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## MINUTES

### BOARD OF ELECTIONS POST-ELECTION DAY MAIL-IN BALLOT HEARING JULY 17, 2020

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 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: Charles Kratovil, Reporter New Brunswick Today

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

Republican  
(mixed categories)

- Declared another party, voted both parties, no ballot enclosed, moved out of county, party too late, voter brought ballot to township office instead of drop box, too late, deceased and exposed ballot - rejected

Unaffiliated  
(mixed categories)

- Voted both parties, power of attorney signed for voter, did not vote either party, did not declare a party, moved out of county, bearer did not sign bearer portion, no ID, voted both ballots, assistor signed for voter, post office post-marked late but ballots were on time but had no certification attached – rejected

Democrat  
(mixed categories)

- Voter did not want to vote, exposed ballot, moved out of state, party change too late, declared other party, put in township mail not in drop box, deceased, voted wrong party, bearer exceeded limit, incomplete bearer portion, bearer signed for voter, assistor signed for voter, certification torn (ballot was mailed) - rejected

## Mixed parties

- Certification not signed. Cure letters were sent out. No response has been received – rejected, pending return of letter from voter.
- Certification not signed. Cure letters have not been sent out yet – rejected, pending return of letter from voter.
- Printed signature on certification. Cure letters have not been sent out yet - rejected, pending return of letter from voter.
- Signature does not match. Cure letters have not been sent out yet – rejected, pending return of letter from voter; 15 accepted
- Marked ballots – rejected; 7 accepted
- Voted both ballots – rejected
- Voted wrong party – rejected
- Voted wrong ballot – rejected
- Voted both parties – rejected

## **Public Comments**

None

## **Commissioner Comments**

The Board thanked the staff for all their hard work. Comm. Katz inquired if Administrator Lynch contacted George Cohen, Attorney General's Office to inquire about getting a court order for an extension. Administrator Lynch stated that he was asked to call back early next week.

The Board went into executive session at 6:15 p.m.

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