

**NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**  
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JEFFREY DUBLIN  
NJAC President  
Hudson County Freeholder

JOHN G. DONNADIO  
Executive Director

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

*Tuesday - January 29, 2013*

**State House Annex - Committee Room 4  
Trenton, New Jersey 08608**

The meeting was called to order by 2012 NJAC President and Warren County Freeholder Richard D. Gardner at 10:04 a.m.

After saluting the American flag, John G. Donnadio, NJAC Executive Director, called for a moment of silence in remembrance of the late Union County Freeholder Chester Holmes. Afterwards a roll call was done and a quorum was present.

**Members in Attendance:**

Jeffrey Dublin, *Hudson County Freeholder*  
M. Claire French, *Monmouth County Clerk*  
Ann Cannon, *Mercer County Freeholder*  
Richard Gardner, *Warren County Freeholder*  
John G. Donnadio, *NJAC Executive Director*  
Frank Formica, *Atlantic County Freeholder Chairman*  
Alex Marino, *Atlantic County Freeholder*  
Ed Trawinski, *Bergen County Administrator*  
Gerald M. Thornton, *Cape May County Freeholder Chairman*  
William Whelan, *Cumberland County Freeholder Director*  
Douglas Long, *Cumberland County Freeholder Deputy Director*  
Carol Clark, *Essex County Freeholder*  
Heather Simmons, *Gloucester County Freeholder*  
Abe Antun, *Hudson County Administrator*  
John W. Bartlett, *Passaic County Freeholder*  
Peter S. Palmer, *Somerset County Freeholder Director*  
Vernell Wright, *Union County Freeholder*  
Brian M. Hughes, *Mercer County Executive*  
Donald De Leo, *Hudson County Surrogate*  
Frank Bruno, *Somerset County Surrogate*  
Barbara Netchert, *Hudson County Clerk*  
Charles M. Miller, *Salem County Sheriff*  
John Armeno, *Executive Director of the NJ Sheriff's Association*  
Joseph Hannon, Esq., *Associate of Genova, Burns, Giantomasi & Webster and NJAC Labor Counsel*  
Michael O'Connell, Esq., *Associate of Pringle, Quinn & Anzano, PC and NJAC General Counsel*  
Michael Barrett, Sr. *Consultant of Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. & NJAC Transportation Consultant*

**Absent**

Burlington County  
Camden County  
Middlesex County  
Monmouth County  
Morris County  
Ocean County  
Salem County  
Sussex County

Dick Lane, Sr. Consultant of Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. & NJAC Transportation Consultant  
Allen Weston, NJAC Legislative Director  
Loren Wizman, NJAC Director of Business Development  
Kimberly Nolan, NJAC Office Manager

**Also in attendance:**

M. Susan Sheppard, Cape May County Surrogate  
Daniele Spence, Gloucester County Confidential Aide to Freeholder Simmons  
Pamela E. Gardner, Hudson County Register  
Dejon V. Morris, Hudson County Chief of Staff to Freeholder Dublin  
Katrinda Allen-Lee, Hudson County Confidential Aide to Freeholder Dublin  
John King, Hunterdon County Freeholder  
Mary Melfi, Hunterdon County Clerk  
Ronald Sworen, Hunterdon County Freeholder (former)  
Serena DiMaso, Esq., Monmouth County Freeholder Deputy Director  
Ronald Bird, Director of Finance for Security Capital Advisors, LLC  
Colleen Burns, Vice President of Premier Healthcare Resources  
Amanda Dreiss, Associate Vice President to Network Development & Bill Repricing of First MCO  
Anthony Fornarotto, Regional Sales Director of Global Companies, LLC  
Mark Kataryniak, Senior Vice President of French & Parrello Associates, PC  
Geoffrey Perselay, President of Perselay Associates, Inc.  
Judy Savage, Executive Director of NJ Council of County Vocational-Technical Schools  
John Szeliga, Director of External Affairs for Verizon  
Jennifer Young, External Affairs of Southern NJ for Verizon  
Anchulee Yuanghirun, Marketing Manager for First MCO  
Sonia Dublin  
Rev. John H. McReynolds & Mrs. Tamika McReynolds

Judge Darlene J. Pereksta, Superior Court Judge of Trenton, performed the swearing in of the 2013 NJAC Board of Directors.

The minutes of the December 7, 2012 Board Meeting were approved on a Mercer/Essex County motion while Atlantic County, Cumberland County, Passaic County, Union County, and County Surrogate abstained.

2012 NJAC President and Warren County Freeholder Richard D. Gardner thanked all the members for permitting him the opportunity to serve as president and complimented the strides NJAC made during 2012. He congratulated Hudson County Freeholder Dublin and wished him much success as President of NJAC for 2013. The meeting was then turned over to Freeholder Dublin.

NJAC President and Hudson County Freeholder Dublin thanked Freeholder Gardner for his exceptional leadership by presenting him with an award for serving as the 2012 NJAC President.

**Official Reports:**

1. **NJAC Nominating Committee Report** - President Dublin asked Mr. Donnadio to present the 2013 Slate of Executive Officers to the board members. On a Somerset County motion, seconded by County Surrogate, and carried by voice vote, the 2013 Slate of Executive Officers was unanimously approved.

NJAC President	Jeffrey Dublin, Hudson County Freeholder
NJAC 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	M. Claire French, Monmouth County Clerk
NJAC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Ann Cannon, Mercer County Freeholder
NJAC Immediate Past President	Richard D. Gardner, Warren County Freeholder

2. **Secretary/Treasurer's Report** - President Dublin asked Mr. Donnadio to review and present the financial report of NJAC to the board members. On a Warren County motion, seconded by Bergen County, and carried by voice vote, the financial reports were unanimously approved.

Mr. Donnadio informed the board members that NJAC Benefits, LLC has been dissolved. A Certificate of Cancellation (Title 42:2B-14) was forwarded by NJAC General Counsel to the office of the NJ State Treasurer, who signed the certificate on January 2, 2013.

3. **President's Report** - NJAC President Dublin asked for motions on the following:
  - a. Resolution - 2013 Annual Dues - On a Mercer County motion, seconded by County Clerk, and carried by voice vote, the 2013 Annual Dues Resolution was unanimously approved.
  - b. Resolution - 2013 Budget - On a Cumberland County motion, seconded by Atlantic County, and carried by voice vote, the 2013 Budget was unanimously approved.
  - c. Resolution - NJAC General Legal Counsel - On a County Executive motion, seconded by a Somerset County motion, and carried by voice vote, the 2013 General Legal Counsel was unanimously approved.
  - d. Resolution - Labor Relations Counsel - On a County Surrogate motion, seconded by a Warren County motion, and carried by voice vote, the 2013 Labor Counsel was unanimously approved.
  - e. Resolution - Accountant/Auditor - On a Cape May County motion, seconded by a Bergen County motion, and carried by voice vote, the 2013 Accountant/Auditor was unanimously approved.
  - f. Resolution - NJAC 2013 Board of Directors' Meeting Schedule - On a Gloucester County motion, seconded by a Passaic County motion, and carried by voice vote this resolution was unanimously approved.

4. **Executive Director's Report** - NJAC Executive Director John G. Donnadio thanked Freeholder Gardner for his leadership as President, support and dedication to NJAC. During his presidency, new programs were developed. The Rutgers Training Program and Certification for County Administrators was a huge success and will more than likely be offered again this year. County Nursing Homes of New Jersey was created and has been set in motion this year as their first meeting was held on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Mr. Donnadio expressed his appreciation to those who attended and supported the December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Summit on Emergency Management and Preparedness. The Summit was well attended and many forwarded their compliments to him on its excellence.

It was remarked that there are a few changes to this year's Annual Conference. It will be held at Caesar's in Atlantic City. Instead of the event being held from Tuesday through Thursday, it will take place from Wednesday evening through Friday afternoon - May 8<sup>th</sup> to May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Notes from the January 10, 2013 Conference Committee Meeting and Registration/Hotel Reservation forms for the 2013 NJAC Annual Conference were enclosed in each members' board packet. Included on those forms was the conference agenda.

Last year's County Vocational-Technical School Cook-Off Challenge was a huge success and highlight of the conference; so much so that we have expanded it to 11 schools. Currently there are eight County Vocational-Technical Schools entered to participate in this year's event. Those County Vocational-Technical Schools are as follows: Atlantic, Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Morris and Passaic.

Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Monmouth, and Warren counties participated in the 2012 Culinary Cook-Off and are vying for the remaining three slots.

Judy Savage, Executive Director of the NJ Council of County Vocational-Technical Schools, briefly reviewed the selection process. Atlantic County won the 2012 People's Choice Award and was an automatic bid just as Hudson County since it is the county of the 2013 NJAC President. The other six county schools entered into the Cook-Off did not participate last year and met the required December 2012 application deadline. The remaining five county schools, which applied by the required deadline, participated in last year's competition; therefore a drawing was required to determine which schools would fill the three remaining slots.

Ms. Savage drew names of schools out of a bag during the board meeting. The three county schools that will also be participating in the Culinary Cook-Off at the 2013 NJAC Annual Conference are: Warren, Cumberland, and Mercer County Vocational-Technical Schools.

Mr. Donnadio informed the board members that an invitation letter, dated January 10, 2013, had been mailed to Governor Christie requesting his presence to be a conference keynote speaker on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

5. **Legislative Committee Report** – Monmouth County Clerk M. Claire French informed all board members that a copy of the *State House News*, dated January 29, 2013, was enclosed in the provided packets. She briefly summarized the Chapter 78 Proposed Regulations; Assembly No. 3177, which agrees to amend the measures to protect current Local Aid allocations under the Transportation Trust Fund; Senate No. 1565/Assembly No. 2578, which would authorize internet wagering at Atlantic City casinos under certain circumstances; and the Direct Deposit Bill. Afterwards Clerk French turned this portion of the meeting over to Mr. Donnadio to discuss the legislation concerns in further detail.

Mr. Donnadio apprised board members of the Direct Deposit Bill – **Assembly, No. 720/Senate, No. 2090** (*Ramos D-Hudson*) (*Gordon D-Bergen*). The General Assembly is expected to concur with recent State amendments and send the bill to the Governor's desk. This legislation would require direct deposit for all State employee compensation after July 2014; and, would authorize all local government employers to pay its employees by direct deposit at the governing body's discretion. NJAC has been advocating for the passage of this important and timely initiative for almost two years as it would eliminate an antiquated law that has become a significant barrier for counties committed to streamlining their operations and saving valuable taxpayer dollars.

Mr. Weston reported on **Senate, No. 2364** (*Nill D-Essex/Whelan D-Atlantic*). This particular bill requires availability for early voting in certain election, amending various parts of the statutory law – supplementing Title 19 of the Revised Statutes, and makes an appropriation. NJAC is in opposition of this bill.

#### **Other Business:**

It was announced that Hudson County Administrator, Abe Antun, has been designated as the 2013 President of the NJ Association of County Administrators and Manager.

Essex County Freeholder Clark announced this would be her final year serving as a NJAC Board of Director. She plans on running for Mayor of East Orange.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. in Committee Room 4 of the NJ State House Annex.

#### **Adjournment**

On a County Surrogate motion, seconded by a Warren County motion, and carried by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Board members and guests reassembled at 11:00 a.m. in the Senate Chambers for the Swearing-In Ceremony of NJAC President Dublin and Executive Officers. Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney provided keynote remarks while Senator Sandra Bolden Cunningham administered the Oath of Office. NJAC President Dublin and Executive Committee members were congratulated by both legislators. NJAC President Dublin informed members of the audience of his objectives with a primary focus on Public Safety. He thanked everyone for their support and is looking forward to leading NJAC in 2013.

On behalf of the NJAC Board of Directors, President Dublin recognized family members, county officials, dignitaries and honored guests in the audience. Guests were invited to the West Gallery of the NJ State Museum, located at 205 West State Street in Trenton, for a reception catered by the culinary students of Hudson County Schools of Technology - County Prep High School.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donnadio". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial letter.

John G. Donnadio, Esq.  
NJAC Executive Director

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