



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Sergio Granados presided and the meeting was called to order at 7:47 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

Also present were County Manager Edward Oatman, County Counsel Robert E. Barry, Esq., and Clerk of the Board James E. Pellettiere.

## **PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

The prayer and salute to the flag were led by Clerk of the Board Pellettiere.

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

The statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by Clerk of the Board Pellettiere.

## **APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS**

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Note and File

Oath of Office: Advisory Council on Aging: Theodore A. Freedman; Union County Commission on the Status of Women: Jacqueline Abend and Ayana Joseph; Union County Vocational-Technical Board of Education: Denise R. Piatnochka; Senior Citizen Disabled Resident Transportation Assistant Program Advisory Board: Robert F. Edwards.

Chairman Granados called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

## **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

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1. September 6, 2018 - Agenda Meeting
2. September 13, 2018 - Regular Meeting
3. September 27, 2018 - Agenda Meeting
4. September 27, 2018 - Regular Meeting

Chairman Granados called for a motion to approve the minutes. On a motion made by Vice Chairman Kowalski and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative for all except the minutes of the September 13, 2018, Regular Meeting, with seven members voting in the affirmative and Freeholder Garretson abstaining.

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## **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.

Tony LaPorta welcomed the Board to the Town of Westfield. He congratulated the newly elected Freeholders and commented on Resolution 2018-967, stating that the NRA “has a stronghold on so many members of Congress, it’s all about the money.” He said it is important to speak to counties, towns and state governments about taking action. He said machine guns were outlawed during the Reagan Administration, and the AR-15 is a weapon of war that was used in Vietnam to counter the AK-47. He said when a bump stock is put on the AR-15, it becomes an automatic weapon. Mr. LaPorta noted that in 1994, it was outlawed during President Clinton’s administration and expired 2004 during President Bush’s administration.

Chairman Granados thanked Mr. LaPorta for his comments, noting the Board had partnered with the Union County Police and the Union County Prosecutor and held a gun buyback program a few weeks ago, which resulted in 228 firearms being turned in, including assault rifles and illegally altered weapons.

Freeholder Mirabella thanked Mr. LaPorta for his concerns, noting that he’d had a chance to speak to the Westfield Rotary six months ago. He said he would like for the Clerk to direct this Resolution 2018-967 to all the municipalities in Union County and urge them to pass similar resolutions as well.

Matthew Gould, Summit Councilman, congratulated the newly elected Freeholders. He commented on the Public Safety resolution regarding the training course and said he’d like to know more about the fire department. He said he was going to Morris County for training and asked what other public safety training courses would be offered in 2019.

Freeholder Hudak said in terms of that particular grant, when he first became a Freeholder he didn’t understand the County is a part of the UASI region and work with multiple counties to bring in federal dollars. He stated that it is a good thing to bring more money into Union County, and neighboring counties are getting a fair share of dollars.

Public Safety Director Andrew Moran said this is a special four-day firefighter training held at A&M University in Texas, and the fees include transportation and personal protection equipment. He stated that they will learn special skills and techniques, and the County is sending sixteen municipal departments in order to share knowledge with firefighters across Union County. Chairman Granados said Director Moran is extremely proactive when working with the municipalities and would be happy to speak with the Westfield Fire Academy if needed. Director Moran said the Union County Fire Academy falls under his department.

Freeholder Hudak said two of the highest-profile fires in the State were the Burry Biscuit factory in Elizabeth and the Seaside Heights boardwalk fire, which was put out by the Neptune UASI system.

David Donahue, of Cranford, spoke in reference to Resolution Number 2018-967. Mr. Donahue said he was in the Marines forty years ago training people with M-16/AK-47 shotguns. Mr. Donahue said people were trained to use these weapons during the Vietnam conflict, and people from down South had more training than we here in New Jersey. He said friends of his down South who learned how to use weapons saved a lot of lives, and said we have to find a way to make sure the people are safe, noting that the events in California were sad.

Chairman Granados thanked Mr. Donahue for his comments and for his service to this Country.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, congratulated Freeholder Mirabella and the two new Freeholders. He commented on the following Resolutions: for 2018-939, he asked for clarification; 2018-941 – asking if five towns opted out; 2018-943 and 2018-944, asking if they were housekeeping resolutions; 2018-945 asked for clarification on cost and reason for extension; 2018-948, asking why the cost wasn't in the original work; 2018-960, he said that appointing Phyllis Mirabella was a conflict. As to Resolution 2018-959, he asked for an explanation of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. As per Resolution 2018-965, he offered his condolences.

As to Resolution 2018-959, County Manager Oatman explained that the Collective Bargain Agreement is a three-year contract, 2% increase, and does not have any health benefits.

As to Resolution 2018-939, Director Bibi Taylor explained that Approving Transfer of Current Fund Appropriations are as follows: Correctional to County Clerk for their overtime for the general election, in the amount of \$75,000; \$3,000,000 for other insurance; Sheriff pending contract; \$10,000 to Weights and Measures; \$135,000 to Cornerstone Psychiatric Hospital; \$600,000 is being transferred into Social Services' other expense line, state-mandated; and \$125,000 is for the PERS retro bill issued by the State.

As to Resolution 2018-941, Director Moran explained that the department voluntarily participates. Some departments are small and do not have the resources or manpower to participate. He stated that the departments that don't participate are Winfield, Garwood, Mountainside, New Providence and Plainfield.

As to Resolutions 2018-943 and 2018-944, Chairman Granados explained the appraisal is for property the County is looking to possibly purchase.

As to Resolutions 2018-945 and 2018-948, County Engineer Mineo said the cost is for asbestos abatement to be certified and in compliance. The other is for the cost of elevator repair.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

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The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

**2018-939 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Approving Transfer of Current Fund Appropriations.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

**2018-940 FREEHOLDER BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Resolution modifying the 2018 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$4,815 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development, for a program entitled: Supplemental Workforce Development Benefits (SmartSTEPS) Grant.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

**2018-941 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Perimeter Solutions LP, Martinez, CA to provide a fire suppression course to approximately 36 firefighters from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Region, through the 2018 UASI Grant, in an amount not to exceed \$138,600.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

**2018-942 FREEHOLDER MOHAMED S. JALLOH:** Appointing Courtney Washington as a member to the Advisory Board on the Disabled to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

**2018-943 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Appraisal Associates, Inc., 523 South Avenue East, Cranford, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing updated appraisal services to and for the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

**2018-944 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Sterling DiSanto & Associates, 145 West End Avenue, Somerville, New Jersey for the purpose of providing appraisal services to and for the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-945 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2016-882, adopted November 22, 2016, a Professional Architectural Service Contract with Netta Architects, of Mountainside, New Jersey, to provide additional design, construction, administration and inspection services associated with the Union County Courthouse Complex, New Tower Stairwell Modernization project, in an amount not to exceed \$178,500.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$4,506,830.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-033)

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-946 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2017-828 adopted on October 12, 2017, BA#52-2017, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Colonnelli Brothers, Inc., of Hackensack, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Rehabilitation of East Hazelwood Avenue Minor Bridge, City of Rahway, County of Union, New Jersey. This change order will reduce the original contract amount by (\$311,631.97) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$1,084,698.03. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2013-009)

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-947 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; Engineering, Public Works, & Facilities Management; Division of Engineering: J.C. Contracting, Inc. of Rahway, New Jersey, for the Intersection Improvement at Jefferson Avenue and North Avenue, City of Elizabeth, County of Union, New Jersey, for an amount not to exceed \$248,032.00).

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-948 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Architectural / Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process to The Musial Group, of Mountainside, New Jersey to provide design and construction administration services for the replacement of three (3) elevators in the Union County Courthouse Tower Building, Elizabeth, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$38,380.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-017)

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-949 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution granting permission to the City of Linden to close North Wood Avenue from Elizabeth Avenue to Elm Street, on Friday, December 7, 2018 the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-950 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, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq; Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management; Division of Public Works to CS Products DBA Conshohocken Steel, Ambler, PA for the purchase of a five (5) 25 Yard Refuse Containers & five (5) 18 Yard Refuse Containers in the amount of \$49,480.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-951 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to establish County funds to comply with State Legislative mandate N.J.S.A.40A:9-49.1 that establishes burial costs for Union County's indigent, unidentified or unclaimed deceased residents be the responsibility of Union County at a burial rate not to exceed \$1,550, in the total amount not to exceed \$80,000 for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-952 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew the contract with Unitronix Data Systems, Raritan, New Jersey, to provide services and maintenance for the Division of Social Services' software and hardware systems for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in the total amount not to exceed \$111,739.13.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-953 VICE CHAIRMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending 2017-970, contracting with Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, NJ, for the operation of the Union County Children's Shelter at a per diem rate of \$260, to reflect an increase of \$41,080 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$428,480 for the same Year 2 period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018; all other terms remain the same.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

**2018-954 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with IBM, Piscataway, New Jersey through State Contract Number is 40047, T- number M0483 16-R-24098, for the purpose of providing new hardware and continued software maintenance/support for the Union County Clerk's imaging and web servers in both the Elizabeth and Westfield locations in an amount not to exceed \$295,281.08.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

**2018-955 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq; Department of Corrections (BA # 40-2018); Todd Devin Food Equipment, Inc., Yardley, PA for the purchase of one (1) tray washer and one (1) tray dryer for use in the kitchen at the Union County Jail in an amount not to exceed \$69,692.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

**2018-956 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Edmunds & Associates, Inc., Northfield, NJ, to provide maintenance and technical support for the County's Financial Accounting and Electronic Requisition System for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, in an amount not to exceed \$20,580.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

**2018-957 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Attorney Title Services of Cranford, NJ to conduct a title search of the Gurd Ave. Baseball Field in Hillside, NJ in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

**2018-958 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into agreement with West Hudson Industries, of Rahway, New Jersey, for the provision of plaques and markers throughout Union County in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-959 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with FMBA Local R2343, effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-960 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Appointing Phyllis Mirabella, of Fanwood, (Democrat) to the Union County Vocational-Technical School Board of Education for a term beginning November 1, 2018 through October 31, 2022.

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

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#### **FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

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- 2018-961 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** Congratulating Bris Avrohom Center in Hillside for celebrating 33 years of hosting galas.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-962 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** Congratulating the Union County Board of Agriculture upon its 150th anniversary, the oldest County Board of Agriculture in the State of New Jersey.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-963 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** Congratulating the 2018 CJA honorees upon being awarded the Outstanding Award by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Central Jersey Alumnae Chapter at their Award ceremony on December 1, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-964 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Leona McCarthy upon her passing.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-965 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to Union County College President Dr. Margaret McMenamin during



her time of sorrow upon the passing of her mother, Elizabeth McMenamain at the remarkable age of 100.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-966 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Congratulating the Scotch Plains Mayor's Charity Gala to honor the First Responders of Scotch Plains at their 28th annual celebration on December 1, 2018.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-967 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Resolution urging the United States Congress to support gun control measures that include, but are not limited to, an enactment of a ban on the sale, importation, transfer, and ownership of "assault firearms" (as defined in New Jersey law at N.J.S.A. Section 2C:39-1-w as including: a semi-automatic shotgun with either a magazine capacity exceeding six rounds, a pistol grip, or a folding stock; a semi-automatic rifle with a fixed magazine capacity exceeding 15 rounds; a part or combination of parts designed or intended to convert a firearm into an assault firearm, or any combination of parts from which an assault firearm may be readily assembled if those parts are in the possession or under the control of the same person, and a firearm with a bump stock attached).

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-968 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Congratulating the First Unitarian Society of Plainfield upon its longevity and history of service, its longstanding commitment to all residents and supporting the arts in Plainfield.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-969 FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Congratulating Jennifer Popper of Plainfield upon her 800 plus mile walk to Maine and back in memory of her husband, Michael; and further commending her upon raising funds for charities and establishing the Michael Popper EMT Scholarship for the Plainfield Rescue Squad.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-970 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating the NAACP- Rahway Branch upon its 84th Anniversary at their Annual Freedom Fund and Awards celebration; and further congratulating the award recipients.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-971 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Martinho Pereira, owner of Valenca Bar in Elizabeth upon his passing.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

- 2018-972 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to former New Jersey Governor James E. McGreevey and his family as they mourn the passing of his mother, Veronica McGreevey.

On a motion made by Freeholder Hudak and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Jalloh absent.

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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This meeting is open to the public to comment on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.

Janice Siegel, Chairwoman of the Westfield Democratic Committee, urged the Board to create a process whereby voters and the challengers would be able to share their observations of the use of the new voting machines with the Freeholders or the Board of Elections. She said there were issues in at least 6 of the town's 25 voting districts

Christine Licata, of Cranford, spoke in opposition to the cell tower at Union County College and offered her concerns for the Board to consider.

Chairman Granados said only recently was the Board made aware of this situation and the Public Safety Director and Seb D'Elia will respond as quickly as possible. He noted that the Public Safety Director from Union County College, Joe Hines, was at the meeting to address the issue.

Joe Hines, Public Safety Director of Union County College, is a retired Major Commander with State Police, who oversaw 1,600 troopers and served 25 years. He has spent a great deal of time with State Emergency Management and said the number-one issue is communications but redundant communications, using the need for text message notifications as an illustrating example.

Sarah Gregory, of Cranford, said no one in Cranford disrespects law enforcement. Ms. Gregory said more information was needed and expressed concern about lowered property value. She asked for the Board's assistance in communicating with the college.

Chairman Granados said Union County College is an autonomous agency, but noted that Union County College Director Hines of Public Safety, and Jaime Segal, of the Administrator's Office, were in attendance.

David Donahue, of Cranford, thanked Public Safety Director Hines for his services. He said there's no animosity with the college and they do care about safety. In the last 30 years, they've had trouble with the college and at least two or three people were killed on Springfield Avenue; residents living on the outskirts of the college have concerns. He said there's a 45-foot trailer on Cranford Street and Princeton Avenue.

Chairman Granados said he had noted comments with regard to traffic congestion and noted the facility parking lot with trees is used as a barrier between the parking lot and residents' homes, noting that the Board would pass along all of these comments to the President of Union County College and to the Director of Public Safety.

David McDonald, of Cranford, said he would like to issue some greater clarity regarding Resolution B-018-016, with respect to Director Hines' commentary. He said the resolution states very limited cell coverage in the Cranford campus building and surrounding areas. He asked if a 130-foot monopole is a reasonable solution and said he has not seen a study. He said he attended a meeting last week and texted his wife from inside of the building and she received it. He reiterated the need to have a thoughtful study.

Robert Dragonet, of Cranford, said he uses his cell phone on the campus walking his dog and he doesn't have a problem.

Leanne, of Cranford, said spoke in opposition to the cell tower and offered her concerns for the Board to consider.

Chairman Granados said Union County College has the final decision in reference to the cell tower, and he would make sure the Public Safety Director stayed after the meeting to answer any questions.

Julia C., of Cranford, spoke in opposition to the cell tower and offered her concerns for the Board to consider.

Chairman Granados said no County Freeholder Board in the entire state fully oversees county colleges.

Dennis McCaffey, of Cranford, Principal of Lincoln School, thanked the Board for what they did for their school principal. Three months ago, he reached out to Freeholder Mirabella through Parks and Recreation to have a playground donated to the school. He read a thank-you note to the Board from the students of Lincoln School.

Nick Barbarda, of Mountainside, said he brings his young kids to Echo Lake Park frequently, and they're starting to outgrow the playground at the park. He noted that the boathouse needs a facelift.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made several comments. He said the Freeholders are connected with Union County College, noting the fund the UCC budget with millions of dollars. He made comments in reference to the voting machines and asked if people would be turned away if they were in line at 8 p.m. Chairman Granados clarified that residents would still be able to vote. Mr. Paterson asked for clarification on vote by mail, and asked who checks the cost as to the Resolution awarded to Netta Architects.

Chairman Granados said the Board does not appoint the President of Union County College.

County Counsel Barry explained the appointment process as per State law.

Keith D., of Westfield, spoke in opposition to the cell phone tower. He noted that Director Hines is doing a great job, and that with \$14 million given to Union County College, there is a relationship with Union County Freeholders.

Chairman Granados said the Board does have a working relationship with the College, noting that Union County College representative were present to answer any question from the public and the Board.

Lisa, of Westfield, spoke in opposition to the cell phone tower and offered her concerns for the Board to consider.

Mary Atorn, of Cranford, spoke in opposition to the cell tower and offered her concerns for the Board to consider.

Chairman Granados said he would like to make note to all the residents in reference to the cell tower. He said certain Freeholders, and the Clerk of the Board are taking notes will make sure we speak with Union County College administration about every single matter.

Nancy Jacob, of Cranford, spoke in opposition to the cell tower and offered her concerns for the Board to consider.

Seeing no other speakers, Chairman Granados closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

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## **FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

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Freeholder Hudak thanked the Town of Westfield for hosting the mobile meeting. He said it was a wonderful experience to come out to Plainfield, Summit and now Westfield. Freeholder Hudak said he had just learned of the cell tower tonight, noting the presence of UCC representatives. He said the County Manager would also be reaching out to the President of the college, and there would be a zoning and planning process done through the Township.

Freeholder Hudak added that there have been too many moments of silence, and he supports Freeholder Mirabella's Resolution, 2018-967. He thanked Administrator Nicole DiRado and her staff for doing a tremendous job with the election, and thanked everyone who put their name on the ballot. He congratulated Freeholders-elect Kimberly Palmieri-Moued and Andrea Staten, Freeholder Williams and Freeholder Mirabella and former Freeholder Linda Carter, now officially an Assemblywoman, on their elections.

Freeholder Mirabella said it was a pleasure to visit Lincoln School. He thanked the Town of Westfield for being here tonight for the third mobile meeting. Having been to Plainfield, Summit and now Westfield, he thanked the Chairman for having these mobile meetings, and thanked James Pellettiere, Clerk of the Board and his staff for setting the meetings up. Freeholder Mirabella thanked the community for voting for him and having confidence in him, promising he would do his best.

Freeholder Garretson thanked Mayor Brindle and Westfield residents, and said she appreciated their concerns. Freeholder Garretson acknowledged the number of women elected this year, gaining a

majority on the Freeholder Board. She noted that of the twenty-one municipalities, a third is served by female mayors. She congratulated the newly elected Freeholders.

Freeholder Bergen thanked Mayor Brindle and the Town of Westfield for hosting the meeting. He congratulated Freeholders Mirabella and Williams, Freeholders-elect Palmieri-Mouded and Staten. He thanked Freeholder Mirabella for sponsoring Resolution Number 2018-967, which he supports. He made remarks about the shooting in Pittsburgh, noting we can take action in Union County. New Jersey has some of the strictest laws in the country and our governor is moving to make them even tighter. He said the shooting in Pittsburgh was an anti-Semitic attack upon a Jewish temple. Freeholder Bergen said he believes rhetoric from Washington encourages people to be angry and divisive to make these kinds of attacks, and he blames them on the President.

He reminded everyone about the upcoming 2018 Holiday Sound and Light Show, beginning on Friday, November 23.

Freeholder Williams thanked everyone for their support and remarks, the Town of Westfield for hosting the Board, and the Clerk of the Board and his staff. She said Dr. Mary Rizzo of Rutgers University would host a presentation at Trailside titled is "Good Intentions Are Not Enough: Telling Untold Histories at Your Site." She encouraged students, educators and members of local history organizations to attend.

Freeholder Estrada thanked Mayor Brindle and Council for making the Board feel at home. He thanked Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Williams, Freeholders-elect Staten and Palmieri-Mouded on their victories. He acknowledged Phyllis Mirabella on being appointed to the Union County Vo-Tech School board. He thanked the Lincoln School Principal regarding the pictures, noting they were well received. He thanked Dr. Laporta, stating real changes are needed, and he commented on the Pittsburgh shooting. He thanked Administrator DiRado and her staff for an outstanding job. Freeholder Estrada made comments in reference to the cell tower, noting that whether we like it or not, we communicate through phones and we need to find options. He said for the residents who live near the school, we have to find a better mechanism that deals with the problems that have existed for over thirty years, acknowledging that we need better communication with Union County College and the residents.

County Counsel Barry extended his congratulations to Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Williams, and Freeholders-Elect Staten and Palmieri-Mouded.

Vice Chairman Kowalski thanked the Town of Westfield for hosting the Board. She offered a special note of gratitude to Administrator DiRado and County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi and their staff for their work on the 2018 elections. She made comments relative to the cell towers, noting that the Board heard what the residents said and advised the County would be in touch with the college. She congratulated Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Williams, Freeholders-elect Staten and Palmieri-Mouded on their election victories.

Chairman Granados congratulated Freeholder Mirabella, Freeholder Williams, and Freeholders-elect Staten and Palmieri-Mouded. He then advised the public that the Board has a need to change the date of the next double meeting, originally scheduled for Thursday, November 29, at 7 p.m. It will be moved up one day to Wednesday, November 28, at 7 p.m., and the Clerk of the Board will advertise accordingly.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Chairman Granados called for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chairman Kowalski, a voice vote showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Jalloh not present. The meeting was adjourned at 9:49pm.



## 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.

\*\*\*\*July 19, 2018: Regular Meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for July 12, 2018 to commence immediately after the conclusion of the scheduled July 12, 2018 Agenda Setting Session.

\*\*\*\*\*August 16, 2018: Regular Meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for August 9, 2018 to commence immediately after the conclusion of the scheduled August 9, 2018 Agenda Setting Session.

\*\*\*\*\*October 4, 2018: Agenda Setting Session was cancelled and rescheduled for October 11, 2018 commencing at 7:00pm, the previously scheduled Regular Meeting will commence immediately after the conclusion of the Agenda Setting Session.

\*\*\*\*\*November 8, 2018: A Regular Meeting has been added to the schedule and will commence immediately after the conclusion of the previously scheduled Agenda Setting Session.

\*\*\*\*\*November 29, 2018: An Agenda Setting Session has been added to the schedule and will commence at 7:00pm. The previously scheduled Regular Meeting will commence immediately after the conclusion of the newly scheduled Agenda Setting Session.