



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018  
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINTUES**

## **ROLL CALL**

James E. Pellettiere, Clerk of the Board, called the roll of the 2018 Board of Chosen Freeholders at 2:12pm.

Roll call showed Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Linda Carter, Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Sergio Granados, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella were in attendance.

Also present were County Manager Alfred J. Faella, County Counsel Robert E. Barry, Esq.

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

Clerk of the Bard Pellettiere read the statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

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

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

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere called for a nomination for the election of a Chairman Pro-Tem. A nomination was made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, to elect Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen as Chairman Pro-Tem for the year 2018. There were no other nominations made by the Board. On a roll call vote, nine members voted to elect Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen as Chairman Pro-Tem 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.

Chairman Pro-Tem Bergen called for a nomination for the election of a Chairman. A nomination was made by Freeholder Hudak, and seconded by Freeholder Jalloh, to elect Freeholder Sergio Granados as Chairman for the year 2018. There were no other nominations made by the Board. On a roll call vote, nine members voted to elect Freeholder Sergio Granados as Chairman 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.

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

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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.

Chairman Granados called for a nomination for the election of a Vice Chairman. A nomination was made by Freeholder Mirabella, and seconded by Freeholder Carter, to elect Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski as Vice Chairman for the year 2018. There were no other nominations made by the Board. On a roll call vote, nine members voted to elect Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski as Vice Chairman for the year 2018.



The Honorable Nicholas P. Scutari will 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.

The Honorable Nicholas P. Scutari administered the Oath of Office to Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski.

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### **ANNUAL MESSAGE**

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

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere introduced Chairman Sergio Granados to declare his annual message.

Chairman Sergio Granados acknowledged additional elected officials in attendance.

Chairman Sergio Granados presented his annual message:

“Good afternoon Clergy, fellow Freeholders, elected officials, family, friends, and residents of Union County: I wish you all a Happy New Year and appreciate your attendance. I specifically want to thank Judge Cassidy again, for allowing us to use your courtroom.

I'd like to begin by thanking my family, because without their support, I would not be here today. I'd also like to thank our Chairman, Jerry Green, for his leadership and years of public service. I wish to congratulate the re-elections of Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Estrada. I would also like to welcome our newest Freeholder Angela Garretson, and the new Sheriff in town, Pete Corvelli.

It is always a pleasure to welcome new faces that will continue to re-energize County Government.

I would like to thank my colleagues for choosing me as your Chairman. I look forward to serving alongside Freeholder Vice Chairwoman Kowalski. I also would like to give a special acknowledgement to our County Manager Al Faella, for all his hard work alongside our County Directors and our employees. We cannot thank you enough for serving our county.

It is truly a great honor to be standing here today. When planning this speech, I asked Senator Scutari for advice, and he said "Keep it short." I then asked Senator Lesniak, and he said "Don't worry, take your time, the Rutgers football season is over." And with that being said, you've been warned, so I would like to begin by sharing my own family story.

My father came to the United States on his own from South America at a young age, so that he could find a job and work towards a better future. My mother's parents came from Portugal with their two children, and I still remember the countless stories of them working at the Singer factory.

What ties them all together is their pursuit of the American dream;-this notion of equality, inclusiveness, and above all, the opportunity to succeed in the greatest country in the world. And so, my story is like so many others that are part of the great mosaic that is America.

That is why I am so enthusiastic about supporting the We Are ONE NJ Center. The Center provides others with the opportunity to make their American dreams come true with more than 3,000 immigrants coming through the center this past year alone. My Freeholder colleagues and I are so proud to support this effort. For this is truly the American way.

As President Obama once said: "That is the true genius of America: a faith in simple dreams; that we can tuck our children in at night and know that they are fed and clothed and safe from harm; that we can say what we think, write what we think, without hearing a sudden knock on the door; that we can have an idea and start our own business; that we can participate in the political process without fear of retribution; and that our votes will be counted."

We will continue to champion the ideals that make our County progressive and inclusive in line with the honorable Phil Murphy as our new Governor.

This year, I am announcing a set of initiatives called “Moving UNION COUNTY Forward.”

“Moving UNION COUNTY Forward” promotes advocacy, equality, volunteerism, public safety and the environment. There are programs assisting seniors, families and our young people. Most of these initiatives are at little or no additional cost to our residents, or use existing funding.

We will be setting many “firsts” this year, with innovative programs that will put Union County at the forefront of the progressive movement in the State of New Jersey. Growing up I learned you must empower yourself through hard work and effort; second, you must work on ways to help others empower themselves; and third, always give back to your community. Success is meaningless without helping others.

The people I surround myself with have big hearts, and taught me to have big hearts for others. This is reflected in my first set of initiatives simply known as the Union County HEART initiative. UC HEART stands for Helping, Empowering, Advocating for, Reaching and Teaching others. At the core of our UC HEART initiative, is the creation of the Office of Community Engagement and Diversity. The goal of this office will be to promote volunteerism and outreach. Volunteering is one of my favorite endeavors. For as Winston Churchill once said: “You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give.” The office’s coordinator will work with other agencies to identify volunteer opportunities, coordinate events, and create a network of organizations to build relationships with the County's diverse communities. We will conduct outreach to our business community by partnering with the Union County Economic Development Corporation to create more jobs in our diverse communities. The UCEDC will receive a \$250,000 grant to conduct outreach efforts in these communities and will provide at least half a million dollars in low interest loan capital to small businesses.

This Freeholder Board has a proud record of honoring Union County’s diversity. The third part of UC HEART empowers those who have lacked a voice with the creation of the state’s first-ever LGBTQ Office. This office will advocate for our LGBTQ residents in working to provide the services they need and deserve.

Next we will create an Office for People with Special Needs, another first in the State. This Office will promote empowerment and provide recreational and social opportunities for those with special needs, as all residents deserve an equal chance. In line with providing inclusive services, we will also cut the ribbon on the Watchung Reservation Sensory-Friendly Trail, the first of its kind in the County. The Trail will allow all residents to enjoy the beautiful surroundings at the Trailside Nature and Science Center.

Every child, regardless of ability, deserves play areas and we will address this need through the Level the Playing Field grant program. This is yet another example of a “first”, as Union County will become the first County in the state, and perhaps nation, to have every municipality create an inclusive playground. This effort, which is funded through our Open Space program, will assist our towns in creating,

enhancing, or replacing recreational facilities to make them inclusive for all wishing to use them.

Through the assistance of Sheriff Corvelli, we will also revitalize the Project Lifesaver program which offers tracking bracelets to those with special needs, and we will expand upon it by offering it to County residents who have Alzheimer's.

As the fifth part of this initiative, we look forward to continuing UC HERO, which has helped so many of our Veterans; including the work of the New Jersey Veteran Network. This year will bring new job fairs focused on our Veterans, and the exploration of ways to diminish the PTSD epidemic amongst our Veterans.

And as a whole, we will continue to expand on the successful job fairs and employment training we've sponsored for all residents through the Union County Workforce Development Board. In 2017, the board offered more than 2,000 job opportunities, and we look forward to creating more in 2018.

As per the teaching component of UC HEART, we will create the Union County Science, Technology, Engineering and Math grant program (known as UC STEM). Under this program, funding will be available for STEM-related enrichment in our elementary and middle schools.

Our second initiative, known as Union County Plant A Seed, has educational and environmental programs that green our County. First, we will continue the UC Kids Dig In! Garden grants program, which offers grants to schools that engage young students in community gardening and donating produce to local shelters and food pantries. Our first year was a phenomenal success, and we will continue to work on expanding the program, providing more opportunities to schools this year (he acknowledged the work of the Trust Fund staff).

We will also have new state funded Union County recycling initiatives with programs that encourage recycling amongst our municipal partners and will provide recycling supplies for schools and seniors.

My third initiative focuses on a series of announcements involving our Parks system and recreation programs. So coming soon this year, the building of turf fields in Plainfield, Summit, Scotch Plains and Rahway; a skate park in Elizabeth; a spray park in Linden; a new golf clubhouse in Scotch Plains; and tutoring and mentoring programs at the new Warinanco Park Sports Center in Roselle.

My fourth initiative addresses the fact that you cannot move Union County forward without ensuring safe communities. While our County continues to be one of the safest places to live in NJ, we are looking at new ways of public safety programs. With that said, we will partner with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in NJ, and we will offer a gun buyback program through the County Police, Prosecutor's Office, and Sheriff's Office. Our County Police, in partnering with local police departments, will offer additional public safety services to our school districts.

And as we believe in Second Chances, we will expand prisoner re-entry programs that give a second chance for those who seek it. The Department of Corrections will offer special assistance easing their re-entry into society; and the Department of

Human Services will provide support services after their release, aimed at reducing recidivism.

Finally, I promise that we as a Freeholder Board will continue to be fiscally responsible. We will work with the County Manager to realize new cost savings through the creation of a Fiscal Efficiency Taskforce.

My friends and family, we have announced many “firsts” today. This all speaks to the vision of this Freeholder Board moving Union County forward in a progressive manner. WE ARE CONNECTED. WE ARE INCLUSIVE. WE ARE UNITED. And we will work to support one another. I look forward to “Moving UNION COUNTY Forward” with each one of you. Thank you and have a great new year.”

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## APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

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Note and File.

Chairman Sergio Granados asked for a motion to approve the communication. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella, and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

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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.

Seeing no questions or comments by the public, Chairman Granados closed that portion of the meeting and called for a motion to adopt the resolutions.

**2018-1**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Adopting the Bylaws and Rules of Procedures for the Year 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

**2018-2**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Adopting the Meeting Schedule of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholder for the Year of 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

**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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-4**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Adopting the Temporary Budget for the Year 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-5**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Establishing Change Funds for the year 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-6**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Establishing Petty Cash Funds for year 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-8**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Designating signatories for calendar year 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-9**     **CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Approving a list of pre-qualified financial advisors for the Year 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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).

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.



On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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)

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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)

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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)

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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)

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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)

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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)

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-38 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Adopting the Freeholder Standing Committee Assignment for 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-39 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Appointing members of the Freeholder Board as liaisons to various Advisory Boards for the Year 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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).

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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).

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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 Nedra Morsy from December 1, 2015 to November 30, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-57 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing Salary Increases for County Constitutional Officers.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-59 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution appointing James E. Pelletiere as Clerk of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders for a three (3) year term commencing February 1, 2018 through January 31, 2021.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

#### **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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

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

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 2018-62 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Fanette L. Hahn upon her passing.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

- 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.

On a motion made by Freeholder Carter, and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative.

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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.



Seeing no questions or comments by the public, Chairman Granados closed that portion of the meeting.

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**FREEHOLDER COMMENTS**

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Chairman Granados opened the meeting up for Freeholder comments.

Freeholder Mirabella offered his congratulations to Chairman Granados and Vice Chairman Kowalski, noting that he looked forward to working with the both of them and the rest of his colleagues on the Board.

Freeholder Mirabella offered his congratulations to Freeholders Estrada and Hudak on their election and swearing in, and welcomed Freeholder Garretson to the Board. He offered his congratulations to the County's new sheriff, Sheriff Peter Corvelli.

Freeholder Carter wished all a Happy New Year and thanked everyone for participating in the day's festivities. She congratulated Chairman Granados and Vice Chairman Kowalski on their elections. She welcomed Freeholder Garretson to the Board. She commended Chairman Granados on the initiatives he laid out in his Chairman's Annual Message.

Freeholder Garretson congratulated Chairman Granados, noting that he has set forth an aggressive plan for 2018. She congratulated Vice Chairman Kowalski on her election, and stated she looked forward to working with the Board. She thanked Congressman Payne for joining in the day's festivities, and wished all a Happy New Year.

Freeholder Hudak congratulated Chairman Granados and Vice Chairman Kowalski on their election.

County Counsel Barry congratulated Freeholders Hudak and Estrada on their re-election and Freeholder Garretson on her election to the Board. He congratulated Chairman Granados and Vice Chairman Kowalski on their election. He congratulated Sheriff Peter Corvelli on his election.

County Counsel Manager Faella thanked Senator Scutari for his kind words. He congratulated Freeholders Hudak and Estrada on their re-election and Freeholder Garretson on her election to the Board. He congratulated Sheriff Peter Corvelli on his election, and stated he looked forward to working with him. He congratulated Chairman Granados and Vice Chairman Kowalski on their election, and wished them both well in their roles on the Board.

Vice Chairman Kowalski congratulated Chairman Granados on his election. She offered her congratulations to Freeholders Hudak, Estrada and Garretson, noting that she looked forward to working with them throughout the year. She commented that it was a pleasure to have former Freeholder (Vernell) Wright present during the day's festivities.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Seeing no other business, Chairman Granados called for a motion to adjourn. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella, and seconded by Freeholder Carter, roll call showed 9 members voting in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 2:42pm.