

**NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**  
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E. MARIE HAYES  
NJAC President  
Cape May County Freeholder

JOHN G. DONNADIO  
Executive Director

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

*January 24, 2020*

Senate Chambers of the State House  
Trenton, New Jersey 08608

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The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by NJAC Executive Director John Donnadio. The brother of Cape May County Freeholder Marie Hayes, and Veteran of the Vietnam War, Daniel Jones, led the flag salute followed by a moment of silence. Assemblyman Erik Simonsen then provided the invocation followed by the Executive Director calling attendance. A quorum was present.

**1. MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

E. Marie Hayes, *Cape May County Freeholder*  
John Cimino, *Mercer County Freeholder*  
Teri O'Connor, *Monmouth County Administrator*  
Joseph Derella, *Cumberland County Freeholder Director*  
Frank Formica, *Atlantic County Freeholder Chairman*  
Eve Cullinan, *Burlington County Administrator*  
Daniel O'Connell, *Burlington County Freeholder*  
Kimberly Wood, *Cumberland County Administrator*  
Darlene Barber, *Cumberland County Freeholder*  
Frank DiMarco, *Gloucester County Freeholder*  
Jerry Walker, *Hudson County Freeholder*  
Abe Antun, *Hudson County Administrator*  
John Lanza, *Hunterdon County Freeholder*  
Ann Cannon, *Mercer County Freeholder*  
Ronald Rios, *Middlesex County Freeholder Director*  
John P. Kelly, *Ocean County Freeholder*  
Charles Hassler, *Salem County Freeholder Director*  
Brian Levine, *Somerset County Freeholder*  
Sylvia Petillo, *Sussex County Freeholder Director*  
Herbert Yardley, *Sussex County Freeholder*  
Greg Poff, *Sussex County Administrator*  
Angela Garretson, *Union County Freeholder Vice Chairwoman*  
Richard D. Gardner, *Warren County Freeholder*  
Mary H. Melfi, *Hunterdon County Clerk*  
Elaine M. Flynn, *Middlesex County Clerk*  
Shaun Golden, *Monmouth County Sheriff*  
John Armeno, *Executive Director for the Sheriff's Association of New Jersey*  
Diane Gerosky, *Mercer County Surrogate*

George Strachan, *Executive Director for Gloucester County Improvement Authority*  
Joe Hannon, Esq., *Member of Genova Burns LLC and NJAC Labor Relations Counsel*  
Paul Anzano, Esq., *Partner of Pringle Quinn Anzano and NJAC General Counsel*  
John G. Donnadio, *NJAC Executive Director*  
Allen Weston, *NJAC Legislative Director*  
Loren Wizman, *NJAC Director of Business Development*  
Kimberly Nolan, *NJAC Office Manager*  
Katie Burke, *NJAC Administrative Assistant (Temp)*

**2. ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Honorable Diane Allen, *Former Senator of NJ Legislative District 7*  
Honorable Jack Ciattarelli, *Former Assemblyman of NJ Legislative District 16*  
Honorable Suzanne Lagay, *Former Hunterdon County Freeholder*  
Honorable Antwan McClellan, *Assemblyman of NJ Legislative District 1*  
Honorable Frank Provenzano, *Former Somerset County Sheriff*  
Honorable Gerard Scharfenberger, *Assemblyman of NJ Legislative District 13*  
Honorable Erik Simonsen, *Assemblyman of NJ Legislative District 1*  
Honorable Michael L. Testa, Jr., *Senator of NJ Legislative District 1*  
Honorable Patricia Walsh, *Former Somerset County Freeholder*

**3. BOARD MEETING**

- A. Executive Director Donnadio recognized special guests, former NJAC presidents in attendance, and outgoing county officials in attendance of which included Hunterdon County Freeholder Susan Lagay, Somerset County Freeholder Patricia Walsh, and Somerset County Sheriff Frank Provenzano. The Executive Director also recognized Warren County Freeholder and former NJAC President Rick Gardner, who is not seeking reelection in November.
- B. Executive Director Donnadio introduced Senator Michael Testa, who administered the oath of office to NJAC's Board of Directors, and then the following Executive Officers: NJAC 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Mercer County Freeholder John Cimino, NJAC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Monmouth County Administrator Teri O'Connor, and NJAC Secretary Treasurer and Cumberland County Freeholder Joseph Derella.
- C. Senator Testa then administered the oath of office to Cape May County Freeholder Marie Hayes as NJAC's 2020 President. President Hayes expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to serve as President, recognized several special guests, and thanked her family, friends, and colleagues for their support.

**4. ROUTINE BUSINESS**

- A. NJAC President Hayes presented the following routine business items and resolutions, which were passed as general consent matters on a Warren/Ocean motion:

- Approval of NJAC Financials dated December 31, 2019
  - Approval of 2018 NJAC Audit Report
  - Resolution authorizing 2020 Board Meeting Dates
  - Resolution authorizing 2020 Annual County Dues
  - Resolution authorizing 2020 Annual Budget
  - Resolution authorizing 2020 Labor Relations Counsel
  - Resolution authorizing 2020 General Counsel
  - Resolution authorizing 2020 Accountant/ Auditor
- B. President Hayes requested Executive Director Donnadio to recognized 2019 NJAC President and Essex County Freeholder Brendan Gill for his leadership. The Executive Director presented Freeholder Gill with plaque and thanked him for his advice and counsel, patience, and commitment to county government. Freeholder Gill thanked the Association for the opportunity to serve and wished President Hayes the best of luck.
- C. Executive Director Donnadio then conducted the drawing for this year's County Vocational Technical School Cook-Off Challenge scheduled to take place during the Association's annual celebration of county government from May 6<sup>th</sup> through May 8<sup>th</sup> at Caesar's in Atlantic City. Cape May County as home of the 2020 President; Cumberland County as the 2019 People's Choice Champion; and, Atlantic, Camden, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Middlesex, and Somerset counties, which did not participate in the competition in 2019, received automatic bids. President Hayes helped the Executive Director with the random drawings for the 3 remaining spots in the competition and drew Hudson, Mercer, and Bergen counties.
- D. Assemblyman Antwan McClellan thanked President Hayes for her support and guidance over the years and wished her the best of luck as President, followed by Assemblyman Erik Simonsen, who offered the Benediction.

## 5. ADJOURNMENT

- A. President Hayes invited guests to a 12:00 p.m. press conference to address the State's continued diversion of 911 fees and to a 12:30 p.m. luncheon at historic Masonic Temple. The board adjourned on an Atlantic/Hudson County motion at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



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