

Monmouth County Board of Elections



2018 Year End Report

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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:

Chantal Bouw, Chairperson (R)	Allan Roth, Secretary (D)
Eileen Kean, Commissioner (R)	Patricia Bennett, Commissioner (D)

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 2018, there were 457,221 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 (Spring Lake Heights)	1/23/2018	3,968	941	24%
Annual Fire Election	1/17/2018	*	*	*
Annual School Election (Neptune Township)	4/17//2018	20,013	1,720	9%
Municipal Election (Keansburg and Long Branch)	5/8/2018	19,923	4,978	25%
Primary Election	6/5/2018	450,865	49,282	11%
Special Fire Election (Hazlet)	9/12/2018	*	*	*
Special School Election (Freehold Regional, Colts Neck, and Rumson-Fair Haven)	10/2/2018	150,811	9,304	6%
Special Fire Election (Marlboro)	10/13/2018	*	*	*
General Election	11/6/2018	457,221	265,903	58%
Special School Election	12/11/2018	47,377	4,893	10%

(Manalapan, Englishtown and Red Bank Regional)

*=not reported

NUMBER OF ELECTIONS and STATISTICS

The following ten elections were conducted in 2018:

ELECTIONS

DATE

Special School Election
(Spring Lake Heights)

January 23rd
January 26th Provisionals & Canvassing

Annual Fire Election

February 17th

Annual School Election
(Neptune Township)

April 17th
April 20th Provisionals

Municipal Election
(Keansburg and Long Branch)

May 8th
May 11th Provisionals

Primary Election

June 5th, 2018
June 8th Provisionals

Special Fire Election
(Hazlet)

September 12th

Special School Election
(Freehold Regional, Colts Neck and Rumson-Fair Haven)

October 2nd
October 5th 48 hour ballots
October 10th Provisionals & Canvassing

Special Fire Election
(Marlboro)

October 13th

General Election

November 6th
November 7th, 8th and 9th 48 hour ballots
November 19th Provisionals & Canvassing

Special School Election
(Manalapan, Englishtown and Red Bank Regional)

December 11th
December 14th 48 hour ballots & Provisional

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 36,852 paper ballots, which includes 30,797 mail-in ballots and 6,055 provisional ballots processed during 2018. 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 (Spring Lake Heights)	1/24/2017	43	3	46
Annual Fire Election	2/17/2018	140	*	140
Annual School Election (Neptune Township)	4/17/2018	38	8	46
Municipal Election (Keansburg and Long Branch)	5/8/2018	145	34	179
Primary Election	6/5/2018	950	213	1,163
Special Fire Election (Hazlet)	9/12/2018	19	*	19
Special School Election (Freehold Regional, Colts Neck and Rumson-Fair Haven)	10/2/2018	994	161	1,155
Special Fire Election (Marlboro)	10/13/2018	72	*	72
General Election	11/6/2018	27,978	5,561	33,539
Special School Election (Manalapan-Englishtown and Red Bank Regional)	12/11/2018	418	75	493

*=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 (Spring Lake Heights)	5	19
Annual Fire Election	27	3
Annual School Election (Neptune Township)	20	78
Municipal Election	23	92

(Keansburg and Long Branch)

Primary Election	458	1676
Special School Election (Freehold Regional, Colts Neck and Rumson-Fair Haven)	142	544
General Election	458	1775
Special School Election (Manalapan, Englishtown and Red Bank Regional)	47	184

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. Currently there are 3,154 Poll Worker names in the database. During 2018, 800 attended classes in the months just prior to the June Primary. An additional 713 were trained just prior to the November General Election. Approximately 48% of all Poll Workers attended some training during 2018 for a total of 1,513. In addition to daytime training classes, many are given in the evening to accommodate people working during the day. The following 43 training classes were given in 2018.

March 1, 2018	1:00 PM	Hazlet Municipal Building, Hazlet
March 6, 2018	11:00 AM	Hazlet Municipal Building, Hazlet
March 8, 2018	11:00 AM	Monmouth County Library, Manalapan
March 8, 2018	5:30 PM	Monmouth County Library, Manalapan
March 12, 2018	1:00 PM	Wall Municipal Building, Wall
March 16, 2018	1:00 PM	Monmouth County Connections, Neptune
March 19, 2018	1:00 PM	Fort Monmouth Rec Center, Tinton Falls
April 5, 2018	1:00 PM	Monmouth County Ag Building, Freehold
April 9, 2018	6:00 PM	Aberdeen Municipal Building, Aberdeen
April 11, 2018	6:00 PM	Bayshore Senior Center, Keansburg
April 12, 2018	5:30 PM	Monmouth County Connections, Neptune
April 19, 2018	6:00 PM	Fort Monmouth Rec Center, Tinton Falls
April 23, 2018	6:00 PM	Wall Municipal Building, Wall
April 25, 2018	6:00 PM	Monmouth County Ag Building, Freehold
April 30, 2018	6:00 PM	Hazlet Municipal Building, Hazlet
May 1, 2018	1:00 PM	Monmouth County Connections, Neptune
May 10, 2018	6:00 PM	Monmouth County Library, Manalapan
May 21, 2018	11:00 AM	Monmouth County Ag Building, Freehold
July 17, 2018	10:00 AM	Board of Elections, Freehold
July 20, 2018	10:00 AM	Spring Lake Community Center, Spring Lake Heights
July 24, 2018	10:00 AM	Board of Elections, Freehold
July 27, 2018	10:00 AM	Wall Municipal Building, Wall
August 7, 2018	10:00 AM	Board of Elections, Freehold
August 9, 2018	10:00 AM	Board of Elections, Freehold
September 5, 2018	11:00 AM	Hazlet Municipal Building, Hazlet
September 6, 2018	6:00 PM	Bayshore Senior Center, Keansburg
September 12, 2018	11:00 AM	Monmouth County Library, Manalapan
September 12, 2018	6:00 PM	Monmouth County Library, Manalapan
September 13, 2018	5:30 PM	Monmouth County Connections, Neptune

September 17, 2018	11:00 AM	Wall Municipal Building, Wall
September 24, 2018	6:00 PM	Hazlet Municipal Building, Hazlet
September 25, 2018	6:00 PM	Monmouth County Ag Building
September 26, 2018	11:00 AM	Matawan Municipal Building, Matawan
September 27, 2018	11:00 AM	Monmouth County Ag Building, Freehold
October 4, 2018	6:00 PM	Matawan Municipal Building, Matawan
October 10, 2018	11:00 AM	Tinton Falls Municipal Building, Tinton Falls
October 11, 2018	6:00 PM	Wall Municipal Building, Wall
October 15, 2018	6:00 PM	Bayshore Senior Center, Keansburg
October 16, 2018	11:00 AM	Monmouth County Connections, Neptune
October 17, 2018	6:00 PM	Monmouth County Ag Building, Freehold
October 22, 2018	6:00 PM	Tinton Falls Municipal Building, Tinton Falls
October 24, 2018	6:00 PM	Bayshore Senior Center, Keansburg
October 25, 2018	11:00 AM	Monmouth County Library, Manalapan

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 626,000 residents. We are the 5th largest county in the State. Our 53 municipalities are spread over an area of 665.32 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 2,707 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 (Spring Lake Heights)	10
Annual School Election (Neptune Township)	0
Municipal Election (Keansburg and Long Branch)	73
Primary Election	987
Special School Election (Freehold Regional, Colts Neck and Rumson-Fair Haven)	0
General Election	1637
Special School Election (Manalapan, Englishtown and Red Bank Regional)	0

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 Howell.

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.