

ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MINUTES OF April 29, 2026

**BOARD MEETING
SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION – AUDIT
SCHOOL BOARD PROVISIONAL BALLOTS**

1) CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Elections was called to Order by Chairwoman Bethany O’Toole at 10:30 A.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

COMMISSIONER FISHER	PRESENT
COMMISSIONER TALMADGE	PRESENT
COMMISSIONER RIVERA	PRESENT
CHAIRWOMAN O’TOOLE	PRESENT

3) 2026 SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION AUDIT SELECTION OF BALLOTS

The Board randomly selected batches to be audited for the 2026 Special General Election. The Audit was scheduled for April 29, 2026.

ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONER FISHER	YES
COMMISSIONER TALMADGE	YES
COMMISSIONER RIVERA	YES
CHAIRWOMAN O’TOOLE	YES

MOTION CARRIED

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER RIVERA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FISHER, IT WAS MOVED that the meeting be temporarily convened at 10:30 A.M.

4) THE APRIL 29, 2026, OPEN PUBLIC MEETING WAS RECONVENED AT 1:00 P.M.

Audit for the Special General Election was conducted. No irregularities were found.

5) REVIEW OF PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

April 21, 2026, Annual School Board Election Provisional Ballots were reviewed. Accepted/Rejected for various reasons.

6) NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Amos reported that there was no new business to report.

7) OLD BUSINESS

Clerk Amos reported that there was no old business report.

8) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman O'Toole asked if there were any comments from the public.

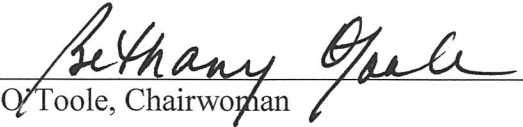
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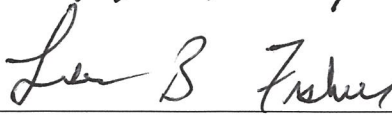
ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER TALMADGE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RIVERA, IT WAS MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 2:20 PM.

ROLL CALL


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

MOTION CARRIED

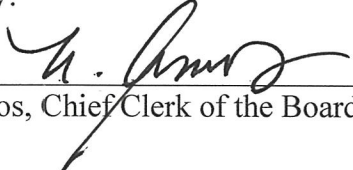

Bethany O'Toole, Chairwoman


Lee B. Fisher, Commissioner


Quilla Talmadge, Commissioner


Jimmy Rivera, Commissioner

Certified by:


Nicole Amos, Chief Clerk of the Board