

Meeting Minutes of Special Board Meeting of March 2nd, 2023

A telephone/zoom conference meeting of the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties was held on the above date. Chairperson Ramos was in the chair.

The Executive Director read the following statement:

Pursuant to Section #5, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, notice of this special meeting has been provided to the public by mailing the notice of this special virtual meeting for March 2, 2023 at 4PM to the Star Ledger, the Home News Tribune and the offices of the Municipal Clerks of the 11 member municipalities of the Joint Meeting and to the City Clerk of the City of Elizabeth and the County Clerks' Office of Essex and Union all on February 27, 2023.

On roll call the following board members were present: Messrs. Leneus, Petrosky, Florio and Ramos; Ms. Frederic, Ms. Romano and Ms. Fox. Absent: Ms. Bonanno; Messrs. Dafis, Haskins and Rutherford.

Also, in attendance were Director Johnson, Mr. Gonzalez of the Joint Meeting, E. Webster, Esq., and J. Noble, Esq. of Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC; J. Kantor, Esq., R. Rivera Esq., & J. Burke Esq., of Antonelli Kantor Rivera and Bob Butvilla of Suplee Clooney.

The Chairperson asked if there was anyone wishing to address the Board on any Joint Meeting matter with a five minute limit. On motion to open public comments by Ms. Fox, seconded by Ms. Frederic. Hearing no one, the Public Comment Session was declared closed. On motion to close public comment by Mr. Petrosky, seconded by Ms. Romano. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Romano, seconded by Mr. Ramos the Board entered into close session at 4:05 pm. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Petrosky, Florio and Ramos; Ms. Fox, Ms. Frederic and Ms. Romano; nays, none.

In accordance with Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permitting the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances and as the Joint Meeting is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist as the general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is Employees/Personnel and it is anticipated at this time that this subject will be made public at a later date.

On motion by Messrs. Leneus, Petrosky, Florio and Ramos; Ms. Frederic, Ms. Romano and Ms. Fox, the Board exited closed session and opened the meeting back up to the public at 5:16 pm.

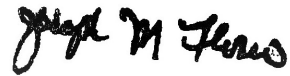
On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Mr. Florio, the Board approved for the Joint Meeting to obtain an Interim Acting Director of Finance and Administration to protect the accounting and bank accounts as well as any other additional professional necessary to protect the interest of the Joint Meeting concerning these matters. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Petrosky, Florio and Ramos; Ms. Fox, Ms. Frederic and Ms. Romano; nays, none.

There was no unfinished business.

Under new business, next meeting is March 16, 2023.

There being no further business on motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Ms. Fox & Mr. Leneus, the special meeting then adjourned at 5:19 pm to meet again on March 16th, 2023 unless called earlier by the Chair. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph M. Florio". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Joseph M. Florio
Secretary