

BERGEN COUNTY
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY
REORGANIZATION WORK SESSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019
COMMENCING AT 4:31 P.M.

FREEHOLDERS PRESENT:

GERMAINE M. ORTIZ, CHAIRWOMAN

MARY J. AMOROSO, VICE CHAIRWOMAN

DR. JOAN M. VOSS, CHAIRWOMAN PRO TEMPORE

TRACY SILNA ZUR

DAVID L. GANZ

THOMAS J. SULLIVAN

STEVEN A. TANELLI

FREEHOLDERS ABSENT:

NONE

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3 ALSO PRESENT:
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5 LARA RODRIGUEZ
6 CLERK TO THE BOARD

7 LAURIE BIANCHI
8 DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD

9 STEPHANIE GALLINA
10 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

11 JULIEN X. NEALS, ESQ.
12 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

13 EDWARD J. FLORIO, ESQ.
14 COUNSEL TO THE BOARD

15 MICHAEL SHEINFELD
16 DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & POLICY

17 STORM WYCHE
18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & POLICY
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1 MS. RODRIGUEZ: The meeting is called
2 to order at 4:31 p.m.

3 Before we begin our meeting, I ask that
4 everyone take a moment to silence their phones.

5 Thank you.

6 1. Reading of Public Meetings Act

7 MS. RODRIGUEZ: In accordance with
8 Section 5 of the Sen. Byron Baer Open Public Meetings
9 Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been
10 provided in the Annual Notice Schedule, which
11 contained the time, date, and location of this
12 meeting, copies of which Notices were forwarded to
13 the official County newspapers, to wit: The Herald
14 News and The Record, and a copy of which was posted
15 on the bulletin board in the Bergen County Justice
16 Center and Administration Building, One Bergen County
17 Plaza, Hackensack, New Jersey, and filed with the
18 Office of the Bergen County Clerk.

19 2. Attendance - Roll Call

20 MS. RODRIGUEZ: I will now call the
21 roll alphabetically.

22 (At this point in the proceeding roll
23 call is taken with Freeholders Amoroso, Ganz, Ortiz,
24 Sullivan, Tanelli, Voss, and Silna Zur present.)

25 MS. RODRIGUEZ: With seven responses,

1 evidence of a quorum is present.

2 3. Pledge of Allegiance

3 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Won't you please rise
4 for the Pledge of Allegiance, led by our outgoing
5 Freeholder Chairman, Thomas Sullivan.

6 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Thank you.

7 (At this point in the proceeding all
8 rise for a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance led
9 by Freeholder Thomas Sullivan.)

10 4. Oath of Office - Freeholder-Elect Steven A.
11 Tanelli

12 MS. RODRIGUEZ: At this time I would
13 like to call on Freeholder-Elect Tracy Zur to
14 administer the Oath of Office to Freeholder-Elect
15 Steven A. Tanelli. The bible will be held by his
16 Freeholder aide, Conor Gorman.

17 (At this point in the proceeding the
18 Oath of Office is administered to Freeholder-Elect
19 Steven A. Tanelli.)

20 (Applause.)

21 5. Oath of Office - Freeholder-Elect Tracy Silna Zur

22 MS. RODRIGUEZ: I'm going to ask that
23 Freeholder Tanelli and Freeholder-Elect Zur remain
24 standing, and Freeholder Zur will be sworn in by
25 Freeholder Tanelli.

1 And the bible will be held by her aide,
2 Tara Chatterjee.

3 (At this point in the proceeding the
4 Oath of Office is administered to Freeholder-Elect
5 Tracy Silna Zur.)

6 (Applause.)

7 6. Nominations for Chairperson

8 MS. RODRIGUEZ: I hereby open
9 nominations for the Chairperson of the Board of
10 Chosen Freeholders.

11 Do I have a nomination?

12 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Madam Clerk, I
13 would like to place the name of Germaine Ortiz for
14 Chairperson of the Freeholder Board for the 2019
15 year.

16 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Is there a second to
17 Freeholder Sullivan's nomination?

18 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: I would like to
19 second that nomination.

20 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Are there any other
21 nominations?

22 (No response.)

23 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Motion to close
24 nominations?

25 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: So moved.

1 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Second.

2 MS. RODRIGUEZ: All in favor?

3 (All present Freeholders respond in the
4 affirmative.)

5 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Any opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 MS. RODRIGUEZ: I will now take a roll
8 call to elect Freeholder Ortiz as our Chairwoman of
9 the Freeholder Board. Again this will be
10 alphabetical.

11 (At this point in the proceeding roll
12 call is taken and the motion is passed by a unanimous
13 vote.)

14 MS. RODRIGUEZ: The vote total is 7/0,
15 and the new Chairwoman will be Germaine Ortiz.

16 (Applause.)

17 MS. RODRIGUEZ: I will now ask
18 Freeholder Counsel Edward Florio to swear in our
19 Chairwoman-elect. The bible will be held by her
20 Freeholder aide, Rodyn Sanchez.

21 (At this point in the proceeding the
22 Oath of Office of Chairwoman of the Board of Chosen
23 Freeholders is administered to Germaine M. Ortiz.)

24 (Applause.)

25 MS. RODRIGUEZ: If I had a gavel, I

1 would hand it to our Chairwoman, but I can give her
2 her nameplate.

3 CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Thank you.

4 7. Nominations for Vice Chairperson

5 CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: I hereby open
6 nominations for the office of Vice Chair of the Board
7 of Chosen Freeholders.

8 I nominate Freeholder Amoroso.

9 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: I'll second that.

10 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Or third it.

11 CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Are there any other
12 nominations?

13 (No response.)

14 CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Motion to close
15 nominations?

16 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

17 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Second.

18 CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: All in favor?

19 (All present Freeholders respond in the
20 affirmative.)

21 CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Roll call on the
22 motion to elect Vice-Chairwoman Freeholder Amoroso.

23 (At this point in the proceeding roll
24 call is taken and the motion is passed by a unanimous
25 vote.)

1 CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: I will now ask
2 Freeholder Counsel Edward Florio to swear in
3 Vice-Chairwoman Elect Amoroso. The bible will be
4 held by her Freeholder aide, Patrick Fallon.

5 (At this point in the proceeding the
6 Oath of Office of Vice-Chairwoman of the Board of
7 Chosen Freeholders is administered to Mary J.
8 Amoroso.)

9 (Applause.)

10 9. Nominations for Chair Pro Tempore

11 CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: I hereby open
12 nominations for Chair Pro Tempore of the Board of
13 Chosen Freeholders.

14 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: I would like to
15 nominate Dr. Voss.

16 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Second.

17 CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Are there any other
18 nominations?

19 (No response.)

20 CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Motion to close
21 nominations?

22 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: So moved.

23 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN AMOROSO: Second.

24 CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Roll call on the
25 motion to elect as Chairwoman Pro Tempore Freeholder

1 Voss.

2 (At this point in the proceeding roll
3 call is taken and the motion is passed by a unanimous
4 vote.)

5 CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: I will now ask
6 Acting County Administrator Julien Neals to swear in
7 Chairwoman Pro Tempore Voss. The bible will be held
8 by her Freeholder aide, Christopher Chapman.

9 (At this point in the proceeding the
10 Oath of Office of Chairwoman Pro Tempore of the Board
11 of Chosen Freeholders is administered to Dr. Joan M.
12 Voss.)

13 9. Review of Resolutions

14 CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: The Clerk will now
15 go through the resolutions to see if there are any
16 questions or comments from the Freeholders.

17 MS. RODRIGUEZ: On your desk is the
18 list and resolutions to be voted on tonight. We have
19 Resolutions 1-19 through 15-19.

20 1-19 authorizes the 2019 Work
21 Session/Public Session meeting schedule.

22 2-19 authorizes the official
23 newspapers.

24 3-19 adopts the 2019 bylaws of the
25 Board of Chosen Freeholders.

1 4-19 appoints Lara Rodriguez as Clerk
2 to the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

3 5-19 appoints Florio, Kenny, Raval, LLP
4 as the counsel to the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

5 6-19 appoints members of the 2019 New
6 Jersey Association of Counties Board of Directors.

7 7-19 appoints auditor, awarding
8 contract to Ferraioli, Wielkotch, Cerullo & Cuva,
9 P.A., Certified Public Accountants, for the 2019
10 Annual Audit.

11 8-19 authorizes the renewal of
12 agreement with Bergen Risk Managers, Inc., Self
13 Insurance Administration Program.

14 9-19 provides health related employee
15 benefits consultation and brokerage.

16 10-19 authorizes the reimbursement of
17 petty cash funds for various departments.

18 11-19 approves a change of Petty Cash
19 Fund Custodian of the Superintendent of Schools
20 Division of the Education Department.

21 12-19 approves the establishment of the
22 2019 Temporary Budget.

23 13-19 authorizes the appointment of
24 Linda Campanaro as the Public Agency Compliance
25 Officer.

1 14-19 is the Cash Management Plan.

2 And, finally, 15-19 establishes the
3 Property Tax Assessment rate for the year 2019 Bergen
4 County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection,
5 Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund at
6 \$0.01 per \$100 of total county equalized real value.

7 CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: I would like to
8 direct the Deputy Clerk to please hand out the 2019
9 committee appointments at this time.

10 Thank you.

11 10. Adjourn to evening meeting

12 CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: This concludes our
13 Reorganization Work Session.

14 We will reconvene at 6:00 p.m. in the
15 Public Meeting room for the formal ceremony and the
16 Reorganization Meeting.

17 I will now entertain a motion to
18 adjourn.

19 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: So moved.

20 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Second.

21 CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: All in favor?

22 (All present Freeholders respond in the
23 affirmative.)

24 CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: The meeting is
25 adjourned until 6:00 p.m.

1 (Whereupon, the Reorganization Work
2 Session is adjourned at 5:00 p.m.)

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I, KIM O. FURBACHER, License No. XIO1042, a Certified Court Reporter, Registered Merit Reporter, Certified Realtime Court Reporter, and Notary Public of the State of New Jersey, hereby certify that the foregoing is a verbatim record of the testimony provided under oath before any court, referee, board, commission or other body created by statute of the State of New Jersey.

I am not related to the parties involved in this action; I have no financial interest, nor am I related to an agent of or employed by anyone with a financial interest in the outcome of this action.

This transcript complies with Regulation 13:43-5.9 of the New Jersey Administrative Code.

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