



## Meeting Minutes Board of Chosen Freeholders

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Friday, January 2, 2015

3:00 PM

Middlesex County College

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### Reorganization

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Reorganization meeting of the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders was called to order on January 2, 2015 at 3 pm by Margaret E. Pemberton, Clerk of the Board. The meeting was held in the Performing Arts Center of Middlesex County College, Edison, New Jersey. Clerk Pemberton announced the notice of this meeting, pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act" NJSA 10: 4-10 has been complied with and shall be entered into the minutes of this meeting.

Newly elected Freeholder Carol Barrett Bellante was escorted onto the stage by Freeholders Kenneth Armwood, Charles Kenny, H. James Polos, Ronald G. Rios and Blanquita B. Valenti. Unfortunately Freeholder Charles Tomaro was unable to be in attendance as he is recuperating from a fall.

Clerk Pemberton introduced the Honor Guard of the Middlesex County Sheriff's Office and the Middlesex County Office of Corrections and Youth Services, joined by the Middlesex County Police and Fire Pipes & Drums.

Clerk Pemberton introduced U.S. Coast Guard Veteran Nicholas Grego, Treasurer of the Middlesex County College Veterans and Service Members Association, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Emina Drazanin, a Senior at the Middlesex County Academy for Allied Health and Biomedical Sciences, sang the Star Spangled Banner. Rev. Kristen C. Foley, Vicar-in-Charge of St James' Episcopal Church in Edison, offered the Invocation.

Clerk Pemberton called upon County Clerk Elaine M. Flynn to certify the election of the Freeholders.

Clerk Pemberton called Freeholder-Elect Carol Barrett Bellante of South Brunswick Township forward for the Administration of the Oath of Office. The Honorable Christopher D. Rafano, Judge of the Superior Court administered the Oath. Holding her Father's Bible for Freeholder-Elect Barrett Bellante were Jim White and their grandchildren Katherine, Patrick and Colin.

Freeholder Barrett Bellante offered her remarks at this time and joined the other Freeholders at the dais.

In the absence of Freeholder Charles Tomaro, Clerk Pemberton read the following statement:

"By now I am sure many of you know why I am unable to be at today's Reorganization meeting. As this is being ready, I am at my second day of physical therapy recuperating after surgery required by a fall last week. I am overwhelmed at the number of get well messages I have received and the love and support of my wife, Maria, children and extended family and friends have made this difficult time more bearable. It would also have helped if the Giants won last week, but as we know that didn't happen. The Oath of Office will be administered to me this evening by Edison Mayor Thomas Lankey. I look forward to resuming my regular schedule as soon as possible. In closing, I wish everyone a happy and health new year and thank you all for your concern and good wishes."

Clerk Pemberton called the roll for the meeting. Freeholder Kenneth Armwood, Freeholder Carol Barrett Bellante, Freeholder Charles Kenny, Freeholder H. James Polos, Freeholder Ronald G. Rios and Freeholder Blanquita B. Valenti were present. Freeholder Charles Tomaro was absent.

Clerk Pemberton opened the floor for nominations for Freeholder Director. Freeholder Valenti placed the name of Freeholder Ronald G. Rios in nomination. Freeholder Barrett Bellante seconded the nomination. No further nominations were made. Clerk Pemberton declared the nominations closed.

Clerk Pemberton called the roll for nomination of Freeholder Ronald G. Rios as Freeholder Director for Year 2015. Freeholders Armwood, Barrett Bellante, Kenny, Polos, Rios and Valenti voted Aye. Motion carried.

Clerk Pemberton asked the Honorable Christopher D. Rafano, Judge of the Superior Court, to administer the Oath of Office to Freeholder Director-Elect Rios. Holding the Bible for Freeholder Director-Elect Rios was his wife Micki.

Freeholder Director Rios gave the following address (see attached).

A motion was offered by Freeholder Polos and seconded by Freeholder Valenti to spread the Director's Message upon the Minutes of this meeting. On voice vote, all Freeholders voted Aye. Motion carried.

Freeholder Director Rios opened the floor for nominations for Deputy Director. Freeholder Armwood placed the name of Freeholder Carol Barrett

Bellante in nomination. Freeholder Kenny seconded the nomination. No further nominations were made. Director Rios declared the nominations closed.

Director Rios asked Clerk Pemberton to call the roll for election of Freeholder Carol Barrett Bellante as Freeholder Deputy Director for Year 2015. Freeholders Armwood, Barrett Bellante, Kenny, Polos, Valenti and Rios voted Aye. Motion carried.

The Honorable Christopher D. Rafano, Judge of the Superior Court, administered the Oath of Office to Freeholder Deputy Director-Elect Barrett Bellante. Holding her Father's Bible for Freeholder Deputy Director-Elect Barrett Bellante were Jim White and their grandchildren Katherine, Patrick and Colin.

Freeholder Director Rios opened the floor to the public for discussion of resolutions listed on the Agenda. Comments were made by Charles Kratovil of New Brunswick. A motion was offered by Freeholder Armwood and seconded by Freeholder Barrett Bellante to close the public portion. On voice vote, all Freeholders voted Aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Freeholder Barrett Bellante and seconded by Freeholder Valenti to adopt the consent agenda consisting of Resolution Nos. 15-01 through 15-46. On roll call, Freeholders Armwood, Barrett Bellante, Kenny, Polos, Valenti and Rios voted Aye. Motion carried.

Freeholder Director Rios asked Clerk Pemberton to read the appointments of Freeholders to Committees, as follows:

**Administration Committee**

Carol Barrett Bellante, Chairperson  
Charles E. Tomaro, Member

**Finance Committee**

Charles Kenny, Chairperson  
Kenneth Armwood, Member

**Infrastructure Management Committee**

Charles E. Tomaro, Chairperson  
Charles Kenny, Member

**Community Services Committee**

Blanquita B. Valenti, Chairperson  
H. James Polos, Member

### Public Safety & Health Committee

H. James Polos, Chairperson  
Carol Barrett Bellante, Member

### Business Development & Education Committee

Kenneth Armwood, Chairperson  
Blanquita B. Valenti, Member

Director Rios announced that a reception will follow this meeting in the dining area of this building, sponsored by the Middlesex County Democratic Organization.

Director Rios introduced Rev. Kristen C. Foley, Vicar-in-Charge of St. James' Episcopal Church in Edison, for the Benediction.

Director Rios recognized the Middlesex County Police and Fire Pipes & Drums as they played during departure.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Freeholder Barrett Bellante and seconded by Freeholder Valenti. On voice vote all Freeholders voted Aye. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Submitted by,

Margaret E. Pemberton, Clerk  
Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Charles Kenny	Freeholder	Present	
Kenneth Armwood	Freeholder	Present	
Carol Barrett Bellante	Freeholder	Present	
H. James Polos	Freeholder	Present	
Charles E. Tomaro	Freeholder	Absent	
Blanquita B. Valenti	Freeholder	Present	
Ronald G. Rios	Freeholder Director	Present	

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**BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Carol Bellante, Freeholder
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Blanquita B. Valenti, Freeholder
<b>AYES:</b>	Charles Kenny, Kenneth Armwood, Carol Bellante, H. James Polos, Blanquita B. Valenti, Ronald G. Rios
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Charles E. Tomaro

- 15-1-R** Adopt Roberts Rules of Order  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-2-R** Adopt the Temporary Operating Budget for the Year 2015  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-3-R** Authorize County Chief Financial Officer to Issue Manual Checks to Various Departments and Agencies  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-4-R** Re-Establish Petty Cash Funds Previously Established by the Board of Chosen Freeholders and Approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for the Year 2015  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-5-R** Authorization to Expend Funds through March 2015 - from the 2015 Temporary Operating Budget - Certain State Agencies and Autonomous Agencies  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-6-R** Adopt Uniform Claims Procedure for the County of Middlesex for 2015  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-7-R** Adopt Resolution Fixing Time and Date of Freeholders' Meetings for 2015  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-8-R** Adopt Procedures in Accordance with the Sunshine Law Regarding Regular Public Meetings and Agenda Conference Meetings, per N.J.S.A. 10:4-18.  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-9-R** Adopt Administrative Code of the County of Middlesex for 2015  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-10-R** Designate the Home News Tribune, East Brunswick as the Official Newspaper for the County of Middlesex for 2015; Designate the Star Ledger, the Sentinel, Middlesex Chronicle, the Central Post, P.D. Review, the Reporter, Metuchen-Edison Review, the Recorder, the Suburban and La Tribuna as Alternate Official Newspapers  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-11-R** Authorization to Honor All Warrants Bearing the Signature of the County Treasurer for 2015.  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-12-R** Authorize County Treasurer to Issue Salary Checks to All County Officers and Employees for 2015

- Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-13-R** Authorize Adoption of Cash Management Plan and Cash Management Policy for Middlesex County for 2015; Designate Various Official Depositories  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-14-R** Adopt Salary Schedule for General Payroll for 2015  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-15-R** Authorize Treasurer to Pay All Properly Audited Bills and Hourly Payrolls for 2015  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-16-R** Adopt the Human Resource Policy of the County of Middlesex for 2015  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-17-R** Adopt 2015 Salary Guide for Career Service Employees  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-18-R** Designation for Dennis J. Cerami as Certifying Agent for PERS, and the New Jersey Civil Service Commission Matters and Giuseppe Pruiti, Chief Financial Officer as the Alternate for 2015  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-19-R** Appoint Freeholder Ronald G. Rios as Ex-Officio, Non-Voting Member of the Middlesex County Improvement Authority for 2015  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-20-R** Appoint Freeholder Carol Barrett Bellante as Freeholder Liaison to Middlesex County Improvement Authority for 2015  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-21-R** Appoint Freeholder Carol Barrett Bellante to as Freeholder Liaison to the Middlesex County Utilities Authority for 2015  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-22-R** Appoint Freeholder H. James Polos and Freeholder Blanquita B. Valenti to the Board of Social Services for 2015  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-23-R** Appoint Freeholder Charles E. Tomaro as the County Representative to Keep Middlesex Moving, Inc. For Term Commencing January 1, 2015 and Terminating December 31, 2015  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-24-R** Appoint Freeholder Ronald G. Rios, Freeholder Charles Kenny, and Freeholder Kenneth Armwood to the Middlesex County College Board of School Estimate for a Term Commencing January 1, 2015 and Terminating December 31, 2015  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-25-R** Appoint Freeholder Ronald G. Rios, Freeholder Charles Kenny, and Freeholder Kenneth Armwood to the Middlesex County Vocational and Technical High School Board of School Estimate for a Term Commencing January 1, 2015 and Terminating December 31, 2015  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-26-R** Appoint Freeholder Charles E. Tomaro and Reappoint George Ververides as Alternate Designee to the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc. For a Term Commencing January 1, 2015 and Terminating December 31, 2015

- Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-27-R** Appointment of Freeholder Ronald G. Rios and Freeholder Charles E. Tomaro to the Middlesex County Planning Board for a Term Commencing January 1, 2015 and Terminating December 31, 2015  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-28-R** Appointment of the 2015 Middlesex County Transportation Coordinating Committee (T.C.C.) For a Term Expiring December 31, 2015  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-29-R** Reappoint Matthew Vaughn of South River as a Member of the Middlesex County Planning Board for a Term Commencing January 1, 2015 and Terminating December 31, 2017. Reappoint Eric Wong as an Alternate Member for a Term Commencing January 1, 2014 and Terminating December 31, 2016  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-30-R** Appoint Freeholder Charles E. Tomaro and Reappoint George Ververides, County Planner to the South Central Middlesex County Flood Control Commission for a Term Commencing January 1, 2015 and Terminating December 31, 2015  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-31-R** Appointment of Members to the Middlesex County Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) for a Term Terminating December 31, 2015  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-32-R** Reappoint Jerome Convery of Old Bridge and Joseph Juliano of Sayreville to the Middlesex County Utilities Authority for a Term Commencing February 1, 2015 and Terminating January 31, 2020  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-33-R** Reappoint Julia Keller of Perth Amboy to the Middlesex County Board of Social Services for a term commencing January 1, 2015 and terminating on December 31, 2019  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-34-R** Appoint Freeholder Blanquita B. Valenti as Voting Member and Freeholder Ronald G. Rios as Alternate Member to the New Jersey Association of Counties for a Term Commencing January 1, 2015 and Terminating December 31, 2015  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-35-R** Authorize John Pulomena and Carl Spataro to Act as Signatories on Disclosure Statements Required for Various Real Estate Matters  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-36-R** Authorize County Counsel to Execute Any and All Documents, as Required for the Transfer of Property Seized or Forfeited by the Middlesex County Prosecutor  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-37-R** Authorize County Counsel to Execute Workers Compensation Lien Releases on Behalf of the County of Middlesex  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-38-R** Authorize Execution of Employment Contract with Kelso & Bradshaw for Provision of Legal Services from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios

- 15-39-R** Accept the Proposal of Florio Perrucci Steinhardt & Fader, LLC to Provide Professional Legal Services for Special Civil Environmental Prosecutor as Required by the County of Middlesex in 2015  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-40-R** Authorize Execution of a Legal Services Agreement with John F. Kwasnik, Esq., MEZZACCA & KWASNIK, LLC to Provide Professional Legal Services for Special Assistant County Counsel Required by Middlesex County in 2015  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-41-R** Accept the Proposal of Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas, LLP for Professional Legal Services for Workers' Compensation Counsel Required by the Middlesex County Self-Insurance Fund for 2015  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-42-R** Accept the Proposal of Hodulik & Morrison, PA in the Total Amount of \$163,200.00 For Professional Services to Conduct the 2015 County Audits Required by the Middlesex County Department of Finance  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-43-R** Accept the Proposal of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer for Professional Legal Services for Bond Counsel, and Authorize Execution of the Agreement, if Required  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-44-R** Reappoint Freeholder Carol Barrett Bellante, James Campbell of New Brunswick, Antonio Abano of Piscataway and Giuseppe Pruiti, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer and Appoint Richard Lear, Department Head of Infrastructure Management and Laura Kuehner of Dayton to the Open Space Advisory Committee for a Term Commencing January 1, 2015 and Terminating December 31, 2015  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-45-R** Reappoint Job Gash of the Middlesex County Improvement Authority as a Commissioner Effective January 1, 2015 and Terminating on December 31, 2016; Appoint Elizabeth Black, Risk Manager as Secretary to the Middlesex County Insurance Commission.  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
- 15-46-R** Reappoint Richard Wallner as County Engineer for a Term Commencing January 1, 2015 and Ending December 31, 2017  
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios

**Submitted by,**

**AMY R. NAPLES, Clerk  
Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders**