

Monmouth County Board of Elections



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The Monmouth County Board of Elections is a quasi-state agency funded by the County. It works in conjunction with a variety of municipal, county, state and federal offices and agencies for the purpose of carrying out statutory responsibilities related to our electoral process. As a vital component to the process, the Board of Elections has mandated responsibilities that encompass a myriad of duties to ensure that all elections in Monmouth County are conducted in a bipartisan manner and with efficiency and integrity.

The Board of Elections is comprised of four Commissioners, two Republicans and two Democrats, who are commissioned by the Governor, for two-year terms. At their annual reorganization meeting held in March, the commissioned Board elects a Chairperson and Secretary from opposite political parties. This commissioned Board also hires staff to handle the daily operations in the office.

The Board Members include:

Allan Roth, Chairperson (D)	Chantal Bouw, Secretary (R)
Eric Brophy, Commissioner (D)	Eileen Kean, Commissioner (R)

The Administrative Staff consists of:

Robin Major, Administrator (D)	Tracee Johnson, Chief Clerk (R)
Jean Pometti, Senior Clerk (D)	Debbie McEnery, Senior Clerk (R)
Kimberly Earl, Senior Clerk (D)	Karen Kennedy, Senior Clerk (R)

Karen Sikand, Senior Clerk (D)

ELIGIBLE VOTERS and TURNOUT

As of November 2017, there were 445,523 active, registered voters in Monmouth County. The voter turnout for each of the elections is as follows:

Election Name	Date	Eligible Voters	# voted	% turnout
Special School Election (Manasquan)	1/24/2017	4,718	1,740	37%
Annual Fire Election	1/18/2017	*	*	*
Special Municipal Election (Roosevelt Borough)	3/28//2017	659	390	59%
Special Municipal Election (Loch Arbour)	4/4/2017	136	97	71%
Annual School Election (Asbury Park and Neptune Township)	4/25/2017	28,279	2,696	10%
Special Municipal Election (Roosevelt)	4/25/2017	646	294	46%
Municipal Election (Monmouth Beach)	5/9/2017	2,707	756	28%
Primary Election	6/6/2017	441,614	52,273	12%
Special School Election (Farmingdale, Holmdel, Marlboro, Tinton Falls, Shrewsbury Township, Allentown and Upper Freehold)	9/26/2017	64,896	9,106	14%
General Election	11/7/2017	445,523	186,739	42%

*=not reported

NUMBER OF ELECTIONS and STATISTICS

The following ten elections were conducted in 2017:

ELECTIONS

DATE

Special School Election (Manasquan)	January 24 th January 26 th Provisionals & Canvassing
Annual Fire Election	February 18th
Special Municipal Election (Roosevelt)	March 28 th March 30 th Provisionals
Special Municipal Election (Loch Arbour)	April 4th April 6th Provisionals
Annual School Election (Asbury Park and Neptune Township)	April 25th April 27th Provisionals & Canvassing
Special Municipal Election (Roosevelt)	April 25th April 27th Provisionals
Municipal Election (Monmouth Beach)	May 9th May 11 th Provisionals
Primary Election	June 6th June 9th Provisionals
Special School Election (Farmingdale, Holmdel, Marlboro, Tinton Falls, Shrewsbury Township, Allentown and Upper Freehold)	September 26th September 29 th Provisionals & Canvassing
General Election	November 7th November 13 th Provisionals & Canvassing

MAIL IN AND PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

Effective July 1, 2009, a new law changed “Absentee Ballot Voting” to Vote by Mail. There are now two options on the Mail-In Ballot application. **Option A** allows the voter to receive a ballot for all elections within the calendar year while **Option B** a voter may chose to receive a ballot for all General Elections in perpetuity or until they may otherwise indicate to the County Clerk that they no longer wish to receive such.

Paper Ballots Processed

There were 15,784 paper ballots, including 14,073 mail-in ballots and 1,711 provisional ballots processed during 2017. The breakdown for each election is as follows:

<u>Election Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Mail-In</u>	<u>Provisional</u>	<u>Total Ballots</u>
Special School Election (Manasquan)	1/24/2017	126	9	135
Annual Fire Election	2/18/2017	382	*	382

Special Municipal Election (Roosevelt)	3/28/2017	42	5	47
Special Municipal Election (Loch Arbour)	4/4/2017	16	1	17
Annual School Election (Asbury Park and Neptune Township)	4/25/2017	126	28	154
Special Municipal Election (Roosevelt)	4/25/2017	15	2	17
Municipal Election (Monmouth Beach)	5/9/2017	20	7	27
Primary Election	6/6/2017	708	208	916
Special School Election (Farmingdale, Holmdel, Marlboro, Tinton Falls, Shrewsbury Township, Allentown and Upper Freehold)	9/26/2017	211	35	246
General Election	11/7/2017	12,427	1,416	13,843

*=not reported

POLL WORKERS and POLLING PLACES

There are 458 voting districts, also known as polling places, throughout the County. By statute, there must be a minimum of 4 poll workers for each polling district, with the exception of school elections. In compliance with various other statutes, the Board may assign 2 additional workers (one from each party) when there is an additional voting machine and/or the total number of registered voters in that district exceeds 900. The following indicates the number of districts and the number of Poll Workers that worked.

Election Name	# of Districts	# of Poll Workers
Special School Election (Manasquan)	4	16
Annual Fire Election	27	3
Special Municipal Election (Roosevelt)	1	4
Special Municipal Election (Loch Arbour)	1	4
Annual School Election (Asbury Park and Neptune Township)	29	116
Special Municipal Election (Roosevelt)	1	5

Municipal Election (Monmouth Beach)	2	12
Primary Election	458	1709
Special School Election (Farmingdale, Holmdel, Marlboro, Tinton Falls, Shrewsbury Township, Allentown and Upper Freehold)	61	251
General Election	458	1743

POLL WORKER TRAINING CLASSES

In addition to assigning the Poll Workers, the Board of Elections is responsible for qualifying Poll Workers to work on Election Day through statutory required training. There are currently 2,605 Poll Worker names in the database. During 2017, 485 attended classes in the months just prior to the June Primary. An additional 502 were trained just prior to the November General Election. Approximately 38% of all Poll Workers attended some training during 2017 for a total of 987. In addition to daytime training classes, many are given in the evening to accommodate people working during the day. The following 65 training classes were given in 2017.

January 18, 2017	1:00 PM	Board of Elections, Freehold
January 18, 2017	6:00 PM	Middletown Library, Middletown
January 31, 2017	10:00 AM	Board of Elections, Freehold
February 1, 2017	1:00 PM	Fort Monmouth Rec Center, Tinton Falls
February 7, 2017	10:00 AM	Board of Elections, Freehold
February 15, 2017	1:00 PM	Little Silver Borough Hall, Little Silver
February 15, 2017	6:00 PM	Middletown Library, Middletown
February 16,, 2017	10:00 AM	Board of Elections, Freehold
February 22, 2017	1:00 PM	Wall Municipal Building, Wall
February 23, 2017	1:00 PM	Monmouth County Library, Manalapan
March 2, 2017	6:00 PM	Fort Monmouth Rec Center, Tinton Falls
March 6, 2017	6:00 PM	Monmouth County Ag Building, Freehold
March 8, 2017	6:00 PM	Middletown Library, Middletown
March 16, 2017	1:00 PM	Community Center, Millstone
March 16, 2017	5:30 PM	Monmouth County Connections, Neptune
March 27, 2017	5:00 PM	Board of Elections, Freehold
March 28, 2017	1:00 PM	Fort Monmouth Rec Center, Tinton Falls
March 29, 2017	11:00 AM	Monmouth County Library, Manalapan
March 29, 2017	6:00 PM	Little Silver Borough Hall, Little Silver
April 1, 2017	1:00 PM	Monmouth County Connections, Neptune
April 6, 2017	1:00 PM	Wall Municipal Building, Wall
April 10, 2017	1:00 PM	Monmouth County Ag Building, Freehold
April 12, 2017	1:00 PM	Matawan Municipal Building, Matawan
April 13, 2017	11:30 AM	Brookdale Community College, Lincroft
April 18, 2017	1:00 PM	James J. Cullen Community Center, Hazlet
April 19, 2017	1:00 PM	Middletown Library, Middletown
April 20, 2017	5:30 PM	Monmouth County Library, Manalapan
May 2, 2017	6:00 PM	James J. Cullen Community Center, Hazlet
May 3, 2017	1:00 PM	Little Silver Borough Hall, Little Silver
May 4, 2017	6:00 PM	Wall Municipal Building, Wall
May 11, 2017	5:00 PM	Board of Elections, Freehold
May 17, 2017	1:00 PM	Monmouth County Connections, Neptune

May 23, 2017	1:00 PM	Holmdel Community Center, Holmdel
May 24, 2017	6:00 PM	Monmouth County Ag Building, Freehold
July 24, 2017	1:00 PM	Board of Elections, Freehold
July 25, 2017	5:30 PM	Board of Elections, Freehold
July 26, 2017	1:00 PM	Board of Elections, Freehold
July 27, 2017	5:30 PM	Board of Elections, Freehold
August 1, 2017	10:00 AM	Board of Elections, Freehold
August 3, 2017	10:00 AM	Board of Elections, Freehold
August 8, 2017	5:30 PM	Board of Elections, Freehold
August 9, 2017	10:00 AM	Board of Elections, Freehold
August 10, 2017	5:30 PM	Board of Elections, Freehold
August 28, 2017	1:00 PM	Monmouth County Library, Manalapan
August 30, 2017	1:00 PM	Board of Elections, Freehold
August 30, 2017	6:00 PM	Hazlet Municipal Building, Hazlet
September 6, 2017	1:00 PM	Tinton Falls Municipal Building, Tinton Falls
September 8, 2017	1:00 PM	Tinton Falls Municipal Building, Tinton Falls
September 12, 2017	1:00 PM	Board of Elections, Freehold
September 14, 2017	1:00 PM	Matawan Municipal Building, Matawan
September 15, 2017	1:00 PM	Board of Elections, Freehold
September 18, 2017	6:00 PM	Monmouth County Ag Building, Freehold
September 19, 2017	1:00 PM	James J. Cullen Community Center, Hazlet
September 21, 2017	1:00 PM	James J. Cullen Community Center, Hazlet
September 21, 2017	6:00 PM	Shrewsbury Municipal Building, Shrewsbury Borough
September 28, 2017	1:00 PM	Monmouth County Library, Manalapan
September 28, 2017	6:00 PM	Monmouth County Library, Manalapan
October 3, 2017	5:30 PM	Monmouth County Connections, Neptune
October 4, 2017	1:00 PM	Monmouth County Ag Building, Freehold
October 6, 2017	1:00 PM	Monmouth County Connections, Neptune
October 12, 2017	1:00 PM	Wall Municipal Building, Wall
October 13, 2017	1:00 PM	Monmouth County Connections, Neptune
October 17, 2017	6:00 PM	Monmouth County Ag Building, Freehold
October 19, 2017	1:00 PM	Holmdel Senior Center, Holmdel
October 23, 2017	6:00 PM	Wall Municipal Building, Wall

MASTER BOARD WORKERS

The Master Board Worker program has been in existence since the November 2012 General Election. It was implemented to assist our Board Workers at the polls with any questions or immediate concerns. They receive extensive training throughout the year and are assigned various towns to cover on Election Day. The Master Board Workers continue to be an asset to the BOE staff and 53 Municipal Clerks in resolving issues that arise in the polls on Election Day.

CERTIFICATION OF POLLING PLACES FOR ELECTION DAY

The Board of Elections is responsible for the ADA certification of polling places. Communication with the Municipal Clerks has been established to meet these needs. The Board maintains contact information for every polling site.

REDISTRICTING ELECTION DISTRICTS and MAPS

The Board of Elections, in conjunction with the Superintendent of Elections and the County Clerk, oversees the voting process for more than 628,000 residents. We are the 5th largest county in the State. Our 53 municipalities are spread over an area of 471.57 square miles. After a census year (2010) and promulgation of the census figures by the Governor or a referendum, the Board must draw new boundaries in those municipalities that elect a local governing body (Title 13, Title 19 and Title 40). If an election district, due to size or any other consideration as noted in Title 19, requires altering or merging, the Board must prepare such information and materials to effectuate this change (Title 13, Title 19 and Title 40).

ELECTION DAY CHALLENGERS

Challenger Credentials

Candidates, County and Municipal Chairs may apply to the Board of Elections for Election Day Challengers. Challengers are those people who represent their party, a candidate or a question in the polling place on Election Day.

The following illustrates the 2287 credentials initially applied for by the candidates and issued for each election but does not include any changes during the two weeks after the submission deadline to Election Day.

Election Name	Credentials
Special School (Manasquan)	0
Special Municipal Election (Roosevelt)	4
Special Municipal Election (Loch Arbour)	0
Annual School Election (Asbury Park and Neptune Township)	49
Special Municipal Election (Roosevelt)	2
Municipal Election (Monmouth Beach)	0
Primary Election	46
Special School Election	12
General Election	2,174

ELECTION RECOUNTS

Election Recounts

The Board of Elections conducts all election recounts at the direction of a Monmouth County Superior Court Judge.

RECOUNTS

There was one recount this year. The municipality involved was Belmar.

MISC INFORMATION

Legal and Display Advertisements

The Board of Elections advertises all meetings and elections in compliance with the “Open Public Meetings Act” and Title 19.

Website

The BOE Website gives Poll Workers the opportunity to refresh the voting machine training and instructions for Election Day at anytime of the year. The county website is updated regularly for changes and dates of instruction classes. Monmouthcountyvotes.com also contains information for Poll Workers, Voters, Candidates and Challengers.

Staff Training

BOE staff and commissioners attend continuing education classes throughout the year as well as attending training seminars during our annual convention each year in March.

TRAINING of MUNICIPAL CLERKS

The Board of Elections participates in Municipal Clerk training seminars. These seminars ensure that the Clerks are as up to date as possible of all the newest election laws and procedures.