

**INSTALLATION AND REORGANIZATION MEETING  
OF THE 2026 UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COURTROOM OF THE HONORABLE LISA MIRALLES WALSH, ASSIGNMENT JUDGE  
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, 2 BROAD STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026 AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING**

The Honorable Lisa Miralles Walsh, Assignment Judge, Superior Court of the County of Union, shall offer welcoming remarks and introduce the Honorable Nicholas P. Scutari, New Jersey State Senate President, Chairman of the Union County Democratic Committee and Master of Ceremonies, who shall call the Installation Ceremony to order.

<b>2026 INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF UNION COUNTY</b>
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<b>WELCOME</b>	Honorable Lisa Miralles Walsh, Assignment Judge, Superior Court, County of Union
<b>OPENING REMARKS</b>	Honorable Nicholas P. Scutari, New Jersey Senate President, and Chairman of the Union County Democratic Committee
<b>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE &amp; SALUTE TO THE FLAG</b>	Honorable Joseph P. Cryan, New Jersey Senator, 20 <sup>th</sup> Legislative District
<b>RECOGNITION OF HONORED GUESTS</b>	Honorable Nicholas P. Scutari, New Jersey State Senate President, and Chairman of the Union County Democratic Committee
<b>HONORED GUEST SPEAKER</b>	Honorable Governor-Elect Mikie Sherrill, State of New Jersey
<b>CERTIFICATIONS OF ELECTION</b>	Honorable Clara Fernandez, Union County Deputy Clerk

**Joanne Rajoppi, County Clerk**

Honorable Joanne Rajoppi,  
Union County Clerk

**Rebecca L. Williams, Union County Commissioner  
Joseph Signorello III, Union County Commissioner  
Stanley J. Neron, Union County Commissioner**

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNTY CLERK JOANNE RAJOPPI

The Honorable Senate President Nicholas P. Scutari will introduce Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi and call upon the Honorable Carol I. Cohen, Administrative Law Judge, State of New Jersey, to administer the Oath of Office to County Clerk Rajoppi.

Holding the Bible for County Clerk Rajoppi are members of the Pappas Family.

County Clerk Rajoppi will offer her remarks.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE TO COMMISSIONER REBECCA L. WILLIAMS

The Honorable Senate President Nicholas P. Scutari will introduce Union County Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams and call upon the Honorable Congresswoman, Rep. Bonnie Watson-Coleman, State of New Jersey, to administer the Affirmation of Office to Commissioner Williams.

Joining Commissioner Williams for her Affirmation is her partner, Veronica Taylor.

Commissioner Williams will offer her remarks.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO COMMISSIONER-ELECT JOSEPH SIGNORELLO, III

The Honorable Senate President Nicholas P. Scutari will introduce Joseph Signorello, III and administer the Oath of Office for County Commissioner.

Holding the Bible for Joseph Signorello III is his father, Joseph Signorello, Jr., joined by his mother Antonette Signorello and grandfather, Antonio Barritta.

Commissioner Signorello III will offer his remarks.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO COMMISSIONER-ELECT STANLEY J. NERON

The Honorable Senate President Nicholas P. Scutari will introduce Stanley J. Neron and call upon the Honorable Judge James Wilson, Supreme Court, State of New Jersey, to administer the Oath of Office for County Commissioner.

Holding the Bible for Stanley J. Neron is his wife Rejeanne Dumas-Neron, joined by their son Noah Neron and daughter Davina Dumas.

Commissioner Neron will offer his remarks.

INSTALLATION CLOSING REMARKS
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**CLOSING REMARKS**

Honorable Nicholas P. Scutari, New Jersey State  
Senate President, and Chairman of the Union County  
Democratic Committee

The Honorable New Jersey State Senate President and Union County Democratic Committee Chairman Nicholas P. Scutari will turn the Installation Ceremony and Reorganization Meeting of the 2026 Board of County Commissioners over to the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, James E. Pelletiere.

2026 REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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**CALL TO ORDER**

The Clerk of the Board will call the reorganization meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

The Clerk of the Board will call the roll.

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

The Clerk of the Board will read the Open Public Meetings Act.

ELECTION OF A CHAIR OF THE 2026 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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The first order of business will be the election of a Chair of the Board of County Commissioners for the year 2026.

The Clerk of the Board will call for a nomination for the election of a Chair Pro-Tem of the Board of County Commissioners for the year 2026.

Chair Pro-Tem Lourdes Leon offers her remarks as Chair Pro-Tem and calls for nominations for the election of a Chair of the Board of County Commissioners for the year 2026.



Chair Pro-Tem Lourdes Leon introduces 2026 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek and calls upon the Honorable Senate President Nicholas P. Scutari to administer his Oath of Office.

Holding the Bible for Chairman Joseph C. Bodek is his wife Christine, joined by their granddaughters Adalyn Rivera, Aria Rivera, and Evelyn Mary Bodek.

ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIR OF THE 2026 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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The next order of business is the election of a Vice Chair of the Board of County Commissioners for the year 2026.

Chairman Joseph C. Bodek calls for nominations for the election of a Vice Chair of the Board of County Commissioners for the year 2026.



Chairman Joseph C. Bodek introduces 2026 Vice Chair Rebecca L. Williams, and calls upon the Honorable Assemblywoman Linda Carter, 22<sup>nd</sup> Legislative District, State of New Jersey to administer her Affirmation of Office.

Joining Vice Chair Rebecca Williams for her Affirmation is her partner, Veronica Taylor.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL MESSAGE

Chairman Joseph C. Bodek will deliver the Chairman's Annual Message.

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Chairman Joseph C. Bodek calls for a motion to recess.



HONORED GUESTS
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The Honorable New Jersey Senate President Nicholas P. Scutari, 22<sup>nd</sup> Legislative District

The Honorable Lisa Miralles Walsh, Assignment Judge, Superior Court of the County of Union

The Honorable New Jersey Governor-Elect Mikie Sherrill

The Honorable Congresswoman, Rep. Bonnie Watson-Coleman

The Honorable NJ Superior Court Judge James Wilson

*State Legislative Delegation*

The Honorable New Jersey Senator Joseph P. Cryan, 20<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

The Honorable Assemblywoman Annette Quijano, 20<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

The Honorable New Jersey Assemblyman Rev. Reginald W. Atkins, 20<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

The Honorable New Jersey Assemblywoman Linda Carter, 22<sup>nd</sup> Legislative District

The Honorable New Jersey Assemblyman James Kennedy, 22<sup>nd</sup> Legislative District

*County Elected/Appointed Officials*

The Honorable Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi

The Honorable Union County Surrogate Christopher E. Hudak

The Honorable Union County Prosecutor William A. Daniel

*Local Elected Officials*

Councilman-at-Large Frank J. Cuesta, City of Elizabeth

Councilwoman Patricia Perkins-Auguste, City of Elizabeth

Councilman Nelson Gonzalez, City of Elizabeth

Mayor Terrence Curran, Township of Cranford

Township Commissioner Kathleen Prunty, Township of Cranford

Mayor Jen Blumenstock, Borough of Garwood

Council President Clarissa Nolde, Borough of Garwood  
Councilwoman Karina Boto  
Councilman Vincent Kearney, Borough of Garwood  
Mayor Linda Karlovitch, Borough of Kenilworth  
Council President Savino Scorese, Borough of Kenilworth  
Councilman Patrick Boyle, Borough of Kenilworth  
Councilman Joseph Finistrella, Borough of Kenilworth  
Councilwoman Toni Giordano Picerno, Borough of Kenilworth  
Councilman William Mauro, Borough of Kenilworth  
Councilman Douglas Piper, Borough of Kenilworth  
Mayor Derek Armstead, City of Linden  
Council President Michele Yamakaitis, City of Linden  
Councilwoman Lisa Ormon, City of Linden  
Councilman Barry E. Javick, City of Linden  
Councilman Ralph Strano, City of Linden  
Councilwoman Monique Caldwell, City of Linden  
Councilwoman Christine Hudak, City of Linden  
Mayor Donald Shaw, Borough of Roselle  
Council President Cindy Thomas, Borough of Roselle  
Councilwoman-at-Large Denise Wilkerson, Borough of Roselle  
Councilwoman Isabel Sousa, Borough of Roselle  
Councilwoman Rosetta McCamery, Borough of Roselle  
Councilman Joseph Signorello, Jr., Borough of Roselle Park  
Councilman Jay Robaina, Borough of Roselle Park  
Councilwoman Rosanna Lyons, Borough of Roselle Park  
Councilman Jorge Casalins, Borough of Roselle Park  
Deputy Mayor Harris Laufer, Township of Springfield