UNION COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

INFORMATIONAL RELEASE

Union County Workforce Development Board Elects New Leadership

Antonietta La Vecchia Named Chairperson; Stan Robinson, Jr. Named Vice Chairperson; Timothy McConway Named Secretary

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ELIZABETH, New Jersey – November 10, 2026 – At its regular public meeting on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, the Union County Workforce Development Board (UCWDB) elected new officers to lead the Board.



CHAIRPERSON

Antonietta La Vecchia

Ms. La Vecchia represents the business community on the Board. From 2007 to 2026, she managed The UPS Store of Summit, where for 19 years she championed local businesses, built partnerships throughout the community, and encouraged residents to shop and support local.

In 2026, she launched Loving NJ Local, LLC, offering marketing and printing services to small businesses and local nonprofits, continuing her commitment to helping small businesses grow, increase their visibility, connect with customers, and strengthen their communities.

She has volunteered with Scotch Plains/Fanwood LTC 100 and UC STEP, two programs that develop leadership skills in students, and served on the Summit Downtown, Inc. Board. She currently serves as Sustainer Vice President of the Junior League of Summit and Secretary of Summit Elks Lodge 1246.



VICE CHAIRPERSON

Stan Robinson, Jr.

Mr. Robinson, who led the Board as Chairperson, continues his leadership as Vice Chairperson. He is Chief Coaching Officer at Social Sales Link, where he guides business professionals in building more profitable and productive businesses through digital tools such as AI and LinkedIn, and has coached more than 1,000 business development professionals.

He is co-author, with Brynne Tillman and Bob Woods, of Prompt Writing Made Easy: Using the CRISPY™ Framework to Leverage AI Authentically, and has been a guest speaker on AI for the Leadership LIVE at 8:05, Sales Evangelist, and Sales Reinvented podcasts. He co-facilitates the Board's AI committee, which explores how AI can be used for workforce development.

Mr. Robinson studied psychology at Harvard and international affairs at Princeton, and recently completed a certification in Piloting AI from the SmarterX AI Academy.

SECRETARY

Timothy McConway

Mr. McConway is a Business Agent with UA Steamfitters Local 475 and represents organized labor on the Board. He has served on the UCWDB since his appointment by the Union County Board of County Commissioners in 2023, bringing the perspective of the building trades and registered apprenticeship to the Board's workforce strategy.

COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

Chairperson La Vecchia has appointed the following Board members to lead the Board's committees. The appointments of the standing committee chairs will be presented to the full Board for ratification at its regular meeting on January 13, 2027.

- **Youth Committee:** Melynda A. Disla, Chief Executive Officer, The Gateway Family YMCA
- **Adult Education and Literacy Committee:** Craig Coughlin, Jr., Director, Office of Government Affairs and Community Partnerships, Kean University
- **American Job Center Partners Committee:** Hilary McCarron, Manager, Port Policy and Planning, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
- **Disabilities Committee:** Bernadette Griswold, Executive Director, Community Access Unlimited
- **AI Strategy Committee:** Stan Robinson, Jr., Vice Chairperson

ABOUT THE UNION COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

The UCWDB oversees the public workforce system in Union County, including programs under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Work First New Jersey, and SNAP Employment and Training, in partnership with the Union County Board of County Commissioners. The Union County Department of Human Services houses the Union County American Job Center, where adults and dislocated workers receive career services and training services, including occupational skills training. The United Way of Greater Union County provides services to youth ages 14 through 24. The UCWDB also oversees the Union County Digital Innovation Learning Center, which provides literacy services, including high school equivalency preparation, adult basic education, English as a Second Language, numeracy, and reading, to participants in its workforce programs. The programs overseen by the UCWDB are funded by the U.S. Department of Labor, the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, and other federal and state sources. The Board's next regular public meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 13, 2027, at 9:00 a.m. at The Hill Tavern at Galloping Hill, 3 Golf Drive, Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033.

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