



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2018  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sergio Granados presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:41pm.

## ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Freeholder Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Angela Garretson, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder Rebecca Williams, Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski, and Chairman Sergio Granados present, with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada and Freeholder Alexander Mirabella absent.

Also present were County Manager Ed Oatman, Assistant County Counsel Moshood Maftau, Esq. and Clerk of the Board James E. Pelletiere.

## PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Prayer and Salute to the Flag were led by the Clerk of the Board.

## STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by the Clerk of the Board.

## APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

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Note and File

Oath of Office: Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board: Darius Tullis; Advisory Board on the Disabled: Diane Granada; Emergency Management Council: Peter Corvelli, Sebastian D'Elia, Joseph Graziano, Sr., Michael Monahan and Edward T. Oatman; Homeless Trust Fund Advisory Board: Janice Lilien and Donna Morris; Union County Commission on the Status of Women: Diane Barbosa.

Chairman Granados called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

## PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

John Bury, of Kenilworth, made comments and inquiries relative to two resolutions. Relative to Resolution Number 2018-552, he asked if the print shop has a price list and if Xerox has any involvement. Relative to Resolution Number 2018-554, he asked what the date of the lawsuit was, and asked what the lawsuit involved.

Relative to Resolution Number 2018-552, Freeholder Granados stated that there is a price list set by the County.

Relative to Resolution Number 2018-554, Deputy Director Wagner stated that per the agreement with Xerox, the County leases the machines and has one person that works for Xerox in the facility, noting that all other staff are county employees.

Relative to Resolution Number 2018-554, Second Deputy County Counsel Muftau stated that the lawsuit was filed on April 24, 2016, noting that the allegations set forth are relative to an alleged breach of contract and tortious interference.

Seeing no other speakers, Chairman Granados closed public comments on resolutions, and called for a motion to adopt the resolutions.

## RESOLUTIONS

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The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

**2018-520 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** A resolution awarding the 2017/2018 Union County Student Training and Enrichment Program's Anti-Bullying Campaign Start Now Grants to the Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy in the amount of \$1,000 (winner), New Providence High School, Union County TEAMS Charter School, and Governor Livingston High School in the amount of \$250 (honorable mention) for a combined total amount of \$1,750.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

**2018-521 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2018 Aging GAP Spending Plan pursuant to a request for proposal in the total amount not to exceed \$508,000 for subcontracted services to be provided; to exercise option year two period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 of an anticipated three year contract period; and further authorizing the transfer of funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the agencies fails to meet its contractual obligation.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

**2018-522 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract, pursuant to Request for Proposal (RFP), to SAGE Eldercare, Inc., for the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) for the period of April 1, 2018 through

March 31, 2019, contract year 1 of a 3 year contract, in an amount not to exceed \$28,500.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

- 2018-523 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** Appointing Michelle J. Ghali (Criminal Justice) as a member to the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2018.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

- 2018-524 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** Amending Resolution 2018-321, Homeless Trust Fund Advisory Board to reflect a term ending date of December 31, 2020 for Maureen Segale-Glenn.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

- 2018-525 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Amending Resolution 2018-77, authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept and expend 2017 Emergency Management Agency Assistance Grant.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

- 2018-526 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Spec. Rescue International, Virginia Beach, Virginia, to provide Structural Collapse Technician Course to 66 members of the Metro Urban Search and Rescue (MUSAR) Task Force from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Region, through the 2017 UASI Grant, in an amount not to exceed \$115,570.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

- 2018-527 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to accept, and expend, the 2018 Union County STEP Traffic Safety Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$30,000.00, awarded through the NJ Division of Highway Safety.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

- 2018-528 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2018 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$7,636.78 as a result of notification for

additional funds received from the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for a Program Entitled: Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

- 2018-529 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2018 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$3,835,039 as a result of notification received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a Program Entitled: SuperNofa Continuum of Care (CoCr) Grant.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

- 2018-530 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2018 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$30,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a Program Entitled: Step Traffic Safety Enforcement Grant.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

- 2018-531 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2018 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$26,048 as a result of notification for additional funds received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a Program Entitled: Area Plan Contract-Federal Financial Participation (FFP) Grant.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

- 2018-532 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution Modifying the 2018 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$186,285.41 as a result of notification for additional funds received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Community Services Block Grant (CSBG).

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

- 2018-533 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Appointing Jon Lestarchick (other Departmental Representative) of the Scotch Plains Fire Department as a member to the Fire Services Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2018.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

- 2018-534 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights for the Suburban Chamber of Commerce to close Springfield Avenue from Snyder Avenue to Plainfield Avenue on Sunday, June 24, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the Annual Berkeley Heights Street Fair and to hang a banner across Springfield Avenue from June 4, 2018 through June 25, 2018. Also, concurring with the Township of Berkeley Heights granting permission to the Mt. Carmel Society to close Springfield Avenue from the intersection of Snyder Avenue to the Berkeley Heights/Long Hill Township Bridge from 6:00 p.m. on Monday July 16, 2018 to 2:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 for the annual festival and fireworks display.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

- 2018-535 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq; Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management; Division of Public Works to Cambria Mack, Edison, NJ, for the purchase of two Dump Trucks in the amount of Not to Exceed \$409,194.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

- 2018-536 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution concurring with the Borough of Roselle Park to hang a banner on Chestnut Street from June 11, 2018 until July 9, 2018, to advertise the Borough's June 30, 2018 Independence Day Fireworks Display. Also, granting permission to hang a banner on Chestnut Street from July 1, 2018 until October 1, 2018 to advertise the Arts Festival to be held on Saturday, September 29, 2018 and granting permission to close Chestnut Street from Charles Street to Webster Avenue from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. to hold the Arts Festival.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

- 2018-537 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution concurring with the Borough of Fanwood granting permission to hang a banner across Martine Avenue, between South and LaGrande Avenue from June 11, 2018 to July 9, 2018 announcing the "FANJAM" event to be held July 8, 2018.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

- 2018-538 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution ratifying the permission given to the Borough of New Providence to close Springfield Avenue from Central Avenue to Gales Drive for the Memorial Day Parade to be held on Monday, May 28, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Also, concurring with the Borough of New Providence for closures of the following events; South Street from Gales Drive to Springfield Avenue on Tuesday, July 3, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for the Downtown Fireworks Spectacular; Sunday, October 28, 2018 Springfield Avenue from South Street to Gales Drive from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Annual Street Fair; Friday, November 23, 2018 South Street from Gales Drive to Springfield Avenue from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the “Holiday Festival”.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

- 2018-539 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution granting permission to the City of Linden to close Wood Avenue from U.S. Routes 1 and 9 to East Gibbons Street to hold their Annual Halloween Parade to be held on Sunday, October 28, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

- 2018-540 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq; Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management; Division of Public Works to W. E. Timmerman Company, Inc., Whitehouse, NJ, for the purchase of a 70 Ft Forestry Truck in the amount of \$256,000.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

- 2018-541 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution granting permission to the City of Linden to close Wood Avenue on Tuesday August 7, 2018 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for the Linden’s Police Department National Night Out Event.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

- 2018-542 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution granting permission to the Township of Cranford to close Springfield Avenue between North Avenue and North Union Avenue on Tuesday, August 7, 2018, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the Cranford National Night Out Celebration Event.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

- 2018-543 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq; to DCRS, Deer Carcass Removal Service LLC, Cream Ridge, New Jersey (BA-UCCP# 33-2016) for the purpose of road sweeping removal services for the Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management; Division of Public Works, for an extended twenty-four month (24) contract amount not to exceed \$129,500.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

- 2018-544 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to accept 2017 SuperNOFA Continuum of Care (CoC) competitive grant award funds in the total amount not to exceed \$3,835,039 from US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) and to award subcontracts with varied one-year time frames as specified on the Spending Plan; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the awarded agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any fails to meet its contractual obligation.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

- 2018-545 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Community Coordinated Child Care of Union County, Inc., Rahway, New Jersey, for the period of August 1, 2018 through July 31, 2019 in the amount not to exceed \$136,000 for services associated with the Children's Waiting Room in the Family Court Building in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholder Bergan abstaining and Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

- 2018-546 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to purchase Forensic Laboratory Workstations from SteelSentry Inc., of Round Rock, Texas in an amount not to exceed \$36,000.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

- 2018-547 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract for a Medical Malpractice insurance policy for Cornerstone staff, through

Beckerman & Company, with Princeton Insurance Company, Princeton, New Jersey, from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 in the amount of \$13,522.00

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

- 2018-548 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the option in Resolution 2016-352, adopted April 28, 2016, in order to re-new the contract between the County of Union and Aramark Correctional Services, LLC, Philadelphia, Pa., for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

- 2018-549 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2018-502, adopted on May 24, 2018, to de-obligate grant funding under the WorkFirst New Jersey Program. Amendment would de-obligate \$15,000.00 from Account #G-02-17-365-388-734, \$17,500.00 from Account #G-02-17-365-387-434, \$2,800.00 from G-02-17-365-382-434, and \$83,378.72 from Account #G-02-17-365-381-434, for a total award de-obligation of \$118,678.72. Amended award total is \$613,321.28. The de-obligation of funds is necessary in order to increase grant expenditure via re-allocation to ensure complete utilization of Program Year funding.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

- 2018-550 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2017-695, adopted on August 17, 2017, to de-obligate grant funding under the WorkFirst New Jersey Program to B & M Consultants, Inc. Amendment would de-obligate \$52,817.28 from Account #G-02-17-365-388-734, \$4,406.00 from Account #G-02-17-365-387-434, \$5,850.00 from G-02-17-365-382-434, and \$21,794.00 from Account #G-02-17-365-381-434, for a total award de-obligation of \$84,867.28. Amended award total is \$87,132.72.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

- 2018-551 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into shared services agreements with local municipalities for the use of the County Print and Sign Shops housed at 179 West Grand Street, Elizabeth. The County of Union by way of Resolution #2017-1036 dated December 21, contracted with Xerox Capital Services LLC for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2022.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.



- 2018-552 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to ECAR Deals America Inc. of Flemington, NJ for the purchase of a 2018 Polaris 4 Wheel Drive Hi-Ryder All Purpose Vehicle in the amount of \$23,819.97.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

- 2018-553 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** A Resolution appointing DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP of Teaneck, NJ as special counsel to represent the County of Union in the matter entitled H.C. Equities, L.P. v. UC, et als, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

#### **FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

- 2018-554 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Congratulating the inductees of the Hispanic/Latino Alumni Council (HLAC) at its award luncheon on June 2, 2018.
- 2018-555 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating the 2018 United Way of Greater Union County award recipients at their 18th annual celebration on June 13, 2018.
- 2018-556 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Concurring with Essex County Resolution No. R-2017-00718, supporting municipalities in permitting a Trap-Neuter-Return program for community cats.
- 2018-557 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Congratulating Frank Cuesta upon receiving New Jersey State's Governor's Jefferson Award for Volunteerism.
- 2018-558 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Ray Lanset, mother-in-law of Freeholder Vice Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski upon her passing on May 24, 2018.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

This meeting is open to the public comment on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.  
No members of the public commented.

Seeing no speakers, Chairman Granados closed public comments on any matter.

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**FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

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Freeholder Garretson made comments relative to the County's annual Rhythm and Blues by the Brook music festival in Cedar Brook Park in Plainfield. She stated that the County's parks system allows for people to come together and take part in community activities. She stated that she looks forward to attending the other events happening throughout the County's park system this summer.

Freeholder Bergen welcomed (the County's) newest Freeholder to the Board, noting he was confident she would bring the energy and thoughtfulness that she brought to the City of Plainfield to the County of Union.

Freeholder Bergen made comments relative to the Rahway River Flood Study; announcing that there is new federal legislation advancing that would address flooding concerns in Central New Jersey; including many municipalities in the County. He stated that the study would provide a blueprint on how to protect central New Jersey communities from Rahway River flooding; including Cranford, Kenilworth, Springfield, Union, Rahway and Garwood. He thanked Freeholder Kowalski for fighting for years to solve a problem that has caused tens of millions in property damages and plagued our communities for decades.

Freeholder Williams made comments relative to a new wellness program introduced by Union County Sheriff Peter Corvelli, stating that it is in collaboration with Princeton House Behavioral Health to provide tools and training for managing stress and trauma on the job. She said that this program is the first of its kind in New Jersey, and hopes that it can become a model for professional development in other counties as well.

Freeholder Williams also invited members of the public who are interested in learning CPR to sign up for a class conducted by personnel from the County's Department of Public Safety on June 16 & 19, 2018.

Freeholder Hudak announced that on June 16, 2018 there will be a free safety program from noon to 4:00 at 1000 IKEA Drive in Elizabeth to learn how to adjust bike helmets and child safety seats properly.

Freeholder Hudak welcomed new colleague Rebecca Williams. He made comments relative Assemblywoman Carter, noting his pleasure in working with her on the Board and his excitement to follow the great work she will do in the Assembly.

Vice Chairwoman Kowalski welcomed the (County's) new Freeholder Williams to the Board and congratulated new Assemblywoman Carter (in the audience).

Vice Chairman Kowalski made comments relative to the County's Farmer Market program. She announced that this summer the free farmer's market vouchers for eligible Union County senior citizens. She advised that the program is designed to help seniors on a tight budget.

Vice Chairman Kowalski thanked all of the UCSTEP students and teachers who participated in the program and in the evening's check presentation. She thanked the Board for their continued support of the program.

Freeholder Kowalski, on behalf of herself and her husband, expressed her gratitude to Chairman Granados and her colleagues on the Board for the resolution they passed for Ray Lancet, noting that it meant a great deal to them and their family.

Chairman Granados congratulated Freeholder Williams on her service to the people of Plainfield as a Councilwoman over the past number of years, and stated that he was confident she would serve the residents of the other municipalities just as well as a Union County Freeholder.

Chairman also said he will miss serving with Linda Carter on the Board, but knows how well she will serve the residents of New Jersey. He thanked her for her service to Union County.

Chairman Granados also said that he was honored to attend the first PRIDE flag-raising ceremony on the steps of the Union County Courthouse; to affirm Union County's support for the LGBTQ community. He made comments relative to the relevance of the PRIDE flag, noting that it was popularized as a symbol by San Francisco artist Gilbert Baker in 1978 at the request of activist Harvey Milk. He stated that it was heartwarming to see people from all walks of life participate in the event, noting that it was a powerful statement that demonstrated the strength of the (County) community's support for Human Rights, Equal Rights and simple human decency.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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Chairman Granados asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm. On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative with Freeholders Estrada and Mirabella absent.

## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2018 MEETING SCHEDULE

Please note that meetings are regularly held on Thursday evenings. Agenda Setting Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 7:00pm in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified. In the event an Agenda Setting Session and Regular Meeting are held on the same night, the Agenda Setting Session will commence at 7:00pm and the Regular Meeting will commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session.

Persons requiring a sign language interpreter should contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 908-527-4140.

### **REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018 at 12:00 pm** **Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ**

#### AGENDA SETTING SESSION

January 18, 2018

February 1, 2018

February 15, 2018

March 1, 2018\*

March 22, 2018

April 12, 2018

April 26, 2018

May 10, 2018\*\*

May 24, 2018

June 7, 2018

June 21, 2018

July 12, 2018

August 9, 2018

September 6, 2018

September 27, 2018

October 4, 2018

October 25, 2018

November 8, 2018

December 13, 2018

December 20, 2018

#### REGULAR MEETINGS

January 25, 2018

February 8, 2018

February 15, 2018

March 8, 2018

March 22, 2018

April 19, 2018

April 26, 2018

May 17, 2018

May 24, 2018

June 14, 2018\*\*\*

June 21, 2018

July 19, 2018

August 16, 2018

September 13, 2018

September 27, 2018

October 11, 2018

October 25, 2018

November 29, 2018

December 13, 2018

December 20, 2018

\*March 1, 2018 Agenda Setting Session was cancelled and rescheduled for March 8, 2018 at 7pm. The originally scheduled Regular Meeting for March 8, 2018 at 7:00pm was rescheduled to immediately start following the completion of the Agenda Setting Session.

\*\*May 10, 2018 Agenda Setting Session was cancelled and rescheduled for May 3, 2018 at 7pm.

\*\*\*June 14, 2018 Regular Meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for June 7, 2018 to commence immediately after the conclusion of the scheduled June 7, 2018 Agenda Setting Session.