

**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.

2026 INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF UNION COUNTY

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

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. Pellettiere.

2026 REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

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.

CGPO

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

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.

CGPO

Chairman Joseph C. Bodek introduces 2026 Vice Chair Rebecca L. Williams, and calls upon the Honorable Assemblywoman Linda Carter, 22nd 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

The Honorable New Jersey Senate President Nicholas P. Scutari, 22nd 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, 20th Legislative District

The Honorable Assemblywoman Annette Quijano, 20th Legislative District

The Honorable New Jersey Assemblyman Rev. Reginald W. Atkins, 20th Legislative District

The Honorable New Jersey Assemblywoman Linda Carter, 22nd Legislative District

The Honorable New Jersey Assemblyman James Kennedy, 22nd 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