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BERGEN COUNTY  
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY  
WORK SESSION REORGANIZATION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2016  
COMMENCING AT 1:11 P.M.

FREEHOLDERS PRESENT:

- STEVEN A. TANELLI, CHAIRMAN
- TRACY S. ZUR, VICE CHAIRWOMAN
- JOHN A. FELICE, CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE
- DR. JOAN M. VOSS
- THOMAS J. SULLIVAN
- MAURA R. DeNICOLA

FREEHOLDERS ABSENT:

- DAVID L. GANZ

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ALSO PRESENT:

LISA SCIANCALEPORE  
CLERK TO THE BOARD

LARA RODRIGUEZ  
DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD

DIANE GUMBLE  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

EDWARD J. FLORIO, ESQ.  
COUNSEL TO THE BOARD

DR. DOMINIC J. NOVELLI  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

JAMES J. TEDESCO, III  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

MICHELE DiIORGI  
CHIEF OF STAFF

ASSEMBLYMAN JOSEPH A. LAGANA

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MARLENE CARIDE

JARED LAUTZ  
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & POLICY

JOHN DANUBIO  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF POLICY & RESEARCH

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1 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Please take your  
2 seats.

3 Good afternoon. My name is Lisa  
4 Sciancalepore. I am the Clerk to the Board of  
5 Freeholders and Acting Chair for this Reorganization  
6 Meeting for 2016.

7 At this time, please silence your  
8 cellphones, if you can, for the duration of the  
9 meeting.

10 1. Reading of the Open Public Meetings Act

11 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: I will now read the  
12 Byron Baer Open Public Meetings Act.

13 In accordance with Section 5 of the  
14 Sen. Byron Baer Open Public Meetings Act, adequate  
15 notice of this meeting has been provided in the  
16 Annual Notice Schedule, which contained the time,  
17 date, and location of this meeting, copies of which  
18 Notices were forwarded to the official County  
19 newspapers, to wit: The Herald News; The Record; and  
20 the Star Ledger, and a copy of which was posted on  
21 the bulletin board in the Bergen County Justice  
22 Center and Administration Building, One Bergen County  
23 Plaza, Hackensack, New Jersey, and filed with the  
24 Office of the Bergen County Clerk.

25 2. Attendance - Roll Call

1 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: I will now take the  
2 roll call alphabetically.

3 (At this point in the proceeding roll  
4 call is taken with Freeholders DeNicola, Felice,  
5 Sullivan, Tanelli, Voss, and Zur present, with  
6 Freeholder Ganz absent.)

7 3. Pledge of Allegiance

8 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Would you please  
9 rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, which,  
10 at the request of Freeholder Tanelli, who would you  
11 like to start the Pledge?

12 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: County Executive.

13 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: That's a  
14 good choice.

15 (Laughter.)

16 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Ladies and  
17 gentlemen, please join me in honoring America.

18 (At this point in the proceeding all  
19 rise for a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance,  
20 led by County Executive Tedesco.)

21 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: The good thing is  
22 Tom is always going to remind me of every kink in the  
23 armor.

24 FREEHOLDER FELICE: That's what friends  
25 are for.

1 4. Remarks by County Executive James J. Tedesco, III

2 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: I would now invite  
3 our Bergen County Executive, James Tedesco, to say a  
4 few words, if you'd like, to open the meeting.

5 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Thank you.

6 Happy New Year to everybody. It's  
7 wonderful to see a broad array of people joining us  
8 today for the Work Session, the first Work Session of  
9 2016.

10 To my colleagues at the table and my  
11 partners on the fifth floor, Happy New Year. And, as  
12 I said at the Sine Die, I look forward to continuing  
13 the good work that we did in 2015 to 2016, and to  
14 work with you. This is about partnership, about  
15 collaboration, and about doing good things for the  
16 people of Bergen County. That's why we were all  
17 elected, that's why we're all sitting here. It's my  
18 intent to continue to work with you and accomplish  
19 the things that the people of Bergen County want us  
20 to accomplish. There are many. And my State of the  
21 County Address will certainly outline some.

22 We're going to face some big challenges  
23 as we go forward.

24 In the beginning of the year, the  
25 budget is going to be a very challenging budget, but

1 I know when we sit down and we work together and we  
2 prioritize what you believe the people of Bergen  
3 County want as services to be delivered, we'll be  
4 able to accomplish that.

5 So, to end, thank you for everything  
6 that you do for the people of Bergen County. Thank  
7 you to this Board. I look forward to its new year,  
8 its new Vice Chair, and to a very prosperous and  
9 "healthy," and I put healthy in quotes, new year.

10 Myself, my Administrator, and my Chief  
11 of Staff all last year at some parts of the year  
12 experienced a hospital stay and some difficult time.  
13 I know many of us had health issues or family had  
14 health issues, and certainly we're looking for 2016  
15 to be a better year for all of us. So thank you for  
16 allowing me this opportunity.

17 FREEHOLDER ZUR: Thank you.

18 5. Remarks by Assemblyman Joseph A. Lagana

19 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: I would now like to  
20 call up Assemblyman Joseph A. Lagana to say a few  
21 words.

22 ASSEMBLYMAN LAGANA: Thank you, all.

23 I also want to offer my  
24 congratulations, first to Steve and to Tracy and to  
25 Tom, who I had the pleasure of knocking on many a

1 door with them over the summertime into the fall.  
2 And, you know, I knew them beforehand too, so it was  
3 great to be out there with friends, speaking to  
4 people and listening to what the concerns are. And  
5 with your reelection, I know that you'll address all  
6 of the issues that we heard out on the trail that  
7 will translate into good policy here at the county.

8 I want to wish everybody a Happy New  
9 Year. I want to congratulate Steve on being in the  
10 "big boy chair" now. And, Tracy, also, you know, for  
11 being Vice Chair. To Jimmy, who I've known now for  
12 more than a handful of years, and we have gotten to  
13 work together, and he's done an outstanding job here  
14 at the county. You all do great work, and it's nice  
15 to see a group of strong people who want to do good  
16 for the people of Bergen County.

17 You know, we attend many reorgs and  
18 some of them are joyful, and some of them things get  
19 thrown at each other, people throw things at each  
20 other, but it's nice to be here in the county, the  
21 most populous, the biggest county in the State of New  
22 Jersey.

23 On the state level, we know there are  
24 some things in the works now, hopefully happens, that  
25 will definitely affect positively Bergen County, and

1 we're doing our best, along with Assemblywoman  
2 Marlene Caride, who's here. So we're hoping that  
3 happens, and the people of Bergen County will  
4 definitely benefit from that.

5 So thank you, again, for allowing me to  
6 speak. And thank you, Steve, for allowing me to  
7 swear you in. It's a great honor. I consider you to  
8 be a close friend of mine, and I appreciate that.

9 Thank you.

10 6. Swearing-in of Freeholder-elect Steven A. Tanelli

11 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: I now invite  
12 Freeholder-Elect Steven A. Tanelli and his aide, Paul  
13 Park, will be holding the bible.

14 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Marlene.

15 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Marlene? Okay.  
16 Sorry, my mistake.

17 (At this point in the proceeding the  
18 Oath of Office is administered to Freeholder-Elect  
19 Steven A. Tanelli.)

20 (Applause.)

21 7. Remarks by Assemblywoman Marlene Caride

22 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Okay. I would now  
23 like to call up Assemblywoman Marlene Caride to come  
24 forward and say a few words.

25 ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARIDE: Thank you.

1                   Good afternoon, everyone.

2                   To echo the sentiments of Assemblyman  
3 Lagana, I want to wish everyone a happy and healthy  
4 new year.

5                   Coming here is always gratifying to me,  
6 because I am amongst friends, everyone at this table.  
7 It's always a pleasure to be here. There's always an  
8 open door and a welcome.

9                   I know that our district works very  
10 closely with the Freeholders, and we hope to continue  
11 to do so for the new year.

12                  It's a pleasure for me to be here for  
13 Tracy. When I first met Tracy, she was sitting on  
14 the bench with a robe and I was a defense attorney,  
15 so a different perspective. But it's great to see  
16 her career, how it's gone from being a judge, to  
17 being a Prosecutor, to being here as a Freeholder,  
18 and now hopefully this year as the Vice-Chairwoman.

19                  So, congratulations, and it's a  
20 pleasure for me to be here. Again, I wish all of you  
21 a happy and a healthy year, and I look forward to our  
22 continued success working together.

23                  To my friend, Jim, it's been a little  
24 bit of a tough year for you health-wise, but it's a  
25 new year and a new chapter in everyone's life, and

1 it's going to be a wonderful 2016.

2                   Congratulations, everyone.

3                   (Applause.)

4 8. Swearing in of Freeholder-elect Tracy Silna Zur

5                   MS. SCIANCALEPORE: At this time I'd  
6 like to call up Freeholder-elect Tracy Zur, and  
7 holding the bible for her will be her husband, Bobby  
8 Zur.

9                   (At this point in the proceeding the  
10 Oath of Office is administered to Freeholder-Elect  
11 Tracy Silna Zur.)

12                   (Applause.)

13 9. Swearing in of Freeholder-elect Thomas J.

14 Sullivan

15                   MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Okay. Moving on, I  
16 would like the County Executive to please say a few  
17 words, who will be swearing in Freeholder-elect Tom  
18 Sullivan.

19                   COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: I think I  
20 said enough words.

21                   MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Okay. Well, then  
22 holding the bible for Tom Sullivan will be his wife,  
23 Jody, and County Executive Jim Tedesco will be  
24 swearing him in.

25                   (At this point in the proceeding the

1 Oath of Office is administered to Freeholder-Elect  
2 Thomas J. Sullivan.)

3 (Applause.)

4 10. Nominations for Chairperson

5 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: As Acting Chair, I  
6 hereby open nominations for the Chairperson of the  
7 Board of Chosen Freeholders.

8 FREEHOLDER VOSS: I would like to  
9 nominate Steven Tanelli as the Chairman of the Board.

10 FREEHOLDER ZUR: I second that.

11 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Are there any other  
12 nominations?

13 (No response.)

14 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: May I have a motion  
15 to close the nominations?

16 FREEHOLDER FELICE: So moved.

17 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

18 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: All in favor say  
19 "aye."

20 (Chorus of ayes.)

21 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: In my opinion, the  
24 ayes have it, nominations are now closed.

25 I will now take a roll call to elect

1 Freeholder Steven A. Tanelli as Chairperson of the  
2 Freeholder Board for 2016.

3 (At this point in the proceeding roll  
4 call is taken and the motion is passed by a vote of  
5 six in favor, with Freeholder Ganz absent.)

6 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: The is vote is 6/0,  
7 and the new Chairperson will be Freeholder Tanelli.

8 (Applause.)

9 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: I will now ask  
10 Assemblyman Lagana to come up and swear in  
11 Chairman-elect Steve Tanelli.

12 (At this point in the proceeding the  
13 Oath of Office is administered to Steven A. Tanelli  
14 as Chairperson of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.)

15 (Applause.)

16 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: At this time, it's  
17 my duty to hand over the gavel to our new Chairman.

18 And congratulations, Chairman.

19 (Applause.)

20 11. Nominations for Vice-Chairperson

21 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

22 I would now like to entertain  
23 nominations for Vice-Chairperson of the Board of  
24 Chosen Freeholders.

25 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Chairman, I'd

1 like to make a motion that Tracy Silna Zur be  
2 Vice-Chair of the Bergen County Board of Chosen  
3 Freeholders.

4 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: I'd like to second  
5 that.

6 Are there any other nominations?

7 (No response.)

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: I'd like to have a  
9 motion to close the nominations.

10 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

11 FREEHOLDER FELICE: I'll second that.

12 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please call the  
14 roll.

15 (At this point in the proceeding roll  
16 call is taken and the motion is passed by a vote of  
17 six in favor, with Freeholder Ganz absent.)

18 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: The vote is 6/0,  
19 and the new Vice-Chairwoman will be Freeholder Zur.

20 (Applause.)

21 (At this point in the proceeding the  
22 Oath of Office is administered to Tracy Silna Zur as  
23 Vice-Chairwoman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.)

24 (Applause.)

25 12. Nominations for Chair Pro Tempore

1 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: I'd now like to  
2 entertain nominations for Chairman Pro Tempore.

3 I hereby nominate John Felice.

4 FREEHOLDER VOSS: I second that.

5 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Any other  
6 nominations?

7 (No response.)

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a motion  
9 to close nominations?

10 FREEHOLDER ZUR: So moved.

11 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Call the roll,  
13 please.

14 (At this point in the proceeding roll  
15 call is taken and the motion is passed by a vote of  
16 six in favor, with Freeholder Ganz absent.)

17 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: The vote is 6/0,  
18 and the new Chairman Pro Tempore will be Freeholder  
19 John Felice.

20 (Applause.)

21 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: I ask at this time  
22 that Ed Florio, our Freeholder Counsel, to come  
23 forward to swear in Chair Pro Tempore-elect John  
24 Felice. The bible will be held by me.

25 (At this point in the proceeding the

1 Oath of Office is administered to John A. Felice as  
2 Chairman Pro Tempore of the Board of Chosen  
3 Freeholders.)

4 (Applause.)

5 13. Resolutions

6 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: At this time I would  
7 ask the Clerk to please review the resolutions to be  
8 voted on this afternoon.

9 The list of resolutions can be found at  
10 the Deputy Clerk's desk for public viewing. The  
11 resolutions to be accepted on the Reorganization  
12 Consent Agenda 1 through 7.

13 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: The resolutions are  
14 as follows:

15 #1-16 is a "Resolution authorizing Work  
16 Session and Public Meeting Schedule."

17 #2-16 is a "Resolution authorizing  
18 Official Newspapers of the County of Bergen for the  
19 publication of legal advertisements and notices."

20 #3-16 is a "Resolution appointing  
21 Edward J. Florio, Esquire, as Counsel to the Board of  
22 Chosen Freeholders."

23 #4-16 is a "Resolution adopting the  
24 2016 Bylaws for the Board of Chosen Freeholders."

25 Resolution #5-16 is a "Resolution

1 authorizing 2016 Temporary Budget" for this year.

2 #6-16 is a "Resolution authorizing Cash  
3 Management Plan."

4 And #7-16 is a "Resolution authorizing  
5 appointment of Auditor, awarding contract to  
6 Ferraioli, Wielkocz, Cerullo & Cuva, PA, Certified  
7 Public Accountants, for the 2016 Annual Audit."

8 Motion?

9 MR. FLORIO: We need a motion.

10 FREEHOLDER ZUR: So moved.

11 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Second?

12 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Call the roll.

14 (At this point in the proceeding roll  
15 call is taken and Resolutions #1-16 through #7-16 are  
16 passed by a vote of six in favor, with Freeholder  
17 Ganz absent.)

18 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: There are no  
19 resolutions on Nonconsent, pulled or tabled.

20 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Okay. There's some  
21 committee assignments. I don't know if I have that.

22 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: They should be at  
23 your desk, as well as the calendar. They should be  
24 around the desk, and they also can be found over at  
25 the Deputy Clerk's desk.

1     14. Adjourn

2                     CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All right. This  
3 concludes our Reorganization Work Session.

4                     We'll reconvene at 6:00 p.m. in the  
5 Public Meeting room for the formal ceremony and  
6 Reorganization Meeting.

7                     Before we adjourn, I just want to take  
8 a second, not only to thank Assemblyman Lagana and  
9 Assemblywoman Caride for coming and taking part in  
10 this --

11                    FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Especially  
12 Assemblywoman Caride.

13                    CHAIRMAN TANELLI: She's right. I'm  
14 sorry, Joe.

15                    (Laughter.)

16                    CHAIRMAN TANELLI: I want to thank my  
17 colleagues for having the confidence in me to support  
18 me for the position of the Chairman. I've had the  
19 privilege of having two Chairmen very knowledgeable,  
20 real leaders, in Chairman Ganz and Chairwoman Voss,  
21 to learn from during my time on this Board, and my  
22 comments later will address some of that, reaching  
23 across the aisle and really working, and showing the  
24 federal government and the state government how it's  
25 supposed to be done. And I've said it before, how

1 proud I am to serve with each one of you. I just  
2 want to thank you for the opportunity to sit in the  
3 "big boy chair," as Tom said. We're going to  
4 continue to do the same fine work that Chairman Ganz  
5 and Chairwoman Voss did for the last two years.

6 On the note, I'll take a motion to  
7 adjourn.

8 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: So moved.

9 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

11 (All present Freeholders respond in the  
12 affirmative.)

13 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The meeting is  
14 adjourned.

15 (Whereupon the Reorganization Work  
16 Session is adjourned at 1:37 p.m.)

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