



Meeting Minutes Board of Chosen Freeholders

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

6:00 PM

Middlesex County College

Reorganization

CALL TO ORDER

The Reorganization meeting of the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders was called to order on January 4, 2017 at 6 pm by Amy R. Petrocelli, Clerk of the Board. The meeting was held in the Performing Arts Center of Middlesex County College, Edison, New Jersey. Clerk Petrocelli 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 Freeholders Kenneth Armwood, Charles Kenny and Blanquita Valenti escorted onto the stage by Freeholders Carol Bellante, Shanti Narra, Ronald Rios and Charles Tomaro.

Clerk Petrocelli 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 Petrocelli introduced George Lisicki, former National Commander of the Veterans of Foreign wars, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Charles Richardson sang the Star Spangled Banner. Rev. Jimson Varghese, Pastor of Church of the Visitation in New Brunswick offered the Invocation.

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

Clerk Petrocelli called Freeholder-Elect Kenneth Armwood of the Township of Piscataway to be sworn in as a member of the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders. The Honorable Phillip Lewis Paley, Judge of the Superior Court-Civil Division administered the Oath. Holding the Bible for Freeholder-Elect Armwood were Dr. Maria Rodriguez and Adriel Rodriguez.

Freeholder Armwood offered his remarks at this time and joined the other Freeholders at the dais.

Clerk Petrocelli called Freeholder-Elect Charles Kenny of the Township of Woodbridge to be sworn in as a member of the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders. The Honorable Debroah J. Venezia, Judge of the

Superior Court- Family Division, administered the Oath. Holding the Bible for the Freeholder-Elect Kenny was his wife Darlene and daughters Alyssa and Jessica.

Freeholder Kenny offered his remarks at this time and joined the other Freeholders at the dais.

Clerk Petrocelli called Freeholder-Elect Blanquita Valenti of the City of New Brunswick to be sworn in as a member of the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders. The Honorable Elaine M. Flynn, Middlesex County Clerk administered the Oath. Holding the Bible for the Freeholder-Elect Valenti was her grandson Ryan Hanigan.

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

Clerk Petrocelli called Sheriff-Elect Mildred Scott of the Township of Piscataway to be sworn in as Middlesex County Sheriff. The Honorable James Florio, former Governor of the State of New Jersey, administered the Oath. Holding the Bible for the Sheriff-Elect Scott was her husband Richard and children Dr. Chanelle McCullum, Cheryl Scott and Ivan Scott.

Sheriff Scott offered her remarks at this time.

Clerk Petrocelli called the roll for the meeting. Freeholder Kenneth Armwood, Freeholder Carol Bellante, Freeholder Charles Kenny, Freeholder Shanti Narra, Freeholder Ronald G. Rios , Freeholder Charles E. Tomaro and Freeholder Blanquita B. Valenti were present.

Clerk Petrocelli opened the floor for nominations for Freeholder Director. Freeholder Tomaro placed the name of Freeholder Ronald G. Rios in nomination. Freeholder Armwood seconded the nomination. No further nominations were made. Clerk Petrocelli declared the nominations closed.

Clerk Petrocelli called the roll for nomination of Freeholder Ronald G. Rios as Freeholder Director for Year 2017. Freeholders Armwood, Bellante, Kenny, Narra, Rios, Tomaro and Valenti voted Aye. Motion carried.

Clerk Petrocelli asked the Honorable Joseph Vitale, Senator from the 19th Legislative District of New Jersey, 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 delivered his annual message.

A motion was offered by Freeholder Narra 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 Valenti placed the name of Freeholder Carol Bellante in nomination. Freeholder Kenny seconded the nomination. No further nominations were made. Director Rios declared the nominations closed.

Director Rios asked Clerk Petrocelli to call the roll for election of Freeholder Carol Bellante as Freeholder Deputy Director for Year 2017. Freeholders Armwood, Bellante, Kenny, Narra, Tomaro, Valenti and Director Rios voted Aye. Motion carried.

The Honorable Todd Mayo, Former Chief Municipal Judge and Former Judge of Workers' Compensation, administered the Oath of Office to Freeholder Deputy Director-Elect Bellante. Holding the Bible for Freeholder Deputy Director-Elect Bellante was her son Charles Barrett.

Freeholder Director Rios opened the floor to the public for discussion of resolutions listed on the Agenda. No comments were offered. A motion was offered by Freeholder Bellante and seconded by Freeholder Valenti to close the public portion. On voice vote, all Freeholders voted Aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Freeholder Bellante and seconded by Freeholder Valenti to adopt the consent agenda consisting of Resolution Nos. 17-01 through 17-19. On roll call, Freeholders Armwood, Bellante, Kenny, Narra, Tomaro, Rios and Valenti voted Aye. Motion carried.

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

Administration Committee

Carol 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

Shanti Narra, Member

Public Safety & Health Committee

Shanti Narra, Chairperson

Carol 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 welcomed back Rev. Lisa Bansavage For the Benediction.

Director Rios welcomed the Middlesex County Police & Fire Pipes and Drums who played as they departed.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Freeholder Tomaro and seconded by Freeholder Armwood. On voice vote all Freeholders voted Aye. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Kenneth Armwood	Freeholder	Present	
Carol Bellante	Freeholder	Present	
Charles Kenny	Freeholder	Present	
Shanti Narra	Freeholder	Present	
Charles E. Tomaro	Freeholder	Present	
Blanquita B. Valenti	Freeholder	Present	
Ronald G. Rios	Freeholder Director	Present	

BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

17-1-R Authorize Treasurer To Pay All Properly Audited Bills And Properly Audited Payrolls And Authorize Line Item And Sub-Line Item Transfers

Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Carol Bellante, Freeholder
SECONDER:	Blanquita B. Valenti, Freeholder
AYES:	Kenneth Armwood, Carol Bellante, Charles Kenny, Shanti Narra, Charles E. Tomaro, Blanquita B. Valenti, Ronald G. Rios

17-2-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

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Carol Bellante, Freeholder
SECONDER: Blanquita B. Valenti, Freeholder
AYES: Kenneth Armwood, Carol Bellante, Charles Kenny, Shanti Narra, Charles E. Tomaro, Blanquita B. Valenti, Ronald G. Rios

- 17-3-R** Adopt Administrative Code Of The County Of Middlesex For 2017
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Carol Bellante, Freeholder
SECONDER: Blanquita B. Valenti, Freeholder
AYES: Kenneth Armwood, Carol Bellante, Charles Kenny, Shanti Narra, Charles E. Tomaro, Blanquita B. Valenti, Ronald G. Rios

- 17-4-R** Adopt Uniform Claims Procedure For The County Of Middlesex For 2017
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Carol Bellante, Freeholder
SECONDER: Blanquita B. Valenti, Freeholder
AYES: Kenneth Armwood, Carol Bellante, Charles Kenny, Shanti Narra, Charles E. Tomaro, Blanquita B. Valenti, Ronald G. Rios

- 17-5-R** Adopt The Human Resources Policy Of The County Of Middlesex For 2017
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Carol Bellante, Freeholder
SECONDER: Blanquita B. Valenti, Freeholder
AYES: Kenneth Armwood, Carol Bellante, Charles Kenny, Shanti Narra, Charles E. Tomaro, Blanquita B. Valenti, Ronald G. Rios

- 17-6-R** Adopt 2017 Salary Guide For Career Service Employees
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Carol Bellante, Freeholder
SECONDER: Blanquita B. Valenti, Freeholder
AYES: Kenneth Armwood, Carol Bellante, Charles Kenny, Shanti Narra, Charles E. Tomaro, Blanquita B. Valenti, Ronald G. Rios

- 17-7-R** Designate 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 2017
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Carol Bellante, Freeholder
SECONDER: Blanquita B. Valenti, Freeholder
AYES: Kenneth Armwood, Carol Bellante, Charles Kenny, Shanti Narra, Charles E. Tomaro, Blanquita B. Valenti, Ronald G. Rios

- 17-8-R** Adopt Salary Schedule For General Payroll For 2017
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Carol Bellante, Freeholder
SECONDER: Blanquita B. Valenti, Freeholder
AYES: Kenneth Armwood, Carol Bellante, Charles Kenny, Shanti Narra, Charles E. Tomaro, Blanquita B. Valenti, Ronald G. Rios

- 17-9-R** Authorization To Expend Funds Through March 2017 From The 2017 Temporary Operating Budget - Certain State Agencies And Autonomous Agencies
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Carol Bellante, Freeholder
SECONDER: Blanquita B. Valenti, Freeholder
AYES: Kenneth Armwood, Carol Bellante, Charles Kenny, Shanti Narra, Charles E. Tomaro, Blanquita B. Valenti, Ronald G. Rios

- 17-10-R** Authorization To Honor All Warrants Bearing The Signature Of The County Treasurer For 2017
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Carol Bellante, Freeholder
SECONDER: Blanquita B. Valenti, Freeholder
AYES: Kenneth Armwood, Carol Bellante, Charles Kenny, Shanti Narra, Charles E. Tomaro, Blanquita B. Valenti, Ronald G. Rios

- 17-11-R** Authorize Adoption Of Cash Management Plan And Cash Management Policy For Middlesex County For 2017; Designate Various Official Depositories
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Carol Bellante, Freeholder
SECONDER: Blanquita B. Valenti, Freeholder
AYES: Kenneth Armwood, Carol Bellante, Charles Kenny, Shanti Narra, Charles E. Tomaro, Blanquita B. Valenti, Ronald G. Rios

- 17-12-R** Authorize Treasurer To Pay All Properly Audited Bills And Hourly Payrolls For 2017
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Carol Bellante, Freeholder
SECONDER: Blanquita B. Valenti, Freeholder
AYES: Kenneth Armwood, Carol Bellante, Charles Kenny, Shanti Narra, Charles E. Tomaro, Blanquita B. Valenti, Ronald G. Rios

- 17-13-R** Authorize County Treasurer To Issue Salary Checks To All County Officers And Employees For 2017
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Carol Bellante, Freeholder
SECONDER: Blanquita B. Valenti, Freeholder
AYES: Kenneth Armwood, Carol Bellante, Charles Kenny, Shanti Narra, Charles E. Tomaro, Blanquita B. Valenti, Ronald G. Rios

- 17-14-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 And Authorize Various Updates For The Year 2017
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Carol Bellante, Freeholder
SECONDER: Blanquita B. Valenti, Freeholder
AYES: Kenneth Armwood, Carol Bellante, Charles Kenny, Shanti Narra, Charles E. Tomaro, Blanquita B. Valenti, Ronald G. Rios

- 17-15-R** Adopt The Temporary Operating Budget For The Year 2017
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Carol Bellante, Freeholder
SECONDER: Blanquita B. Valenti, Freeholder
AYES: Kenneth Armwood, Carol Bellante, Charles Kenny, Shanti Narra, Charles E. Tomaro, Blanquita B. Valenti, Ronald G. Rios

- 17-16-R** Adopt The Roberts Rules Of Order
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Carol Bellante, Freeholder
SECONDER: Blanquita B. Valenti, Freeholder
AYES: Kenneth Armwood, Carol Bellante, Charles Kenny, Shanti Narra, Charles E. Tomaro, Blanquita B. Valenti, Ronald G. Rios

- 17-17-R** Adopt Resolution Fixing Time And Date Of Freeholders' Meetings for 2017
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Carol Bellante, Freeholder
SECONDER: Blanquita B. Valenti, Freeholder
AYES: Kenneth Armwood, Carol Bellante, Charles Kenny, Shanti Narra, Charles E. Tomaro, Blanquita B. Valenti, Ronald G. Rios

17-18-R Adopt Procedures Regarding The Schedule Of Regular Meetings In Accordance With N.J.S.A. 10:4-18
Sponsor: Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Carol Bellante, Freeholder
SECONDER: Blanquita B. Valenti, Freeholder
AYES: Kenneth Armwood, Carol Bellante, Charles Kenny, Shanti Narra, Charles E. Tomaro, Blanquita B. Valenti, Ronald G. Rios

17-19-R Designate The Home News Tribune, East Brunswick As The Official Newspaper For The County Of Middlesex For 2017; 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

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Carol Bellante, Freeholder
SECONDER: Blanquita B. Valenti, Freeholder
AYES: Kenneth Armwood, Carol Bellante, Charles Kenny, Shanti Narra, Charles E. Tomaro, Blanquita B. Valenti, Ronald G. Rios

Submitted by,

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