

ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MINUTES OF April 16, 2026 - Special General Election BOARD MEETING

1) CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Elections was called to Order by Chairwoman Bethany O'Toole at 4:17 P.M. in the Office of the Board of Elections, 495 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Newark, New Jersey in compliance with N.J.S.A 19:6-2, Open Public Meeting Act of the State Of New Jersey.

2) CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT

Chairwoman O'Toole read a notice from Clerk of the Board Nicole Amos certifying that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided as required.

ROLL CALL

CHAIRWOMAN O'TOOLE	PRESENT
COMMISSIONER FISHER	PRESENT
COMMISSIONER TALMADGE	PRESENT
COMMISSIONER RIVERA	EXCUSED

MOTION CARRIED

IN ATTENDANCE

Carol J. Gallentine of Roseland NJ

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES- February 5, 2026, February 11, 2026, and March 10, 2026

The Board did not have any comments or changes to the minutes of February 5, 2026, February 11, 2026, and March 10, 2026.

ON MOTION OF CHAIRWOMAN O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALMADGE IT WAS MOVED that the minutes of February 5, 2026, February 11, 2026, and March 10, 2026, be approved.

ROLL CALL

CHAIRWOMAN O'TOOLE	YES
COMMISSIONER FISHER	YES
COMMISSIONER TALMADGE	YES
COMMISSIONER RIVERA	EXCUSED

MOTION CARRIED

4) REVIEW OF MAIL IN BALLOTS

April 16, 2026, Special General Election Mail in Ballots were reviewed.
Accepted/Rejected for various reasons.

5) NEW BUSINESS

Charter Study Election

Clerk Amos reported that the Township of Millburn has scheduled a Charter Study Election for June 16, 2026, to be held from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

2026 Polling Locations

- **Early Voting Polling Locations**
- **Ballot Drop Box Locations**
- **Election Day Polling Locations**

Clerk Amos presented a report regarding the Election Day and Early Voting and Drop Box locations for the 2026 election year.

ON MOTION OF CHAIRWOMAN O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALMADGE IT WAS MOVED to approve the polling locations for the 2026 election year.

ROLL CALL

CHAIRWOMAN O'TOOLE	YES
COMMISSIONER FISHER	YES
COMMISSIONER TALMADGE	YES
COMMISSIONER RIVERA	EXCUSED

MOTION CARRIED

6) OLD BUSINESS

Ratify Votes for 2026 polling locations

- East Orange 3-7
- Newark N-1 and N-2
- Maplewood 1,3 and 6
- Belleville 1-1 and 1-2

ON MOTION OF CHAIRWOMAN O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FISHER IT WAS MOVED to ratify the votes to move East Orange 3-7 from Peter Antonellis 287 S. Harrison Street to Harrison Park Towers 377 S. Harrison Street East Orange NJ, that Newark N-1 and N-2 107-109 Davenport Avenue be moved to 110 Davenport Avenue due to construction scheduled for April 2026. Maplewood 1, 3 and 6 Maplewood Town Hall be moved to Maplewood Library 51 Baker Street to accommodate voters with a larger space and adequate parking and Belleville 1-1 and 1-2 Friendly House be moved to the Silver Lake Fire House temporarily while the floors are being re-done.

ROLL CALL

CHAIRWOMAN O'TOOLE	YES
COMMISSIONER FISHER	YES
COMMISSIONER TALMADGE	YES
COMMISSIONER RIVERA	EXCUSED

MOTION CARRIED

7) PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairwoman O'Toole inquired whether any members of the public wished to speak.


Carol Gallentine stated that she was present as an observer. Ms. Gallentine also commented on ballots and inquired about the ballot inventory process.


In response, Chairwoman O'Toole stated that all ballots are inventoried and subject to audit for each General Election.

8) SCHEDULED MEETINGS

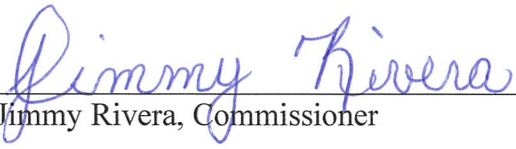
April 21, 2026, Irvington/Newark School Board Election and April 16, 2026, Special General Election Provisional Ballot Meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2026.

ON MOTION OF CHAIRWOMAN O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALMADGE, IT WAS MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 4:56 P.M.


Bethany O. Toole, Chairwoman


Lee B. Fisher, Commissioner


Quilla Talmadge, Commissioner


Jimmy Rivera, Commissioner

Certified by:

Nicole Amos, Chief Clerk of the Board