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RECORDING OF FREEHOLDER BOARD MEETINGS Summary 2015

The following table and footnotes summarize the data collected concerning how boards of chosen freeholders across the State record public meeting and prepare meeting minutes.

| | Transcription | Audio | Video | You | County | Public |
|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| County | Service ¹ | Recordings ² | Recordings ² | Tube ³ | Website ³ | TV ⁴ |
| Atlantic | No | TBD ⁵ | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Bergen ⁶ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Burlington | No | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Cape May | No | Yes | No | No | Written Minutes | No |
| Cumberland | No | Work Sessions | Regular Meetings | No | Yes | Yes |
| Essex | TBD | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Hudson | Yes | No | No | No | No | No |
| Hunterdon | No | Yes | No | No | No | No |
| Mercer | No | Yes | No | No | No | No |
| Monmouth | No | Yes | No | No | Yes | No |
| Morris | No | Yes | No | No | Yes | No |
| Ocean | No | Yes | No | No | No | No |
| Salem | No | Yes | No | No | No | No |
| Somerset | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| Union ⁷ | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| Warren | No | Yes | No | No | Written Minutes | No |

FOOTNOTES

- 1. The answers provided in this column respond to the question presented on whether your county uses a transcribing service to record and prepare meeting minutes for public meetings.
- 2. The answers provided in these columns respond to the question presented on whether your county records its public meetings by audio or video.
- 3. The answers provided in these columns respond to the question presented on whether your county posts its audio or video recordings of public meetings on You Tube or the County's website.
- 4. The answers provided in this column respond to the question presented on whether your county airs recordings of its public meetings on local public access channels.
- 5. TBD means "to be determined" and NJAC will follow up for these answers.
- 6. Bergen County employs a full-time stenographer/transcriptionist on staff to transcribe all freeholder work sessions, public meetings, budget meetings and all other special meetings. The stenographer/transcriptionist prepares paper/electronic minutes maintained by the board of chosen freeholders.
- 7. Union County uses a transcribing service to record its solid waste ordinances.

