



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018  
REORGANIZATION MEETING AGENDA

## ROLL CALL

## STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

### ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN OF THE 2018 BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

The first order of business will be the election of a Chairman.

James E. Pelletiere, Clerk of the Board, calls for nominations for the election of a Chairman Pro-Tem of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2018.

The Chairman Pro-Tem calls for nominations for the election of a Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2018.



The Honorable Judge Carl Marshall, J.M.C. will administer the Oath of Office to Chairman Sergio Granados.

Holding the Bible for Chairman Sergio Granados is his nephew Amir Abuhamoud.

### ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2018 BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

The next order of business is the election of a Vice Chairman for the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2018. Chairman Granados calls for nominations for the election of a Vice Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2018.



Nicholas P. Scutari to administer the Oath of Office to Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski.

Holding the Bible for Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski is her husband, Andy Lanset and County Manager Alfred J. Faella.

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**ANNUAL MESSAGE**

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Chairman Sergio Granados will deliver the Chairman's Annual Message.

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**APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS**

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**RESOLUTIONS**

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The meeting is open to the public for the purposes of commenting on Resolutions being offered for adoption only.

- 2018-1**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Adopting the Bylaws and Rules of Procedures for the Year 2018.
- 2018-2**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Adopting the Meeting Schedule of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholder for the Year of 2018.
- 2018-3**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Designating the following newspapers as recipients of legal notices of the County of Union for the Year 2018: Gannett NJ Newspaper (Home News Tribune, Courier News), Worrall Community Newspapers (Union County Local Source), La Voz, Westfield Leader/Fanwood Times, El Especialito, Vistazo Hispano, LLC, Luso Americano Co., Inc., and TAPinto.net, and further making a sum not to exceed \$150,000.00 for the provision of said legal notices.
- 2018-4**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Adopting the Temporary Budget for the Year 2018.
- 2018-5**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Establishing Change Funds for the year 2018.
- 2018-6**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Establishing Petty Cash Funds for year 2018.
- 2018-7**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Designating depositories wherein all public monies and funds of the County of Union shall be kept for the year 2018.
- 2018-8**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Designating signatories for calendar year 2018.
- 2018-9**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Approving a list of pre-qualified financial advisors for the Year 2018.
- 2018-10**    **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Awarding a contract to Rogut McCarthy, LLC to provide specialized counsel services in connection with the issuance of bonds, or notes by the County of Union from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

- 2018-11**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Awarding a contract to Parker McCay, P.A., Mount Laurel, NJ to provide counsel services as necessary in connection with the issuance of bonds, or notes by the County of Union from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.
- 2018-12**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Awarding a contract to Suplee, Clooney & Company, Westfield, New Jersey, to provide statutory audits of accounts of the County of Union and its agencies from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.
- 2018-13**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Renewing the New Jersey Counties Excess Joint Insurance Fund to administer and provide excess insurance for the following: Liability (other than motor vehicles), Property Damage (other than motor vehicles), Motor Vehicles, Public Officials Liability/Employment Practices Liability, and Workers Compensation for the budget period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$2,518,601. (Union County portion).
- 2018-14**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** A Resolution appointing Laura Scutari, Amy Wagner and Claudia Martins as Commissioners to the Union County Insurance Fund Commission for a term commencing January 15, 2018 and ending on January 14, 2020 or for the remainder of their service in office as officials, whichever is less.
- 2018-15**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the use of NJ State, Somerset County, Educational Services Commission of NJ, (formerly known as Middlesex Regional) and Cranford Police cooperative contracts as exceptions to bidding pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-10,11 and 12 and NJAC 5:34-Subchapter 7 for 2018.
- 2018-16**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract for essential Telecommunication Services with Verizon Inc. of New Jersey, a Board of Public Utilities regulated supplier, for an estimated not to exceed amount of \$500,000.00 for a period of twelve consecutive months.
- 2018-17**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution authorizing a program of pre-approved reimbursement for completed job related courses by Union County full-time employees in a total amount not to exceed \$100,000.
- 2018-18**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** A resolution approving a list of Qualified Shorthand Reporters for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.
- 2018-19**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** A resolution approving a list of Qualified Litigation Defense Counsel for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.
- 2018-20**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** A resolution approving a list of Qualified Labor/Personnel Counsel for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.
- 2018-21**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Weber Dowd Law of Woodland Park, New Jersey to provide Credit and Collections services to Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County for the contract period January 1, 2018 through December 1, 2018.

- 2018-22**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Awarding a contract to Roth D'Aquanni, LLC, Springfield, New Jersey, to serve as Personnel Counsel for twelve (12) consecutive months, in an estimated amount not to exceed \$75,000.
- 2018-23**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Awarding a contract to The Weiner Law Group, LLP, Parsippany, New Jersey to serve as Labor and Personnel Counsel for twelve (12) consecutive months, in an estimated non-guaranteed amount not to exceed \$175,000.
- 2018-24**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Awarding a contract to Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC, Warren, New Jersey to serve as Labor and Personnel Counsel, for twelve (12) consecutive months in an estimated amount not to exceed \$85,000.
- 2018-25**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Services Contract to Ruderman, Horn & Esmerado, Springfield, New Jersey, to serve as Personnel Counsel for twelve (12) consecutive months, in an estimated amount not to exceed \$25,000.
- 2018-26**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Services Contract to Aloia Law Firm LLC, Bloomfield, New Jersey to serve as Personnel Counsel for twelve (12) consecutive months, in an estimated amount not to exceed \$50,000.
- 2018-27**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Awarding a contract to James Jude Plaia, Esq., Verona, New Jersey to provide Worker's Compensation Defense Counsel Services for twelve (12) consecutive months, with any sums to be paid through the Third Party Administrator.
- 2018-28**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** A resolution awarding a contract to Manuel R. Grova, Esq. as Special Counsel to the Union County Planning Board for the period of January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 at an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.
- 2018-29**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2017-784, to reflect an increase in the amount of \$15,000 to the contract awarded to Language Line Services, Inc., Dallas, TX, to provide translation services, on an as needed basis, for the large volume of non-English speaking refugee clients of the Department of Human Services' Division of Social Services for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$55,000 for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.
- 2018-30**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Neglia Engineering Services to provide On-Call General Engineering Services commencing January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-017)
- 2018-31**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Dewberry Engineers, Inc., of Bloomfield, New Jersey to provide On-Call Bridge Engineering Services commencing January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-018)

- 2018-32**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Alaimo Group, of Mt. Holly, New Jersey to provide On-Call MEP Engineering Services commencing January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-020)
- 2018-33**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Pennoni Associates of Newark, New Jersey to provide On-Call Energy Engineering Services commencing January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. (Union County Engineering Number 2017-021)
- 2018-34**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to CME Associates, of Parlin, New Jersey to provide On-Call Environmental Compliance Services commencing January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-022)
- 2018-35**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Architectural Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to Netta Architects of Mountainside, New Jersey, to provide On-Call Architectural Services commencing January 1, 2018 through December for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-023)
- 2018-36**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract with Superior Welding and Boiler Company, Rahway, NJ to provide Boiler Repair Service to equipment located within the Union County Courthouse, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ for an amount not to exceed \$32,450.00.
- 2018-37**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew the maintenance and support agreement for the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System operated by the Union County Department of Public Safety with TriTech Software Systems, 9860 Massa Rim Road, San Diego, CA, under contract period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$129,334.21.
- 2018-38**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Adopting the Freeholder Standing Committee Assignment for 2018.
- 2018-39**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Appointing members of the Freeholder Board as liaisons to various Advisory Boards for the Year 2018.
- 2018-40**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Appointing Freeholder Angel G. Estrada as the Union County Delegate to Meadowlink/EZ Ride for a term commencing January 1, 2018 and expiring December 31, 2018.

- 2018-41**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Appointing the following as representatives to the New Jersey Association of Counties for the term commencing January 1, 2018 and expiring December 31, 2018: Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski (Delegate) and Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen (Alternate).
- 2018-42**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Appointing the following as representatives to the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority for the term commencing January 1, 2018 and expiring December 31, 2018: Freeholder Angel G. Estrada (Delegate) and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski (Alternate).
- 2018-43**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution accepting the resignation of Ray Szpond as a Commissioner of the Union County Improvement Authority, and appointing David Barnett to serve said unexpired term to effective January 1, 2018 and ending January 31, 2020.
- 2018-44**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution accepting the resignation of James Pellettiere as a Commissioner of the Union County Utilities Authority, and appointing Alternate Commissioner #1 Charles Lombardo to serve said unexpired term effective January 1, 2018 and ending January 31, 2022.
- 2018-45**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution re-appointing Cherron Rountree and Ronald Bornstad to the Union County Improvement Authority for a term beginning February 1, 2018 and ending January 31, 2023.
- 2018-46**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution re-appointing the following members to the Union County Utilities Authority: Edward Jackus, (Commissioner), Edward Kahn (Commissioner); and further moving Commissioner Margaret McManus from Alternate Commissioner #2 to Alternate Commissioner #1 (keeping current term), and appointing Ray Szpond (Alternate Commissioner #2) for a term beginning February 1, 2018 and ending January 31, 2023.
- 2018-47**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution re-appointing the following individuals to the Union County Commission on the Status of Women: Judi Jenkins-Gaudino, Jennifer Erdos and Sally Samuel, Esq. for a term beginning on January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2020; and appointing Diane Barbosa to an unexpired term ending December 31, 2018 and appointing Cherron Rountree to an unexpired term ending December 31, 2019.
- 2018-48**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution appointing the following individuals to the Cultural & Heritage Programs Advisory Board: Maria Carvalho and Ruby Contreras for a 3 year term beginning January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.
- 2018-49**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution appointing the following individuals to the Advisory Board on the Status of Minorities to reflect a three year term: Darwin Roman from December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2020; Leonard Jones from December 1, 2016 to November 30, 2019; and Nedia Morsy from December 1, 2015 to November 30, 2018.

- 2018-50**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution re-appointing the following members to the Construction Board of Appeals as follows: John Mathison (elevator sub-code) and Joseph Buffa (elevator sub-code alternate) for a four-year term from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2021 and Dave Miller (Plumbing inspector) for a three year term from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.
- 2018-51**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution re-appointing the following individuals to the Open Space Trust Fund Public Advisory Board: Lisa Palin (Education), Jim McManus (Labor Organization), Michael Yesenko (Historic Preservation), Janice Siegel (Environmental), Edward O'Malley (public member), Maria Carvalho (Environmental) for a term beginning on January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2020.
- 2018-52**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution appointing Nicholas Fixmer to the Union County College Board of Trustees, filling the unexpired term beginning January 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.
- 2018-53**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Re-appointing the following members to the Union County Planning Board: John DelSordi, Lawanda Gilbert and Andrew Beno (Alternate #1) for terms beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2020.
- 2018-54**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Re-appointing Nick Polanin as a member to the Shade Tree Advisory Board for a term beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2020.
- 2018-55**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution appointing Donald Johnson to the Youth Service Commission, filling Josue Anacius membership, for a new two year-term commencing January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019.
- 2018-56**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Re-appointing Joseph Venezia (Regular) and appointing William Hoover (Alternate) as members to the Transportation Advisory Board to represent the Township of Union.
- 2018-57**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing Salary Increases for County Constitutional Officers.
- 2018-58**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring the Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee in the amount of \$4,000 for their annual St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held on March 10, 2018.
- 2018-59**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution appointing James E. Pellettiere as Clerk of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders for a three (3) year term commencing February 1, 2018 through January 31, 2021.

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**FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

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- 2018-60**     **FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Tracie M. Knight upon her passing.
- 2018-61**     **FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Ernie Treadwell, Jr. upon his passing.

- 2018-62 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Fanette L. Hahn upon her passing.
- 2018-63 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of former Governor Brendan T. Byrne upon his passing.
- 2018-64 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Salvatore "Sam" Capodice, uncle of Union County Vocational-Technical Schools Superintendent Peter Capodice, during their time of sorrow.
- 2018-65 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** Congratulating Iyore Olaye, 22, who was named on two of Forbes Magazine's 30 under 30 lists on November 14, 2017.
- 2018-66 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Congratulating Derek J. Porter of Troop #104, Scotch Plains, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.
- 2018-67 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Proclaiming January 15, 2018 as Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day throughout the County of Union to honor his memory and to recognize his outstanding contributions to the welfare of all mankind.
- 2018-68 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK & FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Resolution supporting Senator Lesniak's Property Tax Plan; legislation aimed to allow New Jersey homeowners to deduct up to \$20,000 of their property taxes from state income taxes to counter President Trump's homeowners tax legislation recently passed by Congress.
- 2018-69 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Bill Feehan, Jack Goldberg, Ernie Hoffer and Curt Wallace upon being inducted into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame at the 82nd annual Hot Stove awards dinner on February 11, 2018.

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

The meeting is open to the public for the purposes of commenting on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.

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#### **FREEHOLDER COMMENTS**

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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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