

# NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

*County Government with a Unified Voice!*

JOHN A. CIMINO  
NJAC President  
Mercer County Commissioner

JOHN G. DONNADIO  
Executive Director

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

*Virtual Meeting*  
January 29, 2021

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The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by NJAC Executive Director John Donnadio. The children of Mercer County Commissioner John A. Cimino then led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the invocation conducted by Dr. Joseph E. Woods, Reverend. of the St. Phillips Baptist Church in Hamilton. Executive Director Donnadio conducted roll call and a quorum was present.

### **1. MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

John A. Cimino, *NJAC President & Mercer County Commissioner*  
Teri O'Connor, *NJAC 1<sup>st</sup> VP & Monmouth County Administrator*  
Joseph Derella, *NJAC 2<sup>nd</sup> VP & Cumberland County Commissioner Director*  
Shaun Van Doren, *NJAC Secretary-Treasurer & Hunterdon County Commissioner*  
E. Marie Hayes, *NJAC Immediate Past President & Cape May County Commissioner*  
Maureen Kern, *Atlantic County Commissioner Chairperson*  
Steven Tanelli, *Bergen County Commissioner*  
Eve Cullinan, *Burlington County Administrator*  
Jon Young, *Camden County Commissioner*  
Heather Simmons, *Gloucester County Commissioner*  
Abe Antun, *Hudson County Administrator*  
Ronald Rios, *Middlesex County Commissioner Director*  
Douglas R. Cabana, *Morris County Commissioner*  
Virginia Haines, *Ocean County Commissioner*  
Anthony DeNova, *Passaic County Administrator*  
Shanel Robinson, *Somerset County Director*  
Herbert Yardley, *Sussex County Commissioner*  
Angela Garretson, *Union County Commissioner*  
James Kern III, *Warren County Commissioner Director*  
Brian M. Hughes, *Mercer County Executive*  
Shaun Golden, *Monmouth County Sheriff*  
Mary H. Melfi, *Hunterdon County Clerk*  
Diane Gerofsky, *Mercer County Surrogate*  
George Strachan, *Gloucester County Improvement Authority Executive Director*  
Paul Anzano, *NJAC General Counsel/Pringle, Quinn, Anzano PC*

## **2. ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Dr. Joseph E. Woods, *Rev. of St. Phillips Baptist Church – Hamilton, NJ*  
Senator Vin Gopal, *NJ Legislative District 11*  
Assemblyman William Moen, *NJ Legislative District 5*  
Assemblyman Thomas Giblin, *NJ Legislative District 34*  
Assemblyman Gerard Scharfenberger, *NJ Legislative District 13*  
Charles Hassler, *former Salem County Commissioner*  
Frank Bruno, *former Somerset County Surrogate*  
Brian Levine, *former Somerset County Commissioner*  
Brian Gallagher, *former Somerset County Commissioner*  
Caren Fitzpatrick, *Atlantic County Commissioner*  
Melinda Kane, *Camden County Commissioner*  
Kevin Lare, *Cape May County Administrator*  
Darlene Barber, *Cumberland County Commissioner*  
Kim Wood, *Cumberland County Administrator*  
Ann Cannon, *Mercer County Commissioner*  
Dominick DiRocco, *Monmouth County Commissioner*  
Deborah Smith, *Morris County Commissioner*  
John Bonanni, *Morris County Administrator*  
Carl Block, *Ocean County Administrator*  
Paula Sollami Covello, *Mercer County Clerk*

## **3. BOARD MEETING**

- A. Executive Director Donnadio recognized the many special guests in attendance, former NJAC presidents in attendance, and outgoing county officials. The Executive Director then thanked 2020 NJAC President and Cape May County Commissioner Marie Hayes for her leadership, support, and friendship.
- B. County Commissioner Hayes in turn thanked NJAC's Executive Officers, Board of Directors, and staff for their support and hard work during an incredibly difficult year. County Commissioner Hayes then administered the oath of office to NJAC's Board of Directors and the following Executive Officers: NJAC 1st Vice President and Monmouth County Administrator Teri O'Connor, NJAC 2nd Vice President and Cumberland County Commissioner Joseph Derella, and NJAC Secretary/Treasurer and Hunterdon County Freeholder Shaun Van Doren.
- C. Executive Director Donnadio welcomed Senator Vin Gopal, who commended County Commissioner Cimino as a dedicated public servant and then administered the oath of office to County Commissioner Cimino as NJAC's 2021 President.
- D. County Commissioner Cimino thanked Senator Gopal and County Commissioner Hayes for their support and leadership; and, then expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve as NJAC President, recognized several special guests from Mercer County, and thanked his family, friends, and colleagues.

#### 4. ROUTINE BUSINESS

A. County Commissioner Cimino presented the following matters as routine for consideration, and all were passed unanimously by the Board of Directors.

- Approval of NJAC Financials dated December 31, 2020
- Approval of December 11, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
- Resolution authorizing 2021 Board Meeting Dates
- Resolution authorizing 2021 Annual County Dues
- Resolution authorizing 2021 Annual Budget
- Resolution authorizing 2021 Labor Relations Counsel
- Resolution authorizing 2021 General Counsel
- Resolution authorizing 2021 Accountant/Auditor

B. Several special guests congratulated County Commissioner Cimino including Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes, Assemblyman Bill Moen, and Assemblyman Thomas Giblin followed by the Benediction conducted by Reverend Woods.

#### 5. ADJOURNMENT

A. President Cimino adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m. with the hopes that we would be meeting together in-person soon.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Donnadio".

John G. Donnadio, Esq.  
NJAC Executive Director