



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

**INSTALLATION AND REORGANIZATION MEETING
OF THE 2012 UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
COURTROOM OF THE HONORABLE KAREN M. CASSIDY, ASSIGNMENT JUDGE
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, 2 BROAD STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012 AT TWELVE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

The Honorable Karen M. Cassidy, Assignment Judge, Superior Court of the County of Union, calls the meeting to order, makes welcoming comments and then introduces the Mistress of Ceremonies, Charlotte DeFilippo, Chairman of the Democratic Committee of Union County.

GREETINGS

The Mistress of Ceremonies, the Honorable Charlotte DeFilippo, Chairman, Democratic Committee of Union County

INVOCATION

Reverend Donald K. Hummel
St. Agnes Church, Clark, New Jersey

CALL TO PRESENT THE COLORS

The Honorable Ralph G. Froehlich
Union County Sheriff

THE PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS

Union County Sheriff's Honor Guard

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Alfred J. Faella, County Manager

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Mrs. Marie Oakie

THE POSTING OF THE COLORS

Union County Sheriff's Honor Guard

CERTIFICATIONS OF ELECTION

Read by Alan J. Falcone, Union County Deputy Clerk

**Angel G. Estrada, Union County Freeholder
Christopher Hudak, Union County Freeholder
Vernell Wright, Union County Freeholder**



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ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA

The Honorable Roberto Alcazar, Union County Superior Court, Family Division, will administer the Oath of Office to Freeholder Angel G. Estrada.

Holding the Bible for Freeholder Estrada is his wife Teresa, their children Jorge, Daniel, Lilliana and her husband, Christopher and their children, Keith and Alexandra.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK

The Honorable Joseph Bodek, RMC, Municipal Clerk of the City of Linden, will administer the Oath of Office to Freeholder Christopher Hudak.

His wife, Terri and his daughter, Catie will be holding the Bible.



Chairman Charlotte DeFilippo, Union County Democratic Committee, will introduce the newly elected Freeholder.

Freeholder Christopher Hudak will address the public.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT

Judge Glen Grant, Acting Administrative Director of the New Jersey Courts, will administer the Oath of Office to Freeholder Vernell Wright.

Patricia Johnson, Freeholder Wright's daughter, Deborah Douglas Wright, Freeholder Wright's daughter-in-law and Freeholder Wright's grandsons, Mark McArthur and Anthony Wright and her granddaughter, Andrea Johnson, Esq., will be holding the Bible.



Chairman Charlotte DeFilippo, Union County Democratic Committee, will introduce the newly sworn-in Freeholder.

Freeholder Vernell Wright will address the public.



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HONORED GUESTS

The Honorable Robert Menendez, United States Senator
The Honorable Frank Pallone, 6th Congressional District
The Honorable Leonard Lance, 7th Congressional District
The Honorable Donald Payne, 10th Congressional District
The Honorable Albio Sires, 13th Congressional District
The Honorable Raymond J. Lesniak, New Jersey Senator, 20th District
The Honorable Annette Quijano, New Jersey Assemblywoman, 20th District
The Honorable Jon Bramnick, New Jersey Assemblyman, 21st District
The Honorable Nicholas P. Scutari, New Jersey Senator, 22nd District
The Honorable Jerry Green, New Jersey Assemblyman, 22nd District
The Honorable Linda Stender, New Jersey Assemblywoman, 22nd District
The Honorable M. Teresa Ruiz, New Jersey Senator, 29th District
The Honorable Albert Coutinho, New Jersey Assemblyman, 29th District
The Honorable L. Grace Spencer, New Jersey Assemblyman, 29th District
The Honorable Ralph G. Froehlich, Union County Sheriff
The Honorable James S. LaCorte, Union County Surrogate
The Honorable Alan J. Falcone, Union County Deputy Clerk



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Mistress of Ceremonies Charlotte DeFilippo turns the meeting over to Nicole L. DiRado, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

ROLL CALL

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2012 UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

The first order of business will be the election of a Chairman.

The Clerk calls for nominations for a Chairman Pro-Tem to conduct the election of a Chairman.

The Chairman Pro-Tem calls for nominations for the election of Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2012.



The Honorable Raymond Lesniak, New Jersey State Senator, 20th Legislative District, will administer the Oath of Office to Chairman Alexander Mirabella.

His wife, Phyllis, and their children, Alexander & Micayla, will be holding the Bible.

ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2012 UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

The next order of business is the election of a Vice Chairman for the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2012. Chairman Mirabella calls for nominations for the office of Vice Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.



The Honorable Joan Robinson Gross, Plainfield Municipal Judge, will administer the Oath of Office to Freeholder Linda Carter.

Adele Carter, Freeholder Carter's mother, will be holding the Bible.

ANNUAL MESSAGE

Chairman Alexander Mirabella will deliver the Chairman's Annual Message.



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PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- Nicholas Fixmer, Executive Director of the Union County Democratic Committee, will make gift presentations to Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Christopher Hudak and Freeholder Vernell Wright.

BENEDICTION

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Pastor Kelmo C. Porter, Jr.,
St. John's Baptist Church, Scotch Plains

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CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on Resolutions being offered for adoption only.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2012-1** CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Adopting the Bylaws and Rules of Procedure for 2012.
- 2012-2** CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Adopting the Temporary Budget for the year 2012.
- 2012-3** CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Approving certain change funds for the Year 2012.
- 2012-4** CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Designating depositories wherein all public monies and funds of the County of Union shall be kept for the Year 2012.
- 2012-5** CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Authorizing certain signatures for checks, wire transfers and other disbursements of the County of Union for the Year 2012.
- 2012-6** CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Establishing certain petty cash funds for the Year 2012.
- 2012-7** CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Adopting the Freeholder Standing Committee Assignments for the Year 2012.
- 2012-8** CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Appointing Members of the Freeholder Board as liaisons to various advisory boards for the Year 2012.
- 2012-9** CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Adopting the Meeting Schedule of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders for the Year 2012.



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- 2012-10** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Designating the following newspapers as recipients of legal notices of the County of Union for the Year 2012: Star Ledger, Courier News, The Home News Tribune, Gannett NJ Newspapers, NJN Publishing, Suburban News, Union County Local Source, USA Distributors, The Westfield Leader, The Worrall Newspapers, El Especialito, La Voz, Luso Americano and Vistazo Hispano.
- 2012-11** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Awarding a contract to Suplee, Clooney & Company, Westfield, New Jersey, to provide statutory audits of accounts of the County of Union and its agencies from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012
- 2012-12** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Awarding a contract to Rogut McCarthy, LLC, Cranford, New Jersey to provide specialized counsel services in connection with the issuance of bonds or notes by the County of Union from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.
- 2012-13** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Approving a list of pre-qualified financial advisors for the year 2012.
- 2012-14** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Appointing Manuel R. Grova, Jr., Esq. as Special Counsel for the County of Union Planning Board for a term commencing January 1, 2012 and terminating on December 31, 2012, at an annual salary of \$27,500.
- 2012-15** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Awarding a contract to Bauch, Zucker, Hatfield, Springfield, New Jersey to serve as labor and personnel counsel from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012, in an amount not to exceed \$95,000.
- 2012-16** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Awarding a contract to DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, & Cole, Teaneck, New Jersey to serve as personnel counsel from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.
- 2012-17** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Awarding a contract to Ruderman and Glickman, Springfield, New Jersey to serve as personnel counsel from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.
- 2012-18** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Awarding a contract to Roth D'Aquanni, Springfield, New Jersey to serve as personnel counsel from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.
- 2012-19** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Appointing the following as representatives to the New Jersey Association of Counties for the term commencing January 1, 2012 and expiring December 31, 2012: Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, (Delegate); Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, (Alternate); and County Manager Alfred J. Faella, (Second Alternate).
- 2012-20** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Appointing the following as representatives to the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority for the term commencing January 1, 2012 and expiring December 31, 2012: Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, (Delegate) and Freeholder Christopher Hudak, (Alternate).



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- 2012-21** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Appointing Freeholder Angel G. Estrada as the Union County Delegate to Meadowlinks from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.
- 2012-22** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Appointing the following as members to the Advisory Board on the Status of Minorities for a term commencing January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014: Felice Deschrose, Hazel Walker, James Baker, Jacques Howard and Sylvia Fonseca; and Rashonna Cosby-Hurling to fill an unexpired term commencing January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2014.
- 2012-23** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Appointing the following as members to the Commission on the Status of Women for a term commencing January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014: Carolyn Vollero, Sally Samuel, Esq., Jennifer Erdos, Judi Jenkins-Gaudino, Karen Sheehy, Carol Ann Lombardo; and filling the unexpired terms commencing January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013: Michelle Yamakaitis and Diane Murray.
- 2012-24** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Appointing the following as a member of the Construction Board of Appeals for a term commencing January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014: Charles Medallis (Elevator Sub Code Official).
- 2012-25** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Appointing the following as members to the Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board for a term commencing January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014: Conrad Person, Nora Mislán and Clara Fernandez.
- 2012-26** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Appointing the following as members to the Motion Picture & TV Advisory Board for a term commencing January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014: Robert Bresenhan, Jr. (At Large), Peter Corvelli (Police Representative), Sal Terezza (Business Representative), and George Castro (Real Estate Representative); and to fill the unexpired terms of January 1, 2010 and expiring December 31, 2012: Ed Brewer and Terri Tauber.
- 2012-27** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Appointing the following as members to the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Public Advisory Committee for a term commencing January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014: Michael Yesenko (Historic Preservation).
- 2012-28** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Appointing the following as members to the Runnells Specialized Hospital Advisory Board for a term commencing January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014: Dr. Martin Sheehy (Doctor not affiliated with the County), Dr. Jerome Cohen (Berkeley Heights Resident) and Mary DeFilippis.
- 2012-29** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Appointing the following as members to the Shade Tree Advisory Board for a term commencing January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014: Sean Ryan, Nick Polanin and Richard Hagopian.
- 2012-30** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Appointing the following as members to the Union County Improvement Authority for a term commencing February 1, 2012 through January 31, 2017: Joseph Miskiewicz and Anthony Scutari.



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- 2012-31** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Appointing the following as members to the Union County Labor Advisory Board for a term commencing January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014: John Malcolm (AFL-CIO).
- 2012-32** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Appointing the following as members to the Union County Planning Board for a term commencing January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014: Louis Beckerman, Michael D'Agostino, William Malone, Jack Molnaar, Lawanda Gilbert and Bertha Little Mathews; and Elizabeth Geminder to fill the unexpired term commencing January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013.
- 2012-33** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Appointing the following as members to the Union County Utilities Authority: Reni Erdos (Delegate) and James Kennedy (Delegate) for a term commencing February 1, 2012 through January 31, 2017; and Angelo Bonanno (Alternate) filling an unexpired term commencing February 1, 2011 through January 31, 2016.
- 2012-34** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Appointing the following as members to the Union County Emergency Management Council for a term commencing January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011: Alfred Faella (County Manager); Andrew Moran (Public Safety Director); Christopher Scaturro (OEM Coordinator); Daniel Vaniska (Police Coordinator); Lathey Wirkus (Fire Coordinator); Gareth Williams (EMS Coordinator); Sebastian D'Elia (Public Information Officer); Theodore Romankow (Prosecutor); Ralph Froehlich (Sheriff); Joseph Graziano (Public Works); Lester Jones (Health Officer); and Michael Prasad (American Red Cross).
- 2012-35** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Appointing the following as members of the Union County Fire Services Advisory Board for a term commencing January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012: Tom McNamara (Acting Fire Chief, City of Elizabeth); Anthony Padavano (UC Volunteer Fire Chief); Joseph Houck (UC Fire Chief); Christopher Scaturro (Division of Emergency Management); Fred Fretz (Fire Chief, Township of Union); Joseph Moschello (President, UC Fire Prevention Assoc.); Paul Malool (President, UC Fire Chiefs' Assoc.); William Kane (UC Hazmat Chief); Gary Steitz (UC Arson Unit); Paul Modrak (Dean, UC Fire Academy); Kristen Von St. Paul (Secretary); Lathey Wirkus (Mutual Aid Coordinator); and Henry Sisbarro (UC Fire Training Committee Chairman).
- 2012-36** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County of Union to utilize contracts entered into by the State of New Jersey for the purchase of materials, supplies and equipment pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12(a) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c).
- 2012-37** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2010-1155, authorizing the use of the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System under N.J.A.C. 5:30-11-1 et seq. to add categories and vendors as Somerset County awards new contracts.
- 2012-38** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing County Manager to enroll various County departments, agencies and employees in professional organizations and associations in an amount not to exceed \$153,000.
- 2012-39** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County of Union to utilize nationally recognized cooperatives to purchase goods and services.



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- 2012-40** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution Number 2011-576 adopting the Annual Consolidated Plan to change the project and funding from 313-313 Second Street Housing, LLC to Linden Senior Housing, LLC, 921 Elizabeth Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ in the amount of \$289,000.
- 2012-41** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Approving a pre-qualified list of vendors to provide comprehensive grant writing and procurement services.
- 2012-42** **CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Winning Strategies Washington / Hoboken Strategy Group, Washington, DC, to providing services for comprehensive federal government relations and lobbying services for the contract period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 in the amount of \$150,000.
- 2012-43** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the Union County Alliance, Rahway, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing comprehensive business and communications services for the contract period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 in the amount of \$232,125.

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2012-44** **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Acknowledging Monday, January 16, 2012 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in Union County in memory and recognition of his outstanding contributions to the welfare of mankind.
- 2012-45** **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Expressing the Board's deepest sympathy to the family of Former Hudson County Freeholder Maurice Fitzgibbons, in their time of sorrow.
- 2012-46** **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Honoring Bandele Solola, the Elizabeth Municipal Alliance Coordinator, upon the occasion of his retirement after 17 dedicated years of service.
- 2012-47** **CHAIRMAN MIRABELLA AND THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Honoring Mayor Jordan Glatt, City of Summit, on his 10 years of dedicated service upon the occasion of his retirement.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on any matter.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT



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2012 MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE UNION COUNTY FREEHOLDER BOARD

Please note that meetings are regularly held on Thursday evenings. Agenda Setting Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 7:00pm in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified. In the event an Agenda Setting Session and Regular Meeting are held on the same night, the Agenda Setting Session will commence at 7:00pm and the Regular Meeting will commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session.

Persons requiring a sign language interpreter should contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 908-527-4140.

REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012 at 12:00pm **Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ**

AGENDA SETTING MEETINGS

January 19, 2012

February 2, 2012
February 16, 2012

March 1, 2012
March 15, 2012

April 5, 2012
April 26, 2012

May 3, 2012
May 17, 2012

June 14, 2012
June 28, 2012

July 12, 2012

August 9, 2012

September 6, 2012
September 20, 2012

October 4, 2012
October 18, 2012

November 8, 2012
Tues., November 20, 2012

December 6, 2012
December 20, 2012

REGULAR MEETINGS

January 26, 2012

February 9, 2012
February 23, 2012

March 8, 2012
March 22, 2012

April 19, 2012
April 26, 2012

May 3, 2012
May 31, 2012

June 14, 2012
June 28, 2012

July 19, 2012

August 16, 2012

September 13, 2012
September 27, 2012

October 11, 2012
October 18, 2012

November 8, 2012
November 29, 2012

December 6, 2012
December 20, 2012