staff:

Thomas Lynch, Administrator

Linda Palughi, Chief Clerk

Sharonda Rice-Mc Farlane, Deputy Chief Clerk

Maria Tani, Administrative Assistant

Guests:

Elaine Flynn, County Clerk

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

Mail-in Ballots

- Incomplete certification - rejected
- Registered out of county – rejected
- Wrong ballot enclosed - rejected
- Voted wrong party - rejected
- Voted both parties
- Marked ballots - rejected

Provisional Ballots

- Provisional ballots found in drop box - rejected
- Voted wrong party - rejected
- Voted mail-in ballot - rejected
- Not registered - rejected
- Party privilege date too late - rejected
- Pending 17 - rejected
- Criminal conviction - rejected
- No ballot enclosed - rejected
- Out of county - rejected
- One provisional ballot and one mail-in ballot found outside of the burgundy ballot bag - rejected
- Marked ballots - 131 rejected; 1 accepted

Commissioner Comments

The Board will need to discuss what is considered a marked ballot. Samples of marked ballots will be provided for the Commissioners to review before the November election. Comm. Frankel requested that Administrator Lynch get clarification from the Attorney General's Office on what the process should be for ballots that are written on.

Motion was made by Comm. Katz to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m. Motion was seconded by Comm. Frankel. Voice vote 4-0.