

NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

County Government with a Unified Voice!

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Hunterdon County Commissioner

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS REORGANIZATION NOTES TO FILE

11:00 a.m. January 26, 2024

Senate Chambers of the New Jersey State House

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. NJAC Executive Director John Donnadio called the meeting to order following by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Hunterdon County Commissioner John Lanza, the singing of the National Anthem by students from Grunin Performing Arts Academy at the Ocean County Vocational Technical School; and the invocation by the Reverend Nathan Tuckey of the South Ridge Community Church in Clinton.

2. ROLL CALL with a Quorum Present

Shaun Van Doren, NJAC President & Hunterdon County Commissioner
Shanel Robinson, NJAC 1st Vice President & Somerset County Commissioner
James Kern III, NJAC 2nd Vice President & Warren County Commissioner
Alexander Mirabella, NJAC Secretary-Treasurer & Union County Commissioner
Jonathan Young, NJAC Immediate Past President & Camden County Commissioner
John Risley, Atlantic County Commissioner
Tracy Zur, Bergen County Commissioner
Eve Cullinan, Burlington County Administrator
Dan O'Connell, Burlington County Commissioner
Jim Jefferson, Gloucester County Commissioner Deputy Director
Dominick DiRocco, Monmouth County Commissioner
Douglas Cabana, Morris County Commissioner
Christine Myers, Morris County Commissioner Director
Deena Leary, Morris County Administrator
Jack DeGroot, Sussex County Commissioner
Lourdes Leon, Union County Commissioner Vice Chairwoman
Dan Benson, Mercer County Executive
Mary Melfi, Hunterdon County Clerk
Claribel Cortes, Middlesex County Surrogate
Shaun Golden, Monmouth County Sheriff
George Strachan, Gloucester County Improvement Authority Executive Director
Joe Hannon, NJAC Labor Relations Counsel

Bob Werkmeister, NJAC Transportation Consultant
John Donnadio, NJAC Executive Director
Loren Wizman, NJAC Business Development Director
Allen Weston, NJAC Legislative Director
Kim Nolan, NJAC Office Manager

3. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- A. Executive Director Donnadio recognized U.S. Representative Tom Kean, Jr., former U.S. Representative Leonard Lance, and Republican Leader John DiMaio. The Executive Director also recognized Joseph Vicari for his 40 years as an Ocean County Commissioner.
- B. The Executive Director thanked 2023 NJAC President and Camden County Commissioner Jonathan Young for his nonpartisan leadership, support, and friendship over the years and presented the President with a plaque in appreciation.
- C. President Young thanked NJAC staff for their hard work and dedication and shared how important it is for the organization to serve counties with a unified voice.

4. OATH OF OFFICE TO 2024 NJAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS & EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

- A. President Young administered the Oath of Office to NJAC's 2024 Board of Directors and then to the Slate of Executive Officers.

5. OATH OF OFFICE 2024 NJAC PRESIDENT

- A. Hunterdon County Clerk and 2018 President Mary Melfi administered the Oath of Office to Hunterdon County Commissioner Shaun C. Van Doren as the Association's 83rd President with President Van Doren's mom holding the bible in support.

6. REMARKS BY NJAC PRESIDENT

- A. President Van Doren thanked his family, friends, supporters, and colleagues in attendance and looks forward to working with state leaders to advocated on behalf of county government with a unified and proactive voice.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Board unanimously approved the following as outlined by President Van Doren:

- A. Approval of 2022 Audit Report
- B. Resolution authorizing 2024 Board Meeting Dates
- C. Resolution authorizing 2024 Annual County Dues
- D. Resolution authorizing 2024 Annual Budget
- E. Resolution authorizing 2024 Labor Relations Counsel
- F. Resolution authorizing 2024 Accountant/Auditor

8. COUNTY VO-TECH COOK-OFF CHALLENGE DRAWING

- A. Executive Director Donnadio noted that the following counties would receive automatic bids to compete in 2024: Cumberland County as the People's Choice Champion in 2023; Hunterdon County as the home County of NJAC's President in 2024; and, Atlantic, Essex, Gloucester, Mercer, and Union counties as they did not compete in 2023.
- B. (10) schools from Bergen, Burlington, Cape May, Camden, Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Passaic, and Somerset counties submitted for their schools to compete for (4) positions with President Van Doren randomly drawing Camden, Hudson, Monmouth, and Ocean counties. The remaining schools will receive automatic bids in 2025.

9. CONGRATULATIONS FROM HUNTERDON COUNTY

- A. U.S. Representative Tom Kean, Jr. congratulated President Van Doren for his leadership, public service, and commitment to good government and wished him the best of luck.

10. ADJOURNMENT TO THE MASONIC TEMPLE

- A. Reverend Nathan Tuckey performed the Benediction.
- B. President Van Doren adjourned the meeting for lunch at the Historic Trenton Masonic Temple.