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Commissioner of Registration

Donald Katz – Commissioner

Beatrice Moskowitz –  
Commissioner



Thomas Lynch – Administrator

Valerie Henry – Deputy Administrator

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**BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
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## MINUTES

### BOARD OF ELECTIONS MAIL-IN BALLOT HEARING JULY 7, 2020

The 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 Katz (present)

Commissioner Frankel (present)

Commissioner Moskowitz (present)

In attendance were:

Staff:

Thomas Lynch, Administrator

Linda Palughi, Chief Clerk

Sharonda Mc Farlane, Deputy Chief Clerk

Maria Tani, Administrative Assistant

Guests:

None

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

#### Democrat

- No ballot enclosed – 167 rejected
- Party change too late – 31 rejected
- Bearer exceeded limit – 1 rejected
- Out of county – 12 rejected
- Declared other party – 2 rejected
- Certification not signed – 1 rejected

#### Republican

- Party change too late – 10 rejected
- Declared wrong party – 4 rejected
- No ballot enclosed – 59 rejected
- Out of county – 2 rejected

#### Unaffiliated

- Voted both parties – 7 rejected
- Party change too late – rejected
- Certification missing (mixed parties) – 36 rejected

The Board reconvened at 6:15 p.m. and proceeded to review and vote on additional mail-in ballots as follows.

#### Democrat & Republican

- Signature does not match – 30 rejected; 9 accepted

#### Democrat

- Incomplete certification – 115 rejected
- Certification not signed – 4 rejected
- No ballot enclosed – 1 rejected
- Husband signed for wife – 2 rejected
- Assistor signed for voter – 12 rejected
- Power of attorney signed for voter – 2 rejected

#### Republican

- Incomplete certification – 68 rejected
- Assistor signed for voter – 1 rejected
- Printed name – 1 rejected
- No ballot enclosed – 2 rejected
- Power of attorney signed for voter – 2 rejected

#### **Public Comments**

None

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