



## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bodek presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:28 PM.

### ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, Vice-Chair Rebecca Williams, Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr., Commissioner Michèle Delisfort, Chairwoman Lourdes Leon, Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, Commissioner Stanley Neron, and Commissioner Joseph Signorello III were present.

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

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Note and File

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members voted in the affirmative.

### MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

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On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Leon, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative for the December 4th Agenda Setting and Regular Meeting Minutes with Commissioner Neron and Commissioner Signorello abstaining; and six votes in the affirmative for the December 18th Agenda Setting and Regular Meeting Minutes, with Commissioner Delisfort, Commissioner Neron and Commissioner Signorello abstaining.

1. December 4, 2025 - Agenda Setting Session
2. December 4, 2025 - Regular Meeting
3. December 18, 2025 - Agenda Setting Session
4. December 18, 2025 - Regular Meeting

#### **ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION**

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864-2026 **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND “THE LAWS OF UNION COUNTY: ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION” BY AMENDING PART II-GENERAL LEGISLATION: CHAPTER 107, PARKS AND RECREATION, ARTICLE IV, FEES FOR RECREATION FACILITIES.**

#### **FIRST READING STATEMENT**

Vice Chair Rebecca L. Williams, Policy Committee Chair, moved Ordinance Number 864-2026 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The Public Hearing and Final Reading will be held on February 26, 2026.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairman Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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The meeting is open 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 Reso No. 2026-81. Regarding Reso Nos. 2026-100 & 2026-101, he asked for the names of the caretakers. He also made comments relative to the 2026 Commissioner Meeting Schedule.

Relative to Reso Nos. 2026-100 & 2026-101, County Manager Oatman noted Daniel Bernier and Rachel Bechtold as the caretakers.

#### **RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION**

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The following resolutions are being offered for adoption.

**2026-81 Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.:** Amending Resolution 2024-899, a contract with CME Associates, Parlin, NJ for the Ashbrook Restoration Project in Scotch Plains, to increase the

amount by an additional amount of \$96,809.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$299,808.98.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-82 Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.:** Authorizing the County Manager to extend the contract pursuant to Resolution 2025-179, originally obtained through advertised public bidding, with Deer Carcass Removal Service LLC, Cream Ridge, NJ, for the purpose of providing Road Sweeping Services for the contract period of March 24, 2026 through March 23, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$198,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-83 Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Pennoni Associates Inc of Newark, New Jersey to provide On-Call General Engineering Services for the contract period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-84 Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the Tennant Company, Eden Prairie, MN, through ESCNJ Contract 22/23-15, for the purpose of purchasing an s30 Sweeper Machine in the amount not to exceed \$82,015.40.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-85 Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Dewberry Engineers, Inc., of Bloomfield, New Jersey to provide On-Call Bridge Engineering Services for the contract period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-86 Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Colliers Engineering & Design Group Inc. of Holmdel, New Jersey to provide On-Call Traffic Engineering Services for a contract period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-87 Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with French & Parrello Associates of Wall Township, New Jersey to provide On-

Call MEP Engineering Services for a contract period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-88 Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Colliers Engineering & Design Group Inc., of Holmdel, New Jersey to provide On-Call Hydraulic Services for a contract period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-89 Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Remington & Vernick Engineers of Secaucus, New Jersey to provide On-Call Parks Services for a contract period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-90 Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.:** Amending Resolution 2024-134, 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 Smith Soudy Asphalt Construction Company, of Wallington, New Jersey for the 2022 Road Resurfacing Project, County of Union, New Jersey. This Final Change Order Number 2 will decrease the contract amount by \$4,345.91, for a final contract amount not to exceed \$10,792,678.21.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-91 Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with CME Associates of Parlin, New Jersey to provide On-Call Environmental Engineering Services for the contract period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-92 Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into agreement with New Jersey Transit to secure grant funding in the amount of \$240,000.00 with a cash match in the amount of \$60,000.00 for the contract period of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027, for the FFY25 5310 Mobility Management program.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-93 Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.:** Amending Resolution Number 2025-948, a contract with Prime Riv LLC d/b/a Brooklyn Kitchen, Brooklyn, NY, for the provision of Nutrition Services for Home Delivered and Congregate Meals, to reflect a decrease in the amount of \$23,328.00 for the contract period of February 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 and to reflect a new total contract not to exceed \$2,260,399.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-94 Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.:** Amending Resolution 2025-855, to reflect a decrease in the Year 2 Area Plan Contracts spending plan in the amount of \$241,623.00 to reflect a new contract total not to exceed \$2,881,271.00.

**2026-95 Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.:** Amending Resolution 2025-719, a contract awarded to MPC Bus Corporation, Brooklyn, NY, to reflect adjustment to the appropriation accounts only.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-96 Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.:** Authorizing the County Manager to utilize the County's option to extend the contract, originally obtained through advertised public bidding, with Hewson Landscape, Inc., Warren, NJ, for a contract period of March 14, 2026 through March 13, 2028, to provide Lawn Maintenance Services at various locations throughout the County in an amount not to exceed \$98,222.30.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-97 Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs under the 2026 Local Recreation Improvement Grant (LRIG) for Tennis Courts Improvements at Rahway River Park, Rahway, NJ in the amount of \$75,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-98 Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.:** Supporting The State House Commission Final Application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for a Green Acres Diversion Application of Parkland for Replacement of the Rt. 82 Bridge on the Border of Springfield and Union, NJ.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-99 Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.:** Supporting The State House Commission Final Application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for a Green Acres Diversion Application of Parkland for Emergency Repair of a Sanitary Sewer Main in Meisel Park, Springfield, NJ.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-100 Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew the residential lease for the caretaker of the County's Feltville Village for a one (1) year period commencing February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2027, in a total amount not to exceed \$9,600.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-101 Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew the residential lease for the caretaker of the County's Watchung Stables for a one (1) year period commencing February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2027, in a total amount not to exceed \$7,800.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-102 Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement for Tuberculosis Services with the New Jersey Medical School Global Tuberculosis Institute at Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$103,683.44.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-103 Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Lehrer-Gibilisco Funeral Home, Inc., Rahway, NJ, to provide livery services for the Union County Medical Examiner's Office for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, in a total amount not to exceed \$225,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-104 Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into contracts with two (2) per diem pathologists for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-105 Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with TriTech Software Systems, a CentralSquare Company, Lake Mary, FL, for maintenance/support renewal for the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS) for the Department of Public Safety and the Sheriff's Office for the contract period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$209,982.32.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-106 Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon:** Reappointing Gina Iosim and Susana Mateo to the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) for a three-year term starting January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-107 Commissioner Stanley J. Neron:** Authorizing the County Manager to establish funds for all burial costs for the indigent, unidentified or unclaimed deceased persons of Union County at a burial rate not to exceed \$1,550.00, in a total amount not to exceed \$57,000.00 for the contract period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-108 Commissioner Stanley J. Neron:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the Gateway Family YMCA, Elizabeth, NJ to operate the Dudley House Veterans Transitional Housing Program for homeless veterans and eligible homeless males for the contract period of January 1, 2026 through February 13, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$9,375.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-109 Commissioner Stanley J. Neron:** Amending Resolution 2025-788, a contract with PowerDMS, Inc., a Digital Management Software Company, for the provision of a policy and compliance management platform to create, edit, organize, and distribute content from a secure, cloud-based site, to reflect a change in the appropriation account only.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-110 Commissioner Stanley J. Neron:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Prevention Links, Inc. Kenilworth, NJ for the 2026 Union County Helping Hands 365 Program for the contract period of January 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$27,500.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-111 Commissioner Stanley J. Neron:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the Urban League of Union County, Elizabeth, NJ for the Reconnections Program to link persons returning to the community from incarceration to services designed to assist in successful reintegration into the community for the contract period of January 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-112 Commissioner Stanley J. Neron:** Amending Resolution 2026-71, a contract with Family Promise, Inc., Plainfield, NJ, for the 2026 Shelter Diversion Program, to reflect a decrease in the contract in the amount of \$112,500.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$37,500.00, and to change the contract period from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 to January 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026, with a change in the appropriation account.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-113 Commissioner Stanley J. Neron:** Appointing the following members to the Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC): Shonda Laurel for an unexpired term expiring December 31, 2027; Julienne Cherry and Laura Margeotes to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2028; and reappointing the following members to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2028: Debbie-Ann Anderson, Daniel McGuire, Kathryn Lynch, and Peter Jacob.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-114 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-MouDED:** Authorizing the County Manager to distribute the Shared Library Services Grant in an amount not to exceed \$249,595.14.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-115 Commissioner Joseph Signorello III:** Reappointing the following members to the Union County Planning Board: John Del Sordi, Lawanda Gilbert, and Andrew Wallen to an unexpired three-year term expiring December 31, 2026; Kevin Illing and Timothy McConway to an unexpired three-year term expiring December 31, 2027; and Miguel Figueredo, Arthur Kobitz, and Steven Le to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2028.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-116 Vice Chair Rebecca L. Williams:** Authorizing the Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs to apply for private and public funding for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-117 Vice Chair Rebecca L. Williams:** Designating the Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs as the Official County Cultural & Heritage Agency.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-118 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek:** Approving the 2026 Union County Clerk Five Year Spending Plan.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-119 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding for the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Administration under the SFY25 ARRIVE Together Program, in the amount of \$350,000.00, for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-120 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek:** Amending Resolution 2025-918, a contract with We Are One New Jersey, Trenton, NJ, to reflect an account number change only.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-121 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with LexisNexis, a division of RELX Inc., Philadelphia, PA for the purchase of law books, internet services and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional offices and agencies within the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$68,850.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-122 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek:** Authorizing the Office of the County Counsel to engage and compensate experts such as court reporters, expert witnesses, examining physicians and other litigation support and specialists which are essential to the defense of the County of Union during the year 2026, in amount not to exceed \$27,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-123 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into agreements with various vendors for the purchase of such law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional officers and agencies within the County of Union for the year 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$46,700.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-124 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Naviant, LLC, Verona, WI for the purposes of providing proprietary software and hardware support maintenance services for the OnBase Records Management proprietary software system of the County, for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$62,479.79.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-125 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek:** Co-Sponsoring the Union County Black History Month celebratory production of "Stick Fly" in conjunction with the Chester Holmes Humanitarian Award presentation on February 27, 2026 at the Union County Performing Arts Center's Hamilton Stage, in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

#### LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

**2026-126 Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort, and the Entire Board:** Congratulating Judge Glenn A. Grant upon being honored with the 2026 Eulace Peacock Unsung Hero Award at the "Echoes of Freedom" Black History Month event on February, 28, 2026.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-127 Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences during this time of sorrow to the family of Camilo Fernandez Freire, who passed away on January 9, 2026, at the age of 99.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-128 Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board:** Recognizing the Dominican American Association of Union County and the entire Union County Dominican community for their contributions to our county at the Dominican Flag Raising Ceremony at Elizabeth City Hall on Thursday, February 26, 2026.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-129 Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board:** Congratulating the Portuguese Instructive Social Club, Inc. upon celebrating their 104th Anniversary on Saturday, March 21, 2026.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-130 Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and the Entire Board:** Offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Mary Ann (Maureen) Geoghegan during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-131 Vice Chair Rebecca L. Williams, and the Entire Board:** Congratulating Gary Michael Bailey Sr. upon his retirement and for dedicating over 30 years as Chairman of the Mount Olive Baptist Church Trustee Board, as he was celebrated at the Spain Inn in Piscataway on Saturday, January 17, 2026.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-132 Vice Chair Rebecca L. Williams, and the Entire Board:** Recognizing February 7th as National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day and highlighting the impact that HIV has on Black communities, to increase access to education about the disease, testing, and treatment.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-133 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort, and the Entire Board:** Offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of John J. Holmes during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-134 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences during this time of sorrow to the family of Raymond R. Miskiewicz, who passed away on Tuesday, December 30, 2025.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-135 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board:** Congratulating UCNJ Union College of Union County, NJ upon being recognized as one of the 200 institutions eligible to compete for the \$1 million 2027 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence by the Aspen Institute.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-136 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board:** Recognizing the various Black History Month celebrations throughout the County of Union that honor Black history, culture and the many contributions made countywide and countrywide.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-137 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board:** Congratulating Shawn McClain upon receiving the 2026 Chester Holmes Humanitarian Award at the Union County Black History Month Celebration, featuring the production of Stick Fly at the Hamilton Stage on Friday, February 27, 2026.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-138 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board:** Recognizing the month of February 2026 as "National Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month," as designated by the National Association for Career and Technical Education, throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-139 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board:** Proclaiming the week of February 21, 2026 - February 28, 2026 as "National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Week" throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-140 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board:** Recognizing Linden Resident, Luis Cano, born on December 9, 1914, as being officially validated as America's oldest living gentleman.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-141 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board:** Recognizing Edwin Donnelly and Gabby Sully upon being honored at the John F. Cryan Association 65th Annual Social on January 30, 2026.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

**2026-142 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and the Entire Board:** Congratulating the following 2026 Inductees to the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame at the Union County Baseball Association's 89th Annual Hot Stove Dinner held on February 15, 2026: Michael Cowen, Al Hawkins, Frank Malta, Jr., and Jack Smolyn; and further offering this Board's appreciation to Todd Zeile, former MLB player spanning 16 seasons, as the 2026 Union County Baseball Association's Hot Stove Guest Speaker.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

#### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

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Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded invited residents and their families to attend the County's upcoming February Festivities on February 14<sup>th</sup> at Trailside Nature & Science Center in

Mountainside for a day full of seasonal fun and outdoor exploration. She noted that this family-friendly event would feature a variety of winter-themed activities, including educational nature walks and live art instruction, designed to engage children and adults alike. She added that residents could register on the County website, noting that walk-ins would also be welcomed. She congratulated Union College of Union County for being named one of the ten finalists for the 2025 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. To close, she congratulated Chairman Bodek on his first meeting, adding that she was looking forward to the year ahead.

Commissioner Delisfort noted her recent participation in various events through the County, including various MLK Jr. events, noting that these cultural celebrations showcased and strengthened the diversity of Union County. Joined by Commissioner Leon, she also spoke relative to her attendance of Josephine's Place recent Certificate Presentation Ceremony, noting the importance of the organization in empowering women of all walks of life. She congratulated Union College of Union County for being named a finalist for the 2025 Aspen Prize, recognizing Dr. Margaret McMenamin for her incredible leadership. To close, she wished her Commissioner colleagues a Happy Birthday.

Commissioner Baker also spoke relative to his recent participation at various countywide MLK Jr. events. He also attended Union College of Union County's recent graduation ceremony at UCNJ, highlighting the caliber of students graduating from local institutions. On another note, he announced that the Union County Surrogate's Office would be offering free wedding ceremonies on February 14, 2026 at the Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth. He added that County Surrogate Christopher Hudak would continue conducting free wedding ceremonies as Warinanco Sports Center and encouraged interested residents to visit the County website for available dates. To close, he congratulated Commissioner Mirabella on his recent appointment to serve as Vice-President of NJAC.

Commissioner Mirabella thanked Commissioner Baker, adding that he was proud to represent the UC Commissioner Board on NJAC's Executive Board. On another note, he advised that the County of Union would be offering free, informative food safety sessions for residents and businesses looking to enhance their food safety practices. He further advised that various dates were available for both in-person and virtual sessions, adding that the course would be available in both English and Spanish. He noted that participants would receive a Certificate of Completion following the course and a brief, written quiz. He encouraged interested residents to visit the County's website to learn more and register. Commissioner Mirabella welcomed Commissioner Neron and Commissioner Signorello to the Board, adding that he looked forward to working with them in the coming years. He also congratulated Chairman Bodek on his first meeting. To close, he congratulated Samantha Perez of the County Manager's Office on her recent promotion. He wished her well on her future endeavors, adding that the Senate President's Office had gained a tremendous asset.

Commissioner Neron thanked his Commissioner colleagues for welcoming him so warmly, adding that it was an honor to be able to serve the residents of Union County in his new capacity. He congratulated Chairman Bodek and Vice Chair Williams as well as Commissioner Mirabella on his recent appointment to serve on NJAC's Executive Board. He also congratulated Commissioner Delisfort on her recent appointment to serve as Vice-Chair of the NJ Transportation Planning Authority. On another note, he invited senior residents and their caregivers to the County's

upcoming Aging Services Kiosk (ASK) through the County's Human Services Department. He advised that attendees could receive in-person guidance from seasoned professionals relative to available resources and services for aging residents, including respite care, adult day care, and caregiver support services. He also spoke relative to the recent conflict in Minnesota, noting the importance of standing together and advocating for what is right. To close, he wished Samantha Perez all the best in her new position with NJ Senate President Scutari. He also wished his Commissioner colleagues a Happy Birthday.

Commissioner Signorello invited residents with a passion for the outdoors to the County's upcoming free Adopt-A-Trail Annual Trail Stewards Orientation Meeting and Training on February 28<sup>th</sup> at Trailside Nature & Science Center in Mountainside. He noted the important role played by volunteers in ensuring that park trails remain safe, clean and accessible for all visitors. On another note, he congratulated Chairman Bodek and Vice Chair Williams on their first meeting, adding that he was committed to working with his Commissioner colleagues for the good of all Union County residents.

Commissioner Leon wished her Commissioner colleagues a Happy Birthday. She congratulated Chairman Bodek and Vice Chair Williams and welcomed Commissioner Neron and Commissioner Signorello to the Board. She congratulated Commissioner Mirabella on his new appointment to NJAC's Executive Board and also wished his wife, Phyllis, a Happy Birthday. She thanked her Commissioner colleagues for their tremendous support in 2025. On another note, she spoke relative to the County's recent "Wear Blue" campaign in recognition of Human Trafficking Awareness Month. To close, Commissioner Leon highlighted Samantha Perez's tremendous efforts in organizing and overseeing the County's Annual Holiday Toy Drive over the last three years, wishing her well on her new position under NJ Senate President Scutari.

Vice-Chair Williams welcomed Commissioner Neron and Commissioner Signorello to the Board and wished her Commissioner colleagues a Happy Birthday. She congratulated Samantha Perez on her promotion and wished her well on her future endeavors. On another note, she highlighted Frontiers International Plainfield Club's recent 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary MLK Jr. Breakfast celebration, adding that this was the longest running MLK Jr. celebration in the entire nation. She invited residents to attend the County's upcoming Black History Month Flag Raising on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Union County Courthouse. She also encouraged residents to visit the County website and participate in the various events slated for the month of February in recognition of Black History Month.

Chairman Bodek welcomed Commissioner Neron and Commissioner Signorello to the Board, adding that he looked forward to working with them in 2026. He thanked County Manager Oatman and Deputy County Manager Wagner for their leadership and continued efforts. He congratulated his Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Mirabella on their recent appointments to NJAC and NJTPA. He congratulated Samantha Perez on her promotion and wished her all the best in the future. To close, he recognized Mayor J. Christian Bollwage's for his assistance in securing essential resources during the recent snow storm.

## ADJOURNMENT

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Chairman Bodek asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Vice-Chairman Williams, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.

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2025 MEETING SCHEDULE**

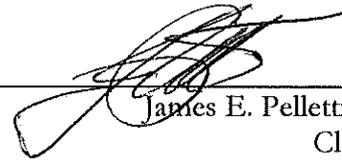
**REORGANIZATION MEETING - THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026 AT 11:00 A.M.  
Union County Courthouse- 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth**

**Agenda Setting Session**

Thursday, January 29, 2026  
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Thursday, March 26, 2026  
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**Regular Meeting**

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