



BURLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Minutes of the Burlington County Board of Elections Meeting

March 10, 2026 at 11:00 am

301 Harper Drive, Moorestown, NJ

Present: Chairwoman Heather Cheesman, Secretary George Nyikita, Commissioner Jamie Locatell, and Commissioner Reva Foster; Administrators Linda Hughes and Claudia Castro Branch

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. CALL TO ORDER

At 11:00 am, Administrator Linda Hughes called the meeting of the Burlington County Board of Elections to order and read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement of compliance.

III. REORANIZATION

A. Reappointments

Letters were received from the Governor's Office reappointing Commissioners George Nyikita and Commissioner Reva Foster.

B. Roll Call

Commissioner Heather Cheesman, Commissioner George Nyikita, Commissioner Reva Foster and Commissioner Jamie Locatell were present.

C. Nomination for Chairman

Commissioner Nyikita nominated Commissioner Heather Cheesman as Chairwoman. Commissioner Locatell seconded the motion. By roll call vote, Commissioner Cheesman, Commissioner Nyikita, Commissioner Foster and Commissioner voted yes and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

D. Nomination for Secretary

Chairwoman Cheesman nominated Commissioner George Nyikita as Secretary. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

E. Official Newspapers

Following a motion by Secretary Nyikita and a second by Commissioner Foster, the Board voted unanimously to name Burlington County Times and Courier-Post as the official newspapers.

F. Official Bulletin Board

Following a motion by Secretary Nyikita and a second by Commissioner Locatell, the Board voted unanimously to name the front window of the Board of Elections office as the official bulletin board.



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G. Regular Meeting Schedule

Following a motion by Secretary Nyikita and a second by Commissioner Locatell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following meeting schedule:

All regular meetings will take place at 11:00 am at the Board of Elections office, 301 Harper Drive, Moorestown, NJ on the following dates:

April 21, 2026; May 12, 2026; June 2, 2026; August 4, 2026; September 15, 2026;
November 3, 2026; December 8, 2026; January 26, 2027, February 19, 2027, March 9, 2027

The Board will also meet virtually to certify respective election results at 12:00 pm on the following dates:

June 12, 2026; November 18, 2026; and March 1, 2027;

If necessary, special school election certifications will take place on: September 30, 2026;
December 23, 2026; February 10, 2027

The 2026 General Election Audit will take place November 16, 2026 at 9:00 am at the Board of Elections office, 301 Harper Drive, Moorestown, NJ.

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairwoman Cheesman moved that the minutes of the February 20, 2026 Regular Meeting and the February 27, 2026 Certification Meeting be approved. Secretary Nyikita seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

V. **APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST**

Secretary Nyikita moved to approve the bills list from February 19, 2026 to March 6, 2026. Commissioner Locatell seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

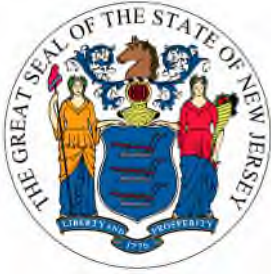
A. 2026 Budget

Commissioner Locatell moved that the Board approve the 2026 Board of Election Budget. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

B. Redistricting

Chairwoman Cheesman made a motion to approve the following scenario maps:

- a. Bordentown Township (Alternate 2)
- b. Burlington Township (Alternate 1)
- c. Eastampton Township (Alternate 1)
- d. Evesham Township (Alternate 1)
- e. Lumberton Township (Alternate 2)
- f. Moorestown Township (Alternate 3)
- g. North Hanover Township (Alternate 3)



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- h. Pemberton Township (Alternate 3)
- i. Tabernacle Township (Alternate 2)
- j. Westampton Township (Alternate 2)

Secretary Nyikita seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

C. Early Voting Location

Chairwoman Cheesman moved to add a tenth early voting location at Hainesport Municipal Building, 1401 Marne Hwy, Hainesport. Commissioner Locatell seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VIII. REPORTS

A. Legislative Update

The Board reviewed recently passed legislation.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rosemary Bernardi of Evesham inquired when redistricting maps would be available to the public and if there would be any changes in polling places.

Levonne Johnson of Willingboro expressed concerns over the number of election districts using JFK Center as a polling location.

Maurice White of Willingboro expressed concerns over the communication to inform voters of their polling location changes and noted that as a deputy is has been taking longer for materials to come back at the end of the night.

Kate Wilson of Moorestown asked when redistricting maps would be available. She also raised concerns about election worker safety in regards to OPRA requests for pollworker information.

Karen Cohen of Mt. Laurel asked about the procedure and timing for meeting agendas to be posted to the website and echoed concerns about OPRA requests for pollworker information.

Ila Vassallo of Marlton asked where to find information on becoming a challenger.

Cheryl Coco Capri of Mt. Laurel followed up on an email sent by Citizens for Election Integrity regarding voter registration.



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XI. BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner Foster noted she was happy to see members of the public and acknowledged concerns with the polling location changes recommended by the municipal clerk.

Secretary Nyikita stated he is happy to have another two years and looks forward to working with members of the Board.

Commissioner Locatell thanked members of the public for attending and reported that she attended the NJAEO conference and found it to be a great learning experience.

Chairwoman Cheesman congratulated Secretary Nyikita and Commissioner Foster on their reappointments and reported that she also appreciated the NJAEO conference and the leadership roles of a number of staff members.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:35 am, following a motion by Chairwoman Cheesman and a second by Commissioner Foster, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.