

# ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2026

REORGANIZATION MEETING-  
MONTCLAIR SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

## 1) REORGANIZATION

Commissioner Lee Fisher (Democrat) of the City of Newark, being qualified and according to law, having been reappointed by the Honorable Mikie Sherrill, Governor of the State of New Jersey was seated as member of the Essex County Board of Elections for a two-year term 3/1/2026 to 3/1/2028.

Commissioner Bethany O'Toole (Republican) of the Township of Cedar Grove, being qualified and according to law, having been appointed by the Honorable Mikie Sherrill, Governor of the State of New Jersey, was seated as member of the Essex County Board of Elections for a two-year term 3/1/2026 to 3/1/2028.

Commissioner Quilla Talmadge (Democrat) was present as a holdover member of the Board with her term expiring on 3/1/2027.

Commissioner Jimmy Rivera (Republican) was present as a holdover member of the Board with his term expiring on 3/1/2027.

The floor was open for nominations for Chair.

Commissioner Quilla Talmadge nominated Commissioner Bethany O'Toole, seconded by Commissioner Lee Fisher.

**ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER JIMMY RIVERA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LEE FISHER, IT WAS MOVED** that Commissioner Bethany O'Toole be elected Chairwoman of the Board of Elections.

## ROLL CALL

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

## MOTION CARRIED.

The floor was open for nominations for Secretary.

Commissioner Jimmy Rivera nominated Commissioner Lee Fisher, seconded by Chairwoman Bethany O’Toole.

**ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER QUILLA TALMADGE, SECONDED BY CHAIRWOMAN O’TOOLE, IT WAS MOVED** that Commissioner Lee Fisher be elected Secretary of the Board of Elections.

<b>COMMISSIONER FISHER</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>COMMISSIONER TALMADGE</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>COMMISSIONER RIVERA</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>CHAIRWOMAN O’TOOLE</b>	<b>YES</b>

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**2) CALL TO ORDER – MONTCLAIR SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION**

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Elections was called to Order by Chairwoman Bethany O’Toole at 4:15 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.

**3) CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT**

Commissioner O’Toole read a notice from Clerk Nicole Amos certifying that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided as required.

**4) ROLL CALL**

<b>COMMISSIONER FISHER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
<b>COMMISSIONER TALMADGE</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
<b>COMMISSIONER RIVERA</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
<b>CHAIRWOMAN O’TOOLE</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>

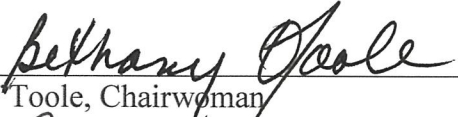
**5) REVIEW OF MAIL IN BALLOTS**

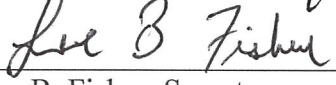
March 10, 2026, Montclair Special School Board Election Mail in Ballots were reviewed. Accepted/Rejected for various reasons.

**6) PUBLIC COMMENT**

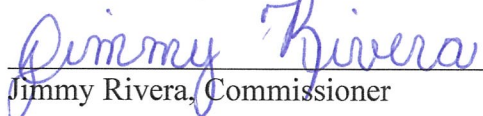
Chairwoman O'Toole asked if anyone from the public wished to speak.  
No comments.

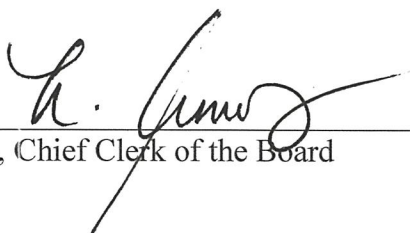
**ON MOTION OF CHAIRWOMAN O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FISHER, IT WAS MOVED** that the meeting be adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

  
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Bethany O'Toole, Chairwoman

  
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Lee B. Fisher, Secretary

  
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Quilla Talmadge, Commissioner

  
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Jimmy Rivera, Commissioner

Certified by:   
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Nicole Amos, Chief Clerk of the Board