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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

June 29, 2018

State House Annex Building - Committee Room 6
Trenton, New Jersey 08608

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by 2018 NJAC President and Hunterdon County Clerk Mary H. Melfi. After the flag salute, NJAC Executive Director John Donnadio called roll, and a quorum was present.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mary H. Melfi, *Hunterdon County Clerk*
Brendan W. Gill, *Essex County Freeholder President*
E. Marie Hayes, *Cape May County Freeholder*
John Cimino, *Mercer County Freeholder Vice Chairman*
Heather Simmons, *Gloucester County Freeholder*
Gerald Thornton, *Cape May County Freeholder Director*
Joseph Derella, *Cumberland County Freeholder Director*
Jerry Walker, *Hudson County Freeholder*
Melissa DeCastro, *Salem County Freeholder Director*
Brian Levine, *Somerset County Freeholder Deputy Director*
Carl Lazzaro, *Sussex County Freeholder*
Ed Smith, *Warren County Director*
Brian Hughes, *Mercer County Executive*
Frank Bruno, *Somerset County Surrogate*
Joe Hannon, Esq., *Member of Genova Burns LLC and NJAC Labor Relations Counsel*
Paul Anzano, Esq., *Partner of Pringle Quinn Anzano, PC and NJAC General Counsel*
Bob Werkmeister, Sr. *Consultant of Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. & NJAC Transportation Consulting*
John G. Donnadio, *NJAC Executive Director*
Allen Weston, *NJAC Legislative Director*
Loren Wizman, *NJAC Director of Business Development*
Kimberly Nolan, *NJAC Office Manager*

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Ross Angilella, *Camden County Administrator*
Dominick Vesper, Jr., *Camden County Deputy Administrator*
Michael Laffey, *Cape May County Director of Operations*
Ken Mecouch, *Cumberland County Administrator*
Abe Antun, *Hudson County Administrator*
Elaine Flynn, *Middlesex County Clerk*
Greg Poff, *Sussex County Administrator*
John Armeno, *Executive Director of Sheriff's Association of NJ*

GUEST SPEAKER

New Jersey Secretary of State Tahesha Way provided an overview of the Department of State and highlighted some of its initiatives. In general, the Department manages business and economic development, arts/history/cultural programs, and civic engagement. The Department also promotes travel and tourism to attract more visitors to NJ; and, Secretary Way was very proud of the fact that the Motion Picture and Television Commission recently filmed an industry trade show at Farleigh Dickinson University. Secretary of State Way also noted that the Department's History Program is creating a segment on women's suffrage. Secretary Way closed by pointing out that the Department actively campaigns and encourages NJ residents to register to vote through programs such as the Ballot Bowl, where college students across the State compete against one another to register the most voters.

OFFICIAL REPORTS

1. SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT - NJAC Secretary-Treasurer and Mercer County Freeholder Vice President John Cimino reported on the following:
 - a. Meeting Minutes - The Board unanimously approved the meeting minutes of March 23, 2018 on a Warren/Salem County motion.
 - b. NJAC Financials - The Board unanimously approved the NJAC financials, dated May 31, 2018 on a Cape May/Hudson County motion.
2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - NJAC President Mary H. Melfi presented on the following:
 - a. 2018 NJAC Annual Conference Update - Conference Committee Chair and Cape May County Freeholder E. Marie Hayes was recognized and thanked for her leadership in hosting an outstanding annual celebration of county government where there was a record number of county officials registered for the event.

Congratulations was given to:

- Warren County Freeholder Director Ed Smith for receiving the Maurice Fitzgibbons Freeholder of the Year Award;
 - Cumberland County Finance Officer Gerry Seneski; Bergen County Purchasing Agent Gerald Reiner; Mercer County Road Supervisor Chris Markley; and, Burlington County Jail Warden Millie Scholtz as recipients of county service awards;
 - Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ for receiving the Peter Palmer Business Associate of the Year Award;
 - Monmouth County Culinary Education Center for winning the People's Choice Award; and,
 - All the county vocational technical schools, instructors and students for their participation and culinary skills.
- b. NJAC Night at the Ballpark and Fireworks - July 26th marks the 7th year that NJAC is hosting a Night at the Ballpark and Fireworks. This year, the Portland Sea Dogs will

take on the Trenton Thunder at the Arm & Hammer Stadium in Trenton. The game begins at 7:00 p.m. and the event is free for county officials.

- c. Statewide County Meetings – President Melfi announced that she and Mr. Donnadio plan on spending the rest of the year visiting freeholder boards across the State to discuss NJAC’s goals and objectives.
3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Mr. Donnadio thanked Investors Bank, PSEG and NJM Insurance Group for their generous donations to the NJAC Foundation, which has awarded nearly \$300,000.00 since 2011 to county vocational technical school graduates who plan on continuing their education at a State college or university. Mr. Donnadio also announced that NJAC and Rutgers are once again collaborating on the County Administrators Training Program set for November 2nd and November 9th at the Rutgers University Inn and Conference Center in New Brunswick. This comprehensive two-day professional development training program is open to all local government employees and elected officials who would like to advance their careers in public service. Subject matter experts from across the State will cover essential topics such as public procurement, management challenges, county fiscal affairs, and ethics. Mr. Donnadio also encouraged board members to attend NACo’s annual conference in Nashville, Tennessee from July 13th through July 16th; and, to mark their calendars for NJAC’s Year-End Summit set for December 14th at the Trenton Country Club.
4. LEGISLATIVE REPORT – NJAC 1st Vice President and Essex County Freeholder President Brendan W. Gill announced a latest copy of the State House News, dated June 8th, was enclosed in the provided packets and apprised the board members on the following issues:

State Fiscal Year 2019 Budget – The State Legislature has yet to pass the State Fiscal Year 2019 budget.

Interest Arbitration – NJAC will continue to aggressively pursue extending the 2% cap on binding interest arbitration awards that expired on December 31st. NJAC is actively searching for a state college or university to study the cap and issue a report to the Legislature and Governor.

911 Fees – Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden and Camden County Freeholder Jonathan Young were recognized for joining NJAC at its press conference on June 21st where they and other leaders discussed the State’s decade long diversion of \$1.3 billion in 911 fees.

County Initiatives – In addition to actively advocating for permanently extending the 2% cap on binding interest arbitration awards and restoring 9-1-1 funding, NJAC is also taking the initiative on several fronts, which include promoting the recognition of services, streamlining the costs associated with the operation and maintenance of the county court facilities, modernizing the bond ordinance notification process, and funding code blue alert plans.

Janus Decision – NJAC Labor Counsel Joseph M. Hannon with Genova Burns, discussed the Supreme Court’s recent decision in *Janus v. AFSME* where the Court held that the

involuntary payment of an “agency shop fee” by nonmember of union is unconstitutional as a violation of the free speech rights of those employees. NJAC’s Board of Directors requested Mr. Hannon to draft a memorandum that provided guidance to counties on how to proceed.

5. Executive Session

At 11:37 a.m., the Board of Directors went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. The Board meeting reconvened at 11:50 a.m. where the members voted on a litigation matter between NJAC and a retired employee. The Board unanimously voted to move forward with the litigation on a Warren/Gloucester County motion.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in Committee Room 4 of the State House Annex Building in Trenton.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned on a Cape May County/County Surrogate motion at 11:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donnadio", written over a large, stylized capital letter "P".

John G. Donnadio, Esq.
NJAC Executive Director