

# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, JUNE 04, 2020  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mirabella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:32 P.M.

## ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Vice Chairman Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Sergio Granados, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, Freeholder Andrea Staten, Freeholder Rebecca Williams were present.

Also present were County Manager Edward T. Oatman, County Counsel Robert E. Barry, Esq., and Clerk of the Board James E. Pellettiere.

## PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The prayer and salute to the flag were led by Clerk of the Board Pellettiere.

## STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

The statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by Clerk of the Board Pellettiere.

## APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

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Note and File

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Freeholder Williams and seconded by Freeholder Staten, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

## SUSPENSION OF RULES

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Suspension of the rules allowed for the joining of both Public Comments on resolutions being offered for adoption, and Public Comments on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.

Chairman Mirabella called for a motion for the Suspension of Rules. On a motion made by Freeholder Williams and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll called showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

## PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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The meeting was opened for the purpose of entering into the record any public comment relative to resolutions being offered for adoption and/or on any

governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments relative to several resolutions, including Reso 2020-446. He asked for additional information relative to Reso No. 2020-410.

Relative to Reso No. 2020-410, Sheriff Corvelli advised that this was an outside vendor that would take phone calls and coordinate with county officers, saving upwards of 20 -25 man hours as well as forward along 7% of savings to the respective companies.

Chairman Mirabella advised this would free up necessary manpower and allow for the subleasing of jobs. He noted that sixteen municipalities were using an outside vendor, with several of them using the cited vendor. On another note, he expressed his approval on the appointment of Bruce H. Bergen to the position of County Counsel. He thanked Robert Barry for his many years of service.

Relative to CARES Act Funding, Director Taylor advised that departments would be responsible for a funding report to reconcile COVID-19 related expenses in according with Federal regulations.

Tim MCulum, President of The Model Railroad Club, expressed his desire to reopen the organization to offer workers a welcome distraction from the uncertainty and troubles of COVID-19.

Chairman Mirabella noted the request would be reviewed but expressed his uncertainty relative to COVID-19 regulations.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

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The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

**2020-410 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Contract with Jobs4Blue, doing business as Visual Computer Solutions, 4400 US Highway 9 South, Suite 3500, Freehold, New Jersey to implement and administer an Officer Off-Duty Detail Management System for the County of Union for the period of June 8, 2020 through June 7, 2022 (24 months) with the potential option to extend for one additional twenty-four (24) consecutive month period at no direct cost to the County but at a rate of 7% charged to the vendors who utilize the system.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-411 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$16,401 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: Right to Know Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-412 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$137,822 as a result of notification received from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority for a program entitled: Subregional Transportation Planning Program Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-413 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$2,625 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health, Division of Family Health Services for a program entitled: Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-414 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$15,000 as a result of notification received from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority for a program entitled: Subregional Transportation Planning Supplemental Support Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-415 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$687,538 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Community Service Block Grant (CSBG).

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-416 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the Amount of \$56,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a program entitled: Social Services for Homeless (SSH) Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-417 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$144,474.01 as a result of notification received from the United States Public Health and Social Services for a program entitled: CARES ACT-Emergency Relief Fund for Healthcare Facilities (Medicare).

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-418 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$430,446 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: CARES ACT-Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Non-Discretionary (ND) COVID 19.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-419 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$399,285 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services for a program entitled: CARES ACT-Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-420 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$72,574 as a result of notification received from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for a program entitled: CARES ACT-Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-421 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$298,072 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: Local Core Capacity for Public Health Emergency Preparedness (LINCS) Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-422 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$55,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Emergency Management Agency Assistance (EMAA) Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-423 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$422,794 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a program entitled: Recycling Enhancement Act Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-424 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$406,008 as a result of notification received from the New Jersey American Water Company, Inc. for a program entitled: New Jersey American Water Company, Inc./Union County Springfield Avenue-New Providence Agreement.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-425 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the Amount of \$472,367 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)-Victim Witness Advocacy Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-426 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$4,551,474 as a result of notification received from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for a program entitled: SuperNofa Continuum of Care Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-427 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution modifying the 2020 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$170,574 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a program entitled: Alcohol/Drug Abuse (A/DA) Innovative Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-428 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2020 Union County GAP One-Time Spending Plan in the total amount not to exceed \$378,570 for subcontracted services to be provided during the period of June 15, 2020 through December 31, 2020; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies fail to meet contractual obligation.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-429 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a consulting services contract with JANUS Solutions, Ewing, NJ, for the implementation of organizational assessment and development process for the Division of Social Services employees in a COVID-19 related environment in the total amount not to exceed \$45,000 for the period of May 22, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

**2020-430 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a quarterly maintenance agreement as needed with Visual Computer Solutions, Inc., Freehold, New Jersey, to provide maintenance for the Division of Social Services employees' time management system/time clock in the total amount not to exceed \$8,767.50 for the 3rd quarter period of June 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-431 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Urban League of Union County, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the Reconnections Program to assist persons returning to the community from incarceration to access services to become productive citizens, in the total amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the period of June 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 .

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-432 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to communicate with Union County's Congressional delegation of the need for a federal stimulus package to improve America's trails and greenway network.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-433 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Salary Reimbursement Agreement with Rutgers Cooperative Extension for the provision of State and Federal mandated agriculture and resource management, family and community health sciences, and 4-H youth development programs for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$113,414.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-434 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED:** Amending Resolution Number 636-2018, adopted July 12, 2018, (BA# 32-2018) a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to New Jersey Overhead Door, Bayville, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 for Overhead Door and Gate System Services. This change order will increase the original contract amount by \$20,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$144,700.00

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2020-435 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED:** Amending Resolution 2020-345, a contract awarded to Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless through the 2019 Homeless Trust Fund (HTF) Spending Plan, to extend the grant term by three (3)

months from June 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020 with no further changes to the spending plan.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-436 VICE CHAIRMAN ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Amending Resolution 2020-73 awarding various contracts, pursuant to a Request for Proposal in accordance with the 2019-2021 Area Plan, to reflect an increase in funding only in the amount of \$459,285 for a new grand total not to exceed \$5,098,475 to be allocated as outlined and charged to account numbers specified for the same contract year two period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 with no other changes to the 2019-2021 Area Plan Spending Plan.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-437 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution 2020-347, a contract with Royal Printing Services, West New York, New Jersey, to provide additional printing services of Vote by Mail applications, VBM letters and ID required notices anticipated in 2020 Primary Elections due to the Executive Order mandating the election to be all Vote By Mail. This addition is for an amount not to exceed \$66,935.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$2,462,852.00. It is expected that most of this additional amount will be refunded by the State of New Jersey.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-438 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution 2020-0081, a contract with B & B Press Inc., Lebanon, New Jersey, to provide print services for additional Mail-in-Ballots for the Primary Elections, due to the Executive Order mandating the elections to be all Vote By Mail. This addition is for \$239,686.25 for a total amount not to exceed \$854,235.72. It is expected that most of this additional amount will be refunded by the State of New Jersey.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-439 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Amending Resolution 2020-080, a contract with Full Service Mailers, Hackensack, New Jersey, to provide additional election mail fulfillment services for the 2020 Primary Elections due to the Executive Order mandating the elections to be all Vote By Mail, for the amount of \$219,878.74 for a total amount not to exceed \$428,591.74. It is expected that most of this additional amount will be refunded by the State of New Jersey.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-440 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of the Prosecutor, to apply for and accept funding from the State of New

Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety for FFY19 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Program for project titled County Office of Victim Witness Advocacy in the amount of \$472,367.00 in federal funds with a required match of not to exceed \$118,092.00 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. (Subaward number V-20-19)

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-441 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to extend the contract period for the NJ Department of State Complete Count Commission 2020 Census County Grant, as referenced in Resolutions 2019-889, 2019-997, and 2020-88 from June 30, 2020 to September 30, 2020.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-442 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply and accept the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority - FY 2021 Subregional Transportation Program (STP) in an amount not to exceed \$172,277.50, also to apply and accept the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority - FY 2021 Supplemental Support Program in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-443 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager through the Union County Improvement Authority to apply for and execute an application and agreement relating to a grant from the New Jersey Historic Trust in the amount of and not to exceed \$450,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-444 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to extend the contract with All Covered, a division of Konica Minolta Business Solutions, USA, Cherry Hill, NJ (RCCP#2013-2) for a three month period beginning July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$70,395.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-445 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement between The County of Union and The Borough of Roselle for the Borough of Roselle to contract for the construction of the roadway improvements, which include milling, resurfacing, striping and traffic control of West Ninth Avenue (C.R. 619) between Locust Street and Chestnut Street in the Borough of Roselle, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$75,564.45. (Union County Engineering Project # 2020-006)



On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-446 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution appointing Bruce H. Bergen, County Counsel to serve at the pleasure of the Board commencing June 1, 2020.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-447 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act) Expansion and Emergency Paid Sick Leave Policy (Coronavirus) effective June 15, 2020 until December 31, 2020.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-448 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution ratifying the revised Covid-19 Personnel Policy.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

#### **FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

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- 2020-449 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & VICE CHAIRMAN ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Resolution acknowledging Wednesday, June 10, 2020 as Portugal Day throughout Union County; and further recognizing the Portugal Day Parade Committee, Our Lady of Fatima Church, the Portuguese Instructive Social Club, the Portuguese American Civic Association and the Portuguese American Association of Hillside on their many contributions in community service, business and government within Union County.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-450 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Plainfield resident Jean Mattson, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-451 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution proclaiming the month of June as Pride Month throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-452 CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing Juneteenth as the celebration commemorating the June 19, 1865 announcement of the abolition of slavery; and further wishing a successful efforts to all municipalities and organizations efforts in recognizing Juneteenth in June of 2020.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2020-453 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON, FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN, FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution condemning the apparent criminal acts of former Minneapolis Police Officers Derek Chauvin, Tou Thao, J.Alexander Kueng and Thomas Lane which resulted in the murder of George Floyd; and further calling on the greater Union County community to protest racial inequalities felt across the nation in a peaceful and racially unified manner.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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

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Freeholder Williams commended all the volunteer efforts throughout the county stemming from COVID-19, noting the various food distribution efforts. She closed by noting the necessity of justice to achieve piece.

Freeholder Kowalski thanked County Counsel Robert Barry for his many years of service and welcomed Bruce H. Bergen Esq., to the position. On another note, she spoke relative to George Floyd's tragic death and extended condolences to his grieving family as well as all other families affected by police brutality and racial injustice. She commended her Freeholder colleagues for their strong efforts against racism, noting the importance of supporting each other during these difficult times.

Freeholder Palmieri-Moued expressed her pride in Union County for their involvement and support of peaceful protests to bring awareness to the issues facing the African American community. She also thanked all the volunteers for their efforts relative to COVID-19 as well. To close, she congratulated all the kindergarten graduates, noting her son was among them.

Freeholder Staten extended her condolences to George Floyd's family as well as the families of those that have lost a loved one under similar tragic circumstances. She commended the efforts of residents and students throughout the County for their involvement in organizing peaceful protests to combat these and similar injustices. She also thanked first responders for their continued efforts.

On another noted, she welcomed County Counsel Bruce H. Bergen and closed by congratulating all the graduates throughout the County.

Freeholder Granados thanked County Counsel Robert Barry for his many years of service and expressed his gratitude for the guidance he offered throughout the years. He thanked Deputy County Manager Wagner and Director Anderson for their efforts on the virtual OneStop employment resource.

He also spoke relative to George Floyd and extended condolences to his family as well as other families that have lost a loved one under similar and tragic circumstances. He noted his recent attendance to a vigil in honor of George Floyd in Union, noting the impact of the experience. He noted the importance of coming together as a community during these difficult times.

Freeholder Garretson spoke about the importance of standing up to fight racial injustice and police brutality, noting that she looked forward to moving forward with the support of the Board to help elicit change. She noted the importance of collaborating and in having a plan to move forward as a means to evoke meaningful change.

On another note, she noted the Board's efforts in distributing PPE to various municipalities to ensure that residents have the necessary resources to stay safe.

Freeholder Hudak spoke relative to Director Anderson and her staff in providing necessary guidance to residents seeking information and aid. He also congratulated and welcomed County Counsel Bruce H. Bergen, noting the time they served together on the Freeholder Board.

On another note, Freeholder Hudak extended his condolences to the family of George Floyd. He noted the tragic circumstances involving Mr. Floyd's death, noting a need for change to ensure that everyone feels safe and welcome. He spoke relative to several of the protests happening around the County, noting the importance of these movements in bringing forth understanding and change.

Vice Chairman Estrada spoke relative to the death of George Floyd, noting the underlying issues that have plagued this country and the growing need for these issues to be targeted at the source in hopes of preventing further tragedy. He noted the Board's commitment to addressing these issues head on.

On another note, he welcomed County Counsel Bruce H. Bergen. He also spoke relative to the mail-in voting requirement relative to COVID-19 as well as the Census 2020, noting the importance of both.

Chairman Mirabella spoke relative to a recent protest he and his family participated in. He echoed Freeholder Garretson's sentiments, noting the Board's dedication to continuing efforts to combat social and racial injustices. He noted Councilwoman's Linda Carter's participation in relative demonstrations and noted that Scotch Plain's Councilman Roshan White's son had organized one of the many events throughout the County.

On another note, he spoke relative to Pride Month noting that although certain changes had to be made relative to COVID-19, several virtual activities were schedule to commemorate the occasion. He also spoke relative to Dr. Dawood Farahi, President of Kean and his many years of service and invaluable contributions as well as the new President Lamont Repollet.

To close, Chairman Mirabella spoke relative to an upcoming charity event during which time the male members of the Board, along with County Manager Oatman, would be shaving their heads to raise funds for the YWCA and domestic violence.

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## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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To the extent known, the following item will be discussed in Executive Session:

1) Attorney Client privileged communications and discussions relative to a potential amendment to the Agreement between the County of Union and the Union County Improvement Authority on the Oak Ridge Park Project.

County Counsel Bergen stated that pursuant to provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, a public body may enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing certain enumerated subjects.

He stated that the Board wished to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a potential amendment to the Agreement between the County of Union and the Union County Improvement Authority on the Oak Ridge Park Project.

He stated that the minutes of the Executive Session shall be separated from the minutes of the Open Public Session and that the minutes of the Executive Session, redacted as appropriate and necessary, shall be available in approximately 30 days.

He stated that the Clerk of the Board shall retain the original minutes until such time as the confidential limitations have been removed, at which time they shall be made available.

He stated that upon affirmative vote of the majority of the members present, the Board may enter Executive Session and upon the Board's return may take formal action on the matter discussed.

Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session. On a motion made by Freeholder Williams and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski a voice vote showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to return from Executive Session. On a motion made by Freeholder Williams and seconded by Freeholder Granados a voice vote showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Mirabella asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Freeholder Granados, voice vote showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE


Please note that meetings are regularly held on Thursday evenings. Agenda Setting Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 6:30 PM 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 6:30 PM 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, 2020 at 12:00 pm  
Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

### 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

<u>AGENDA SETTING SESSION</u>	<u>REGULAR MEETINGS</u>
January 23, 2020	January 23, 2020
February 6, 2020 February 20, 2020	February 6, 2020 February 20, 2020
March 5, 2020 March 26, 2020	March 5, 2020 March 26, 2020
April 2, 2020 April 23, 2020	April 2, 2020 April 23, 2020
May 14, 2020 May 21, 2020	May 14, 2020 May 21, 2020
June 4, 2020 June 18, 2020	June 4, 2020 June 18, 2020
July 23, 2020	July 23, 2020
August 13, 2020	August 13, 2020
September 3, 2020 September 10, 2020	September 3, 2020 September 10, 2020
October 1, 2020 October 15, 2020	October 1, 2020 October 15, 2020
November 5, 2020 November 12, 2020	November 5, 2020 November 12, 2020
December 3, 2020 December 10, 2020	December 3, 2020 December 10, 2020

  
James E. Pellettiere, RMC, QPA  
Clerk of the Board