

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Leon presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:18 PM.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Chairwoman Lourdes Leon, Vice-Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr., Commissioner Sergio Granados, Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski, Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and Commissioner Rebecca Williams were present, with Commissioner Michèle Delisfort and Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded absent.

Also present were County Manager Edward T. Oatman, County Counsel Bruce H. Bergen 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 James E. 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

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Vice-Chairman Bodek, roll call showed seven members voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

Note and File

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

1. August 20, 2025 - Agenda Setting Session
2. August 20, 2025 - Regular Meeting

On a motion made by Commissioner Kowalski and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

860-2025 BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FOLLOWING BOND ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY: (1) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 740-2012 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2012, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING THREE ORDINANCES: BOND ORDINANCE NO. 760-2014 ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 9, 2014; BOND ORDINANCE NO. 786-2017 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 17, 2017; AND BOND ORDINANCE NO. 845-2023 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2023; (2) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 765-2015 ADOPTED ON JULY 16, 2015; (3) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 776-2016 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 18, 2016, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 805-2019 ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 14, 2019 AND BOND ORDINANCE NO. 810-2019 ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 19, 2019; (4) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 787-2017 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 17, 2017, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 805-2019 ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 14, 2019 AND BOND ORDINANCE NO. 845-2023 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2023; (5) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 795-2018 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2018, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 845-2023 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2023; (6) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 808-2019 ADOPTED ON JULY 25, 2019, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 825-2021 ADOPTED ON MARCH 25, 2021 AND BOND ORDINANCE NO. 845-2023 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2023; (7) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 820-2020 ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 5, 2020, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 845-2023 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2023; (8) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 834-2021 ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 2, 2021, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 845-2023 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2023; (9) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 839-2022 ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 6, 2022, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 845-2023 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2023; (10) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 844-2023 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2023; AND (11) BOND ORDINANCE NO. 850-2024 ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 18, 2024.

PUBLIC HEARING

The meeting was opened for public comment on Ordinance Number 860-2025 only.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, asked for additional information related to Ordinance No. 860-2025.

County Manager Oatman confirmed that this Ordinance did not increase County debt. He advised that this Ordinance would allow the County to repurpose capital funding in the amount of \$14,116,985 from projects that have been deemed complete or others with greater priority. He added that some authorizations dated back to 2012. He noted that \$14.1 million would be used for park improvements, technology, equipment drainage, etc.

There were no additional questions or comments.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Commissioner Rebecca Williams, Fiscal Committee Chair, moved Ordinance Number 860-2025 for Final Reading and authorized Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

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On a motion made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting was opened for the purpose of commenting on resolutions being offered for adoption and 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 the County's legal fees and net debt. He also noted a special meeting that took place on February 25th. Relative to Reso No. 2025-735, he made comments on the change order and the cited vendor. He also inquired about Reso No. 2025-759.

Relative to 2025-759, Counsel Bergen advised that this firm had been retained by the County to defend against two lawsuits claiming abuse at the County's Juvenile Detention Center. He added that he was confident in the firm's ability to represent the County in this matter.

Delia Collins, of Clark, asked questions relative to the dredging to be done at the Clark Reservoir. She asked about the hours of operations and how debris would be stored and removed. She also inquired about the fishing pier that was in the original Clark Reservoir Project concept plans. Christopher Bacey, of Union, made comments relative to the assassination of Charlie Kirk, adding that it was vitally important to participate in discourse over inflammatory language and rhetoric.

Joseph Farrell, of Clark, asked questions relative to the Clark Reservoir. He inquired about parking as well as the location of buffers along private properties on Ginesi Drive.

John Piszko, of Scotch Plains, spoke relative to cycling in Union County, noting the importance of prioritizing safety to reduce bicycle and pedestrian fatalities.

Ellen Margarita, of Roselle Park, spoke relative to cycling, noting the importance of incorporating bike lanes to promote road safety for cyclists and drivers.

Michael Dorey, of Roselle Park, noted an urgency for bike trails and inquired about the County's Master Plan and how cycling would be incorporated into those plans.

Relative to the Clark Reservoir, County Engineer Matias advised that the hours of operation would be dictated by the current municipal code, adding that adjustments could potentially be made, if needed, with authorization from the Township. He further advised that debris would be stockpiled and drained, adding that the vendor would be responsible for the removal of debris. He confirmed that the fishing pier was not currently included in the plans, citing issues with DEP. Relative to the buffer on Ginesi Drive, he confirmed no changes, but advised that the County would review the survey stakes to ensure compliance with the project plans. He also advised that parking would accommodate both vehicles and trailers, adding the County would revisit the issue of overflow parking if and when the time came.

Relative to cycling, County Engineer Matias advised that the County was working with WSP to complete the plan for the Safe Streets and Roads For All project, noting several public hearings and meetings to that effect. He added that he anticipated these plans to be finalized by the end of 2025, or early 2026. He also advised that the County was working with a consultant firm on a Bicycle Master Plan for the East Coast Greenway, adding that plans had been received and revised in preparation for submission to DEP. He further advised that the County would continue to work with Conrail to repurpose retired railways into cycling paths, adding that a proposal was in the works. He noted the importance of completing the County's Bicycle Master Plan and the Safe Streets and Roads for All project, prior to addressing smaller projects like a Westfield Bike Lane.

Carlos Santos, of Mountainside, commented on certain social media posts made by Commissioner Williams.

Brian Lopez also made comments relative to social media posts made by Commissioner Williams, adding that her comments were inappropriate.

Marc Nieves, of Elizabeth, also made comments relative to social media posts made by Commissioner Williams, adding that he was ashamed and disgusted by the comments she allegedly made.

There were no additional questions or comments.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

The following resolutions are being offered for adoption.

2025-716 Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.: Amending Resolution 2024-973 to reflect an increase in the original Coordinated Community Care Contract Spending Plan in the amount of \$8,000.00 to reflect a new total amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-717 Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for funding and enter into an agreement with New Jersey Transit to secure SFY26 grant funding for the

Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents Transportation Assistance Program (SCDRTAP) for the provision of curb-to-curb transportation for adults aged sixty and older, persons living with disabilities, persons who are frail, vulnerable and/or economically disadvantaged residents of Union County for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$2,100,735.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-718 Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.: Amending Resolution Number 2025-412 to reflect adjustments and an increase in the original Area Plan Contract Spending Plan in the amount of \$24,342.00 to reflect a new total not to exceed \$5,940,309.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-719 Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.: Amending Resolution 2025-585, a contract awarded to MPC Bus Corporation, Garden City, NY to reflect adjustment to the appropriation accounts and to increase the contract by an additional amount not to exceed \$24,299.40 for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 (Year 4).

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-720 Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort: Concurring with Town of Westfield Resolution 222-2025, allowing the installation of multiple Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Pedestrian Crosswalk Systems at Mountain Avenue and Kimball Avenue and East Broad Street and Stanley Avenue/Stanley Oval. Systems will be purchased, installed and maintained by the Town of Westfield.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-721 Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort: Supporting the City of Summit for a potential stream stabilization project at the Salt Brook between Brayton School and Division Avenue.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-722 Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort: Authorizing the County Manager to award the contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Joseph M. Sanzari LLC, of Hackensack, New Jersey for the Bridge Improvement Program consisting of repairs to 44 major and minor

bridges in multiple municipalities in the County of Union, for an amount not to exceed \$4,460,899.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-723 Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort: Concurring with the Borough of Kenilworth Resolution 25-78, allowing the installation of a Radar Speed Sign at 171-177 Boulevard in Kenilworth.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-724 Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort: Concurring with Township of Scotch Plains Ordinance 2025-22, prohibiting parking at all times on certain streets and bus stops, Schedule I (King James Court); CR-0620 North Side of Front Street from King James Court exit to approximately 105 feet in a westerly direction.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-725 Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort: Amending Resolution 2021-385, a contract with French & Parrello Associates, Wall, NJ, for the Bridge Improvement Program consisting of repairs to 44 major and minor bridges in multiple municipalities, County of Union, for an additional amount of \$105,520.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$227,205.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-726 Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with French & Parrello Associates of Wall, New Jersey to provide engineering and inspection services for the Union County Dam Maintenance Inspections 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$80,905.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-727 Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort: Authorizing the County Manager to award the contracts obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., Cliffside Body Corp of Fairview, NJ; John Guire Supply LLC of Shrewsbury, NJ; and Trius, Inc. of Farmingdale, NJ to purchase Snow Plow and Salt Spreader Equipment, Parts and Accessories for a contract period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months, in a total amount not to exceed \$131,000.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-728 Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort: Authorizing the County Manager to extend the contract pursuant to Resolution 2024-651, originally obtained through advertised public bidding, with Morton Salt, Chicago, IL, for the purpose of providing Rock Salt services for a contract period of September 25, 2025 through September 24, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$735,300.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-729 Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort: Amending Resolution Number 2024-722, 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 Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP, Totowa, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 for Fire Suppression Inspections, Maintenance, Testing and Repair Services to reflect an increase in the amount of \$75,000.00, for a new contract amount not to exceed \$473,500.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-730 Commissioner Sergio Granados: Amending Resolution 2025-40, a contract with Primepoint, LLC, Mt. Holly, NJ for the provision of payroll services and time and labor Management, for the period of December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2025, to increase the contract in the amount of \$2,902.75 for an amount not to exceed \$19,902.75.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-731 Commissioner Sergio Granados: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute the FY2026 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) contract from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs (NJDCa) for the purpose of providing community programming for low-income residents of Union County for the grant period of January 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027 in the amount of \$318,912.00; and to recognize and accept that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from NJDCa, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-732 Commissioner Sergio Granados: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute the FY2026 Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) contract 26M00213/26M00214 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children & Families (NJDCF) for the purpose of providing Support and Prevention Services to residents of Union County for the grant period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$336,284.00 with a required County Match not to exceed \$15,900.00, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$352,184.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-733 Commissioner Sergio Granados: Amending Resolution 2024-954, a contract with Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, NJ, for the operation of the Union County Children's Shelter for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, to increase the contract award in the amount of \$20,000.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$755,152.00, with no other changes to the terms or conditions of the contract.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Granados abstaining, and Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-734 Commissioner Sergio Granados: Appointing George Sode of JCT Solutions to the Workforce Development Board for a three-year term, from July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-735 Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski: Amending Resolution 2024-57, a contract with CME Associates, Parlin, New Jersey, to provide professional engineering services for the Clark Reservoir, Clark, NJ, to increase the contract in an amount not to exceed \$3,272,252.00, for a new total amount not to exceed \$7,209,168.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-736 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept the 2026 Comprehensive County Youth Services Plan and Application Update, to include award numbers listing for each funding source as required by the State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission and Attorney General's Office during the grant period January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026: The State Community Partnership Program Management Funds in the amount of \$90,000.00; State Community Partnership Program Service Funds in the amount of \$646,143.00; and Family Court Services Funds in the amount of \$248,737.00, for a total grant award amount not to exceed \$984,880.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-737 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept the State of New Jersey, Juvenile Justice Commission, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) 2026 Innovations Funding to serve youth in the Union County Juvenile Justice System for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-738 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute the FY2026 Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities (ROID) Program contract from the NJ Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) for the purpose of providing inclusive recreational/social events for persons with disabilities and special needs who are residents of Union County for the grant period of July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$35,000.00 with a required County Match not to exceed \$7,000.00, for a total program amount not to exceed \$42,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-739 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Amending Resolution 2024-938 to authorize the County Manager to transfer funds among the funded agencies listed in the 2025 Alcohol/Drug Abuse Grant (A/DA) Spending Plan for subcontracted services to be provided during the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 as noted in the attached spending plan, with no change to the overall award or other terms and conditions.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-740 Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams: Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$256,524 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a program entitled: County Environmental Health Act (CEHA).

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-741 Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams: Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$28,031.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a program entitled: Area Plan Contract - Federal.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-742 Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams: Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$229,379.89 as a result of notification received from the National Opioid Settlements for a program entitled: Opioid Litigation Recovery Funds.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-743 Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams: Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$60,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for a program entitled: Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-744 Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams: Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$173,877 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: VOCA-Sexual Assault Response Team/Forensic Nurse Examiner Program (SANE) Grant.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-745 Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the Union County Improvement Authority for renovations to the Gerald B. Green Parking Garage in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-746 Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams: Sponsoring the City of Linden in an amount not to exceed \$4,000, in support of their 72nd Annual Halloween Parade to be held on October 26, 2025.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Vice-Chairman Bodek abstaining, and Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-747 Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams: Sponsoring the Lesniak Institute for American Leadership in an amount not to exceed \$250, in support of their Operation Santa event to be held on December 17, 2025.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-748 Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams: Sponsoring the Greater Westfield Chapter of UNICO in an amount not to exceed \$250, in support of their Annual Westfield Columbus Day Celebration event to be held on October 12, 2025.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-749 Vice-Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: Sponsoring the City of Plainfield in an amount not to exceed \$250, in support of their PPAC/Queen City Reads event to be held on October 5, 2025.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Williams abstaining, and Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-750 Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Violence Intervention and Victim Assistance, Office of Victim Support and Assistant FFY24 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Program for a project titled County Office of Victim Witness Advocacy in the amount of \$444,087.00 in federal funds with a required match of \$111,022.00, for a project total cost in the amount of \$555,109.00 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-751 Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families for the Fiscal Year 2026 Child Advocacy Development Grants — Treatment Services, Programs, Technology and Capital Improvement in the amount of \$189,482.00 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-752 Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Violence Intervention and Victim Assistance, Office of Victim Support and Assistant for FFY24 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Program for the project titled Sexual Assault Response Team/Forensic Nurse Examiner Program to reflect a total project cost of \$413,499.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-753 Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon: Amending Resolution 2025-371, approval of dispersal of self-insured claims and healthcare fees, to increase the not-to-exceed amount for the insurance claims incurred by Union County Vocational-Technical Schools during the period of January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$800,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-754 Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon: Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with PBA 203 -- Weights & Measures effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-755 Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Everbridge Inc., Pasadena, CA, to provide software and support services to the County of Union for the initial period of October 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027, with one 24-month option to extend, in an amount not to exceed \$151,875.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-756 Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon: Authorizing the County Manager to rescind Resolution 2025-469, a contract awarded to CGI Technologies and Solutions Inc., Fairfax, VA.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-757 Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon: Authorizing the County Manager to authorize repayment of a \$7,500.00 charitable donation to the Wright McMahon Charitable Trust Fund from the Union County Rape Crisis Center.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-758 Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon: Amending Resolution 2024-697 to increase the appropriation to Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs LLC of Oakland, NJ to represent the County of Union in the two (2) pending and, if necessary future legal matters as designated by the Office of the County Counsel, arising out of the operation of the UC Juvenile

Detention Center, to reflect an additional amount not exceed \$50,000.00 for a total contract amount no to exceed \$100,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-759 Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon: Amending Resolution 2025-700 to increase the appropriation to Genova Burns, LLC, of Newark, NJ, to serve as Litigation, Defense and General Counsel to reflect an additional amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$460,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

2025-760 Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski, and the Entire Board: Congratulating Madeline Flahive DiNardo, County Agent and Associate Professor, on her retirement from Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-761 Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and the Entire Board: Extending the Board's deepest condolences during this time of sorrow to the family of Joseph Salvatore Placa, who passed away on July 30, 2025.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-762 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board: Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Dr. Francis B. Light, who passed away on September 5, 2025.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-763 Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams, and the Entire Board: Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Bernice Abney, who passed away on August 31, 2025.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-764 Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams, and the Entire Board: Extending the Board's deepest condolences during this time of sorrow to the family of Ravan Miriam Patrick, who passed away on Tuesday, August 26, 2025

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-765 Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams, and the Entire Board: Extending the Board's deepest condolences during this time of sorrow to the family of Craig Andre Johnson, who passed away on Sunday, August 24, 2025.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-766 : Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Stephen J. Hoptay, who passed away on September 7, 2025.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-767 Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board: Recognizing September 19, 2025, as Addiction Professionals Day.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-768 Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board: Recognizing September 2025 as National Recovery Month (NRM).

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-769 Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board: Recognizing September 2025 as National Suicide Prevention Awareness (SPA) Month; and further recognizing September 7–13, 2025, as Suicide Prevention Week; and further recognizing September 10, 2025, as World Suicide Prevention Day.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-770 Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board: Urging Congress to support the FEMA Act for stronger disaster response.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-771 Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon, Commissioner Sergio Granados, and the Entire Board: Honoring the Union County 2025 Hispanic Heritage Award recipients: Assemblywoman Annette Quijano of New Jersey's 20th Legislative District (The Angel Estrada Community Leadership Award); Norlandys Aguirre, Owner of Norlandy's Beauty Salon & Facial (Community Advocacy Award); Flor Gonzalez, President of the Latin American Coalition (Trailblazer Award); and the NPP Colombian District, with Mariver Arcure accepting on behalf of NPP (Business Leadership Award).

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-772 Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon, Commissioner Sergio Granados, and the Entire Board: Recognizing William J. Rodgers' hard work and dedication to serving on the board at Nora Gardens. He served as the board president for many years, providing exceptional leadership.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-773 Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon, Vice-Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board: Congratulating Kalina Gujda on being named the 2025 Linden General Pulaski Memorial Parade Junior Miss Polonia.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-774 Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon, Vice-Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board: Congratulating Julia Gogłowska on being named the 2025 Linden General Pulaski Memorial Parade Junior Miss Polonia.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-775 Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon, Vice-Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board: Congratulating Union County Surrogate Chris Hudak for being named the 2025 Linden General Pulaski Memorial Parade Marshal.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

2025-776 Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon, Vice-Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board: Congratulating Marcelina Domaradzka for being named the 2025 Linden Miss Polonia.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Kowalski reminded residents that enrollment was still open for the County's Meals on Wheels program. She added that this long-standing program provided nutritious, home-delivered meals and wellness checks for residents 60 years of age and older that experienced difficulty preparing and or purchasing food due to injury, illness, or other conditions. She encouraged qualifying residents to contact the County for additional information and or to enroll. On another note, she thanked everyone for participating in the evening's meeting. She added that she was pleased to hear the progress being made on the cycling trails in Union County as well as the Clark Reservoir. To close, she expressed her support of Commissioner Williams, noting her commitment to public service and her support of social issues.

Commissioner Mirabella invited residents to attend Veterans on the Green on October 1st at Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth. He noted that this special outing would offer Veterans a day of golf, networking and comradery. He advised that registration was \$65 per golfer, adding that space was limited to the first 60 registrants. As the Veterans Affairs Committee Liaison, he recognized the invaluable sacrifice of service members, adding that they represented the best of Union County and the nation. He encouraged interested Veterans to visit the County's website for additional information and or to register. On another note, he expressed his full support for the efforts of Rails to Trails and Union County Connects, adding that he was pleased with the progress being made as noted by County Engineer Ricardo Matias. He encouraged residents to visit the Union County Connects Mural in Roselle Park. He also invited residents to attend Roselle Park's upcoming Multicultural and Music Festival on September 27th.

Commissioner Baker announced that September was National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, noting the County's continued commitment to raise awareness, reduce the stigma and provide essential resources to assist those dealing with these struggles. He encouraged residents to visit the County website to learn more about these services. On another note, he cautioned motorists to take extra precautions while traveling through school zones to ensure the safety of school children. To close, he noted his support of Commissioner Williams, recognizing her commitment to public service, adding that her integrity was beyond reproach.

Commissioner Williams announced a virtual hiring event for the position of career navigator, adding that this important role was designed to help clients identify career pathways, educational opportunities, and training resources that will promote employment and self-sufficiency. She encouraged interested residents to visit the County website to learn more and apply. On another note, she echoed the sentiments of Commissioner Mirabella relative to the Union County Connects Mural in Roselle Park. To close, she referenced the comments made by members of the public

relative to her alleged social media posts. She reaffirmed her right to express her opinions openly, adding that she would continue to speak her mind as she saw fit.

Commissioner Granados announced the return of Hayrides and Campfires at Warinanco Park and Trailside Nature and Science Center for the 2025 Fall Season. He noted various dates, adding that interested residents could visit the County website to secure tickets for these events. On another note, he recognized the Hispanic Heritage Committee for their full list of upcoming events highlighting the culture and diversity of Union County. To close, he confirmed the Board's commitment to public service and prioritizing the need of all residents regardless of their political affiliations.

Vice-Chairman Bodek invited residents to attend the Polish Heritage Flag Raising Ceremony on September 26th at the Union County Courthouse, celebrating the many contributions of the Polish community in Union County. He congratulated Surrogate Christopher Hudak for being named Grand Marshall of the Linden contingent for the 2025 Pulaski Day Parade. He also invited residents to attend Linden's Bower Promenade Polish Day 2025 on Saturday, September 20th at the Raymond Wood Bauer Promenade in Linden. To close, he noted his support of Commissioner Williams, recognizing her as a dedicated public servant that prioritized the interest of all residents of Union County.

Chairwoman Leon invited residents to celebrate Hispanic Heritage month from September 15th through October 15th, noting various activities slated for the County's month-long celebration. She invited residents to see a special exhibit of Robert de la Selva's work in the Commissioners' Gallery in the County's Administration Building. She also noted an upcoming showing of Disney's Encanto at UCPAC's Hamilton Stage in Rahway on September 26th as well as a Family Fun Day on October 4th at Warinanco's Sports Center. She also invited residents to attend a Hispanic Leadership Panel at Union College of Union County's Cranford Campus on October 13th.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Leon asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Vice-Chairman Bodek, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

**UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
2025 MEETING SCHEDULE**

**REORGANIZATION MEETING - THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025 AT 6:00 PM
Union County Courthouse- 2 Broad Street. Elizabeth**

Agenda Setting Session

Thursday, January 23, 2025
Thursday, February 6, 2025
Thursday, February 27, 2025
Thursday, March 13, 2025
Thursday, March 27, 2025
Thursday, April 17, 2025
Thursday, May 15, 2025
Thursday, June 12, 2025
Thursday, July 24, 2025
Thursday, August 21, 2025
Thursday, September 4, 2025
Thursday, September 18, 2025
Thursday, October 16, 2025
Thursday, November 13, 2025
Thursday, December 4, 2025
Thursday, December 18, 2025

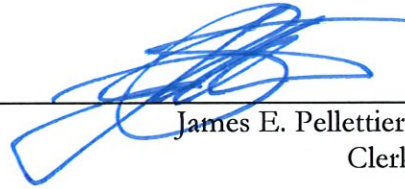
Regular Meeting

Monday, January 13, 2025***
Thursday, January 23, 2025
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* Meeting canceled

** Meeting rescheduled to Wednesday, September 4, 2024

*** Special Meeting added



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

Please note that the County Commissioners' meetings, with the exception of the January 13, 2025 meetings, are to be regularly held on Thursday evenings. These meetings are scheduled to be held on the same evening, with the Agenda Setting Session to commence at 6:00pm and the Regular Meeting to commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session, unless otherwise noted. All meetings are to be held in the Commissioner Meeting Room within the Administration Building, 6th floor located at 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth New Jersey, 07207. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter should contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 908-527-4140.