

# ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MINUTES OF February 5, 2026 - Special Primary 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 4:06 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	PRESENT

### MOTION CARRIED

## 3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES- June 10, 2025, June 18, 2025, November 5, 2025, November 13, 2025, November 16, 2025

The Board did not have any comments or changes to the minutes of June 10, 2025, June 18, 2025, November 5, 2025, November 13, 2025, and November 16, 2025.

**ON MOTION OF CHAIRWOMAN O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALMADGE IT WAS MOVED** that the minutes of June 10, 2025, June 18, 2025, November 5, 2025, November 13, 2025, and November 16, 2025, be approved.

### ROLL CALL

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

### MOTION CARRIED

**4) REVIEW OF MAIL IN BALLOTS**

February 5, 2026, Special Primary Election Mail in Ballots were reviewed.  
Accepted/Rejected for various reasons.

**5) PUBLIC COMMENT**

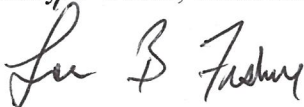
Chairwoman O'Toole asked if anyone from the public wished to speak.  
No comments.

**6) PROVISIONAL BALLOT MEETING**

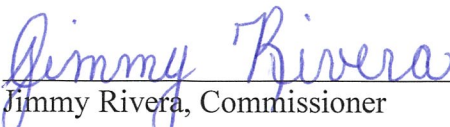
February 5, 2026, Special Primary Election Provisional Ballot Meeting is scheduled for  
February 11, 2026, or shortly thereafter.

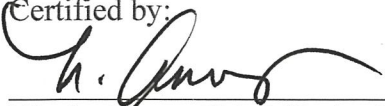
**ON MOTION OF CHAIRWOMAN O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RIVERA, IT WAS MOVED** that the meeting be adjourned at 5:06 P.M.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Bethany O'Toole, Chairwoman

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Lee B. Fisher, Commissioner

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Quilla Talmadge, Commissioner

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jimmy Rivera, Commissioner

Certified by:  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Nicole Amos, Chief Clerk of the Board