

## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

INSTALLATION AND REORGANIZATION MEETING  
OF THE 2014 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 5, 2014  
REORGANIZATION MEETING AGENDA

The Honorable Karen M. Cassidy, Assignment Judge, Superior Court of the County of Union, called the meeting to order, and made welcoming comments. Honorable Judge Cassidy said it was a pleasure to have the courtroom open for the Reorganization Meeting. She thanked the Board for supporting the construction of the new family court building. She apologized for having to miss most of the preceding but she has a family obligation out of state to attend to. Due to the inclement weather, she had to leave earlier than expected.

Honorable Judge Cassidy welcomed all the dignitaries on the State and County levels. She congratulated Chairman of the Democratic Committee of Union County, Jerry Green, on his election as Chairman.

Chairman Green thanked Honorable Judge Cassidy for the use of her courtroom chambers and said 30 years ago he was in that same room, being sworn in as a Union County Freeholder. He said he was proud to represent the County as Chairman of the Committee and as an Assemblyman. He said is very proud of Union County. He congratulated the officials on a great campaign. He said today was not a day of politics, but what the dignitaries stand for, and how children will benefit.

Chairman Green turned the meeting over to the Clerk of the Board James E. Pelletiere.

Mr. Pelletiere introduced Father John McCrone of the St. Paul Roman Catholic Church in Ramsey, New Jersey to lead the invocation.

The Presentation of the Colors was performed by the Union County Sheriff's Honor Guard which was led by the Honorable Ralph G. Froehlich, Sheriff of the County of Union.

The Honorable Alfred J. Faella, County Manger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Marie Oakie sang our National Anthem, The Star Spangled Banner.

Union County Sheriff Froehlich asked the Honor Guard to Post the Colors.

Clerk of the Board recognized various elected officials among the audience.

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**HONORED GUESTS**

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Chairman Green introduced the Honored guests. He thanked the former Union County Democratic Chairman Charlotte DeFillipo for her 19 years of leadership; and Congressman Leonard Lance, adding he does a fine job presenting the State of New Jersey.

Honorable Leonard Lance said it was an honor to be in attendance. He said he represents the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, which consists of Berkeley Heights, Clark, Cranford, Garwood, Kenilworth, Mountainside, New Providence part of art of Scotch Plains, Springfield, Summit, part of Union, Westfield and Winfield.

Honorable Leonard Lance said he has been working with Congressman Sires and Payne and urged the Federal, State and Local governments to work together. He made comments relative to our Armed Forces and hoped the troops in Afghanistan return to the U.S. safely. He said he will continue to work with the Board of Freeholders. He is hopeful for peace and prosperity in Union County and across the United States.

Chairman Green introduced Congressman Donald Payne, son of Congressman Donald Payne, who passed away.

Congressman Payne said it was an honor and a privilege to attend the Reorganization Meeting. He said that it was his first opportunity to be at the meeting. He stated that Elizabeth was specifically important to his father. He said times are different and we need to come together as a nation. He said if congressman work together in a bi-partisan manner, this country would be a better place. He thanked Congressman Lance and the Freeholder Board for their support. He said at one time he was an Essex County Freeholder and he recalls that sometimes Freeholders are forgotten. He added that sometimes it is a thankless job, but, in the end they do a great job of providing essential services.

Chairman Green called upon Senator Raymond Lesniak of the 20<sup>th</sup> District. He said Senator Lesniak representing the County and the State issues.

Senator Lesniak spoke of the passing of a number of community leaders, including his sister, Marge Devanney and former Union County employee, Mike Murray. He stated that they will always be remembered by the way they touched our lives.

Senator Lesniak offered some comments.

Senator Lesniak congratulated the Freeholders and Sheriff Froehlich, stating that they are the soul and effort for a great County.

Chairman Green called upon Senator Nicholas Scutari of the 22nd District.

Senator Scutari said it was a special day for him and the City of Linden; with the anticipated election of Frecholder Hudak, a Linden resident as 2014 Chairman of the Board.

Senator Scutari commended former Chairman of the Democratic Committee Charlotte DeFillipo for a great job as Chairman. He thanked the Board and said he had the pleasure of serving with Assemblyman Linda Stender on the Freeholder Board. He thanked them all for their services along

with Freeholder Mirabella and Freeholder Estrada. He said he also served with them on the Freeholder Board.

Senator Scutari commended Chairman Green on the great job he has been doing. He said he is certain that Chairman Green and Senator Lesniak will continue to do a great job fighting for the residents of the County. He congratulated the newly elected Freeholders and Sheriff Froehlich.

Chairman Green called upon Senator Frank Pallone. Senator Pallone congratulated the newly elected Freeholders. He said he is always happy to attend the Reorganization meeting. He said the Freeholders do a great job in running the County. He added that as a Congressman, he was able to work with the Freeholders on such issues as loss of benefits that we are entitled to such as employment benefits, food stamps and job creation. He said he is hopeful that the new term of congress will do the same.

Chairman Green called upon Assemblyman John Bramnick, the minority leader in the assembly.

John Bramnick wished everyone a Happy New Year and said it was a privilege to be in attendance. He stated that he has been working closely with Assemblyman Cryan, Assemblywoman Quiano and Assemblywoman Linda Stender regarding the college bill that will be signed on January 6<sup>th</sup>. He said we come together when important life issues happen. He congratulated the newly elected officials and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Chairman Green called upon Assemblywoman Linda Stender. Assemblywoman Stender wished everyone a Happy New Year. She said there is no "I" in the word team. She said she is proud to be in attendance and congratulated the newly elected officials and thanked the Freeholder Board for their support. She added that she is proud to be their voice in Trenton.

Chairman Green called upon Assemblywoman Annette Quiano. Assemblywoman Quiano stated that it was a pleasure to be at the meeting. She thanked the Freeholders, adding they are a dynamic team and said she represents their interest when in Trenton.

Chairman Green called upon the Mayor of Jersey City Steven Fulop for a few comments; citing he is a rising star in New Jersey. Mayor Fulop thanked Chairman Green for making it possible for the youth of today to move forward. He congratulated the elected officials. He said that Union County is comparable to Hudson County in population density, size and number of democrats.

Chairman Green thanked everyone for attending.

#### ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE SHERIFF

Clerk of the Board James Pelletiere called upon County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi. She stated that she was sworn in for the first time 36 years ago with Sheriff Froelich. She made mention of Freeholder Granados being the youngest person to become a Freeholder in Union County history. She congratulated the elected officials.

The Certification of Election of Ralph G. Froehlich to the Office of the Sheriff of the County of Union for a three year term was read by Joanne Rajoppi, Union County Clerk. She stated he received the highest votes at the General Election on November 4, 2013.

Sheriff Froehlich thanked everyone for their support. He said this will be his 13<sup>th</sup> term in office. He said he had good people for guidance, his grandfather, his parents, teachers, the Marines and coaches. He said he loves his job and is happy to service the community and stated he began as a police officer and worked his way up to Sheriff. He recognized his family who were in attendance.

#### ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER

The Honorable Abukar Jalloh, Plainfield Municipal Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Freeholder Linda Carter.

Holding the Bible for Freeholder Carter was her mother Adele Carter.

#### ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI

The Honorable Joanne Rajoppi, Union County Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski.

Holding the Bible for Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski was her husband, Andy Lanset, joined by her brother, John Kowalski and her sister, Teresa Kalyn.

#### ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS

The Honorable J. Christian Bollwage, Mayor of the City of Elizabeth administered the Oath of Office to Freeholder Sergio Granados.

Holding the Bible for Freeholder Granados was his grandparents, Fernando DeBrito and Maria DeBrito.

James E. Pelletiere, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders introduced the newly sworn-in Freeholder Sergio Granados.

Freeholder Granados addressed the public and stated the following:

Good afternoon and welcome elected officials, residents, families and friends.

I take this Oath of Elected Office with great pride and a strong sense of mission. This is also a time of personal reflection for me as, as I come from a family that has taught me to never give up and always do right by your community.

My mother raised me part of my childhood as a single parent who sacrificed and work hard to ensure I had all the opportunities possible to further myself in the future. My grandparents who are like parents to me taught me to always work hard at anything I set my mind to. When I was younger, I would remember my grandfather always called me to help him around the house when something needed to be fixed.

I will admit at times, I would have rather been watching television or relaxing with my cousins, brother and sister, but it taught me about helping family when they need it.

At 16, I remember working close to 35 hours a week at a local clothing store while attending high school and having to maintain good grades. I remember Carlos Santos, a man who has passed away but was like family to me. He had me join an organization called the Leos which was made up of youth, giving back to the community. This led me to start my own youth groups to give back to the community. All these things have made me the man I am today, so I thank my family and friends for that.

Union County residents, you are part of my family and will work tirelessly to serve you.

Yes, I am young and that gives me more drive to prove myself to our residents. I promise you that I will work to watch the bottom line, while ensuring we have the services our residents need during these tough economic times. I will work on shared services to cut costs to our local municipalities, bringing businesses into Union County to help employ our residents, Union County residents and most importantly I will work to ensure we have the best quality of education through our Vocational-Technical Schools and Union County College. This can only work with the help of my colleagues on the Freeholder Board that has a proven track record of bringing results to our residents. While we may have tough decisions ahead, we know and I know the work the Freeholder do is always in the best interest of our municipalities. I look forward to working alongside each of you and making sure the voices of our residents are heard. I believe in open government and will always make myself available to listen to you.

Thank you and I wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

I will leave you with this quote from President John F. Kennedy:

“Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer, but the right answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future.”



James E. Pelletiere, Clerk of the Board congratulated each of the elected officials and called the roll. There were nine members of the Board present.

The Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by the Clerk of the Board.

#### **ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2014 UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS**

The first order of business was the election of a Chairman Pro-Tem. The Clerk called for nominations for a Chairman Pro-Tem to conduct the election of a Chairman.

Freeholder Estrada nominated Freeholder Carter for Chairman Pro-Tem. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Bergen. Roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

Chairman Pro-Tem Carter called for nominations of the election of Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2014. Freeholder Mirabella nominated Freeholder Hudak for Chairman of the Board. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Wright. Roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

Freeholder Carter congratulated Chairman Hudak.

The Honorable Nicholas P. Scutari, New Jersey Senator, 22<sup>nd</sup> District administered the Oath of Office to Chairman Christopher Hudak.

Holding the Bible for Chairman Hudak was his wife, Terri and their daughter Catherine Riley, joined by his parents John and Susan Hudak.

#### ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2014 UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDER

The next order of business is the election of a Vice Chairman for the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2014. Chairman Hudak calls for nominations for the Office of Vice Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Freeholder Kowalski nominated Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh as Vice Chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Freeholder Granados seconded the nomination.

The Honorable Carl L. Marshall, JMC, Elizabeth and Roselle Municipal Court Judge administered the Oath of Office to Vice Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh.

Holding the Bible for Vice Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh is his wife, Maria, joined by his parents Abdulai Ben Jalloh and Bernice Martina Jalloh, his sister Hawa Washington, his brother Abubakar Jalloh and Anita Eldridge.

#### CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER HUDAK DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING ANNUAL MESSAGE:

James E. Pelletiere, Clerk of the Board, introduced Chairman Hudak who gave his annual message.

Freeholder Chairman Christopher Hudak announced a series of initiatives for 2014 that included the creation of free Wifi in several County locations, and programs addressing gun control, economic development, planning, recreation, health and wellness. Union County would also become the second governmental agency in the nation (after the City of Jersey City) to ask that potential vendors who wish to sell guns to the County's law enforcement agencies answer socially responsible questions on gun safety.

"Union County residents are tired of waiting for meaningful gun laws," Hudak said. "And so is this Board. This Freeholder Board does not have the authority to regulate firearms. But we do have the ability to do business only with responsible vendors of guns and ammunition."

Hudak, a resident of Linden, was selected as Chairman of the Union County Freeholder Board at the 157<sup>th</sup> annual reorganization meeting held in the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth. This is his first term as Chairman.

"As we gather here today in the midst of a national recovery, there are still many who need our help and much left to accomplish," Hudak said. "As the theme of our initiatives for 2014, we pledge to provide 'Strong Government and Strong Services' needed to keep Union County moving forward." Sheriff Ralph Frochlich, Freeholder Linda Carter (immediate past chairman), of Plainfield, and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, of Cranford, were sworn into new terms. Freeholder Sergio

Granados, of Elizabeth, was sworn into his first term, and Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh of Union, was appointed Vice Chairman of the Board.

Freeholders also voted to fill numerous positions on County advisory boards and to adopt the board's 2014 schedule and procedural rules.

Hudak outlined his priorities:

**“STRONG GOVERNMENT AND STRONG SERVICES:”**

**Focus on economic development projects creating new jobs and “Union County 2030.” a multi-level planning endeavor.** The new developments include: the new Family Court building, expansion/renovation of Union County College’s Cranford and Plainfield campuses, and the expansion of the Vocational Technical School’s West Hall building in Scotch Plains. “Union County 2030” involves the creation of new plans and surveys addressing sustainable development, storm infrastructure resilience, transportation, and economic competitiveness. **“We will (also) push the expansion of the Raritan Valley Midtown Direct Service as a critical economic development component,”** Hudak said. **“And we will focus on identifying and storm vulnerabilities and fixing them. With strategic planning Union County will be “stronger than the next storm.”**

**“Turf and Build”** which announces four new turf field installations and recreational improvements, including lights and track installations. The projects will be rolled in over the course of the next few years at Warinanco Park in Roselle; Mattano Park in Elizabeth; Madison Avenue Park and Rahway River Park in Rahway.

**Union County Knows HOW—Health, Opportunity and Wellness—**which is aimed at increasing health awareness Countywide. The County will partner with Overlook Medical Center in events that involve free health screenings, inoculations and information distribution. The County will also promote health awareness among its employees through the introduction of an Office Work Challenge weight loss program, wellness fairs and more.

**Increase social media and webpage outreach.** Open an Instagram social media site ([instagram.com/unioncountynj](https://www.instagram.com/unioncountynj)) and revamp the County webpage to improve navigability and include a section so users may subscribe to periodic information on county services.

**Create free Wifi at six County locations including:** Wheeler Pool in Linden, Ulrich Pool in Rahway, the County Clerk’s Office in Westfield, Warinanco Skating Rink in Roselle, Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside, and possibly part of Nomahegan Park. “Imagine surfing the web pool side at Wheeler park during those lazy summer days; Posting videos of your child’s first ice skating lesson or hockey game at Warinanco’s skating rink; Checking your email while waiting for your passport picture at the Clerk’s office in Westfield on a Saturday; Using your cell phone at Trailside Nature and Science Center to explore the Center and get information about the exhibits. All this and much more will be possible as we develop this new initiative and continue to bring residents the services they want and deserve,” Hudak said.

**Ask gun vendors wishing to sell guns to the County socially responsible questions on gun control and conduct a second Countywide gun buyback program through County Police.** In announcing the County's efforts with gun vendors, Hudak acknowledged Jersey City Mayor Steve Fulop (in attendance) for his leadership on the issue. Hudak also pointed out the need for gun reforms, as in the 13 months after Newtown, more than 35,000 Americans have died from guns. Some questions the County may ask gun vendors include:

- What do you do to combat illegal gun trafficking and illegal gun crime?
- Do you sell assault weapons for civilian use?
- Do you agree not to sell certain models of firearms for civilian use?
- Do you fund research related to gun violence and smart gun technology?

Hudak announced the County would once again offer a Countywide Gunback program, building on the success of last year's effort.

Hudak noted the County led the state with the largest decrease in crime—a 12 percent drop for 2012. He also praised the County's efforts through Public Safety shared services to assist municipalities; this included the fire mutual aid system, the County's Dispatch service and finally, Hudak also added the County would continue several previous Freeholder initiative programs, including UC STEP, a unique program promoting positive youth development through topics such as civic engagement. Hudak said the County would add an effort by Support 4 Soldiers, a group that participated in UCSTEP and won the project competition to the County's initiatives for 2014: The group will set up collection points at High Schools throughout the County and other locations to gather supplies to send to active military personnel.

The other items Hudak said the County will continue are Union County Means Business, and the Sensory Friendly Theater program offered at the Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway. "As you can see, it takes teamwork to provide strong government and strong services," Hudak noted in closing. "So I call on you to join together—my colleagues, our workers, residents and the many partners and friends in this room today. Any great change or improvement rarely comes as the result of an individual effort."

Chairman Hudak thanked everyone for their support.

#### PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Joseph Bodek, on behalf of the Union County Democratic Committee and Jerry Green made gift presentations to Freeholder Linda Carter, Freeholder Sergio Granados, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Sheriff Ralph G. Froehlich and Chairman Christopher Hudak.

Councilman Frank J. Cuesta, Chairman of the Elizabeth Democratic Committee made a gift presentation to Freeholder Sergio Granados.

Lenore Scurry, Executive Board Member of the Womens' Political Caucus and Democratic State Committeewoman made a gift presentation to Freeholders Linda Carter and Bette Jane Kowalski.



**BENEDICTION**

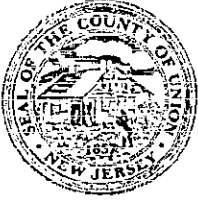
Pastor Kelmo C. Porter, Jr. of St. John's Baptist Church in Scotch Plains, New Jersey delivered the Benediction.

**RECESS**

There was a motion and a second to go to recess. The Clerk of the Board called the roll. The motion was passed unanimously.

Clerk of the Board stated there will be a 15 minute recess before beginning the Business Meeting.

The Ceremony ended at 2:05 PM.



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2014  
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES

## CALL TO ORDER

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Clerk of the Board James E. Pelletiere called the roll at 2:20pm.

## PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

There were no comments.

## RESOLUTIONS

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The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

**2014-1 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** Adopting the Bylaws and Rules of Procedures for 2014.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder;  
**SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-2 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** Adopting the Temporary Budget for the Year 2014.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder;  
**SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-3 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** Establishing change funds for the year 2014.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder;  
**SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-4 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** Designating depositories wherein all public monies and funds of the County of Union shall be kept for the year 2014.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder;  
**SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-5 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** Authorizing certain signatures for checks, wire transfers and other disbursements of the County of Union for the year 2014.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-6 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** 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, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-7 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** Establishing certain petty cash funds for the year 2014.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-8 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** 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, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-9 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** Approving a list of pre-qualified financial advisors for the year 2014.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-10 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** Adopting the Freeholder Standing Committee Assignments for 2014.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-11 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** Appointing Members of the Freeholder Board as liaisons to various advisory boards for the Year 2014.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-12 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** Adopting the Meeting Schedule of the Union County Board of Chosen Frecholders for the Year 2014.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-13 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** Designating the following newspapers as recipients of legal notices of the County of Union for the Year 2014: Gannett NJ Newspaper, El Especialito, La Voz, Vistazo Hispano, LLC, Westfield Leader, Worrall Community Newspapers, Inc., Star Ledger and NJN Publishing.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-14 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** A resolution awarding a contract to Manuel R. Grova, Esq., of Mandelbaum & Salsburg, as Special Counsel to the Union County Planning Board for the period of January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 at an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-15 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** Awarding a contract to Bauch Zucker Hatfield LLC to serve as labor and personnel counsel from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-16 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** Awarding a contract to Roth D'Aquanni, LLC to serve as personnel counsel from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder

Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-17 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** Approving a list of pre-qualified firms for the provision of paid communication services.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-18 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Winning Strategies Washington, Washington DC, to provide services for comprehensive federal government relations and lobbying services for the contract period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, in the amount of \$138,000.00.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-19 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Weber Dowd Law, Woodland Park, New Jersey to provide Credit and Collections services to Runnells Specialized Hospital for the contract period January 1, 2014 through December 1, 2014.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-20 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** A resolution approving a list of Qualified Mental Health Patient Counsel services for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-21 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** A resolution awarding a contract to Donald Smith, Esq. to provide Mental Health Patient Counsel Services for the period of January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-22 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** A resolution awarding a contract to Daniel Antonelli, Esq. to provide Mental Health Patient Counsel Services for the period of January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-23 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** Awarding a contract to James Jude Plaia, Esq. Verona, New Jersey, to provide Worker's Compensation Defense Counsel services for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 with any sums to be paid through the Third Party Administrator.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-24 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** Appointing the following as representatives to the New Jersey Association of Counties for the term commencing January 1, 2014 and expiring December 31, 2014: Freeholder Vernell Wright (Delegate); Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski (Alternate); and County Manager Alfred J. Faella (Second Alternate).

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-25 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** Appointing the following as representatives to the New Jersey Transportation Planning Authority for the term commencing January 1, 2014 and expiring December 31, 2014: Freeholder Angel G. Estrada (Delegate) and Freeholder Sergio Granados (Alternate).

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-26 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** Appointing Freeholder Angel G. Estrada as the Union County Delegate to Meadowlinks for a term commencing January 1, 2014 and expiring December 31, 2014.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-27 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** Appointing the following as a member to the Advisory Board on Aging for a term commencing on January 1, 2014 and expiring on December 31, 2016: Yves Aubourg.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-28 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** Appointing the following as members to the Advisory Board on the Status of Minorities for a term commencing on January 1, 2014 and expiring on December 31, 2016: Bertha Little-Matthews and Julian Buitrago.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-29 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** Appointing the following as members to the Commission of the Status of Women of Excellence for a term commencing on January 1, 2014 and expiring on December 31, 2016: Michele Yamakaitis and Angela Garretson.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-30 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** Appointing the following as members to the Cultural & Heritage Programs Advisory Board for a term commencing on January 1, 2014 and expiring on December 31, 2016: Nicole DeAugustine and Susan Albert.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-31 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** Appointing the following as a member to the Open Space, Recreation & Historic Preservation Trust Fund Public Advisory Board for a term commencing on January 1, 2014 and expiring on December 31, 2016: Arthur Kobitz (Public Member).

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-32 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** Appointing the following as a commissioner to the Union County Utilities Authority for a term commencing on February 1, 2014 and expiring on January 31, 2019: Charles Lombardo.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-33 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** Appointing the following as members to the Union County Voter Accessibility Advisory Board for a term commencing on January 1, 2014 and expiring on December 31, 2016: Dennis Kobitz (County Manager Representative/Administrator), John Becker (Commissioner), John DiSimone (Commissioner), Clara Harelik (Commissioner), Marie Oakie (Commissioner), John Becker (Public Member), Aneil Badri (Public Member).

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-34 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** 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).

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

#### **FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

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**2014-35 CHAIRMAN HUDAK, MR. BOARD:** Proclaiming Monday, January 20, 2014 Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in the County of Union in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the welfare of all mankind.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**2014-36 CHAIRMAN HUDAK:** Congratulating the Union County High School Students who participated in the first Union County STEP (Student Training & Enrichment Program) for sophomores and juniors, which was held on December 13, 2013 at Kean University in Union, New Jersey.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder; **SECONDER:** Mohamed S. Jalloh, Vice Chairman; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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

There were no comments.

#### **FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

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Freeholder Carter congratulated Chairman Hudak for doing such a great job as Vice Chairman for being selected as the Vice Chairman of the Board. Vice Chairman of the Board and for being relected as Freeholder. She congratulated Freeholder Granados on his election to the Board.

Freeholder Granados congratulated Chairman Hudak and Vice Chairman Jalloh and thanked the Board for their assistance.



County Manager Faella congratulated Chairman Hudak and Vice Chairman Jalloh. He thanked the Board and the directors for their assistance in 2013 and said he is looking forward to 2014.

County Counsel Barry congratulated Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Carter and Freeholder Granados on their election. He also congratulated Chairman Hudak and Vice Chairman Jalloh.

Freeholder Mirabella stated that this the 17th reorganization he has been a part of and said the first 16 were with former Freeholder Sullivan. He acknowledged Freeholder Sullivan and his 19 years on the Board.

Vice Chairman Jalloh congratulated Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Carter and Freeholder Granados on their election. He thanked Chairman Carter for her leadership as Chair and he also congratulated Freeholder Granados as he elected as the youngest Freeholder. He congratulated Chairman Carter for her leadership in 2013 and the Freeholders on their appointments to various Committees in 2014. He thanked the Board for their guidance. He said they serve the residents of Union County as well as possible and is looking forward to 2014.

Chairman Hudak congratulated Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Carter and Freeholder Granados on their election. He said he has been on the Board for two years and has learned from Freeholder Mirabella and Freeholder Carter in their role as Chairman. He appreciates the confidence for being chosen as Chairman and is looking forward to working together.

Freeholder Bergen congratulated Chairman Hudak for being chosen as the Chairman of the Board. He thanked Freeholder Carter for her leadership as Chairman of the Board for the year 2013 and all his colleagues for their assistance as his first year as a Freeholder.

Freeholder Estrada congratulated his colleagues, Chairman Hudak, adding it will be a challenging year. He also congratulated Vice Chairman Jalloh.

Freeholder Mirabella wished everyone a Happy New Year. He said he is looking forward to Chairman Hudak and Vice Chairman Jalloh on their leadership for the upcoming year. He congratulated Freeholder Carter on a successful year as Chairman.

Freeholder Wright congratulated Chairman Hudak and said she is looking forward to his initiatives. She also congratulated Vice Chairman Jalloh and Freeholder Granados.

Freeholder Kowalski congratulated Chairman Hudak, Vice Chairman Jalloh and Freeholder Granados. She said there were many challenges last year and there are more ahead. She also thanked the Public Works Department for keeping the roads clear of snow.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 PM.

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]; MOVER:** Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder;  
**SECONDER:** Vernell Wright, Freeholder; **AYES:** Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Bergen, Freeholder Estrada, Vice Chairman Jalloh, Freeholder Kowalski, Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Wright, Chairman Hudak, Freeholder Carter;

**UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2014 MEETING SCHEDULE**

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, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 5, 2014 at 12:00pm**  
**Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ**

**AGENDA SETTING MEETINGS**

January 16, 2014

February 6, 2014

February 20, 2014

March 6, 2014

March 20, 2014

April 3, 2014

April 24, 2014

May 1, 2014

May 15, 2014

June 5, 2014

June 19, 2014

July 10, 2014

August 7, 2014

September 4, 2014

September 18, 2014

October 2, 2014

October 16, 2014

November 6, 2014

Tuesday, November 25, 2014

December 4, 2014

December 18, 2014

**REGULAR MEETINGS**

January 23, 2014

February 6, 2014

February 27, 2014

March 13, 2014

March 27, 2014

April 10, 2014

April 24, 2014

May 8, 2014

May 29, 2014

June 12, 2014

June 26, 2014

July 17, 2014

August 14, 2014

September 11, 2014

September 25, 2014

October 9, 2014

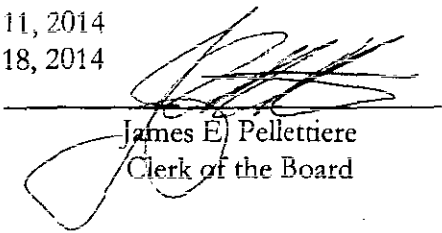
October 16, 2014

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December 11, 2014

December 18, 2014



James E. Pelletiere  
Clerk of the Board

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