

**Minutes of the Meeting
of the
Bergen County Board of Social Services
January 25, 2018**

PRESENT: William E. Connelly, Jr., Chairperson
Freeholder Tracy S. Zur, Board Member
Freeholder Mary J. Amoroso, Board Member
John E. Ten Hoeve, Jr., Esq., County Adjuster
Elaine K. Meyerson, Board Member
John L. Schettino, Esq., General Counsel
Adina Yacoub, Director
Michele M. Darmochwal, Administrative Secretary

ABSENT: Randi Duffie, Vice-Chairperson
Ritzy A. Morales-Diaz, Secretary Treasurer
Erin N. Delaney, Assistant Secretary Treasurer

A special meeting of the Bergen County Board of Social Services was held on January 25, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. in the 4'th Floor Board Room of the Bergen County Board of Social Services, 218 Route 17 North, Rochelle Park, New Jersey.

PUBLIC SESSION:

John L. Schettino, Esq., General Counsel to the Board, called the meeting to order and read the notice required by the Open Public Meetings Act as follows:

"Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of the meeting scheduled for January 25, 2018 has been provided in the following manner:

1. By a prominent posting of the schedule of meetings for 2018, including a notice of the scheduled time, scheduled date, and location of this meeting at the Bergen County Administrative Building, One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, New Jersey.
2. The mailing of this notice of the time, date, and location of this meeting to "The Record", which was published on January 23, 2018 and to the Herald News, which was published on January 23, 2018.
3. By filing of the notice of the time, date, and location of this meeting with the Bergen County Clerk, said filing having taken place on January 19, 2018.

The notice required by the "Open Public Meeting Act" was read as follows:

"Ladies and Gentlemen, the Bergen County Board of Social Services shall now exclude members of the public from the meeting for the following reason:

1. The Board shall discuss property matters involving individuals who have received assistance from the Bergen County Board of Social Services. The identification of such individuals or their property may result in a violation of their rights to privacy and may result in the loss of public funds by this agency.
2. The Board shall discuss matters which are covered pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b)(1,2,3) involving individuals who have received assistance from the Bergen County Board of Social Services or who have applied for assistance. To disclose the names of such individuals would work an unwarranted invasion of their rights to privacy.
3. The Bergen County Board of Social Services shall discuss personnel matters which are specifically exempt from public meetings pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b)(8).
4. The Board shall discuss matters with Counsel to the Board which matters shall fall within the attorney-client privilege and are therefore excluded from the public meeting.
5. The Board may discuss other matters pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.

Please be advised that at the conclusion of this session, the Board shall return to a public session and the members of the public are invited to return in order to observe. Thank you.

A quorum being achieved, the Board met in Public Session.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Chairman William E. Connelly chaired the meeting.

For the record, Eric Bernstein, Esq., Labor Counsel, was present.

Flag Salute

Chairman William E. Connelly led those present in a salute to the flag.

Roll Call

A Roll Call was taken for Open Session:

MEMBERS	TITLE	PRESENT	ABSENT
WILLIAM E. CONNELLY	CHAIRPERSON	X	
RANDI DUFFIE	VICE CHAIRPERSON		X
RITZY A. MORALEZ-DIAZ	SECRETARY TREASURER		X
ERIN N. DELANEY	ASST. SECRETARY TREASURER		X

JOHN E. TEN HOEVE, JR., ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER	X	
FREEHOLDER TRACY S. ZUR	BOARD MEMBER	X	
FREEHOLDER MARY J. AMOROSO	BOARD MEMBER	X	
ELAINE K. MEYERSON	BOARD MEMBER	X	

Chairman William E. Connelly announced that he would like to change the order on the agenda to go directly into Closed Session.

Action Items:

Resolutions:

- (a) 2018.1.25 (1) - Resolution regarding Union Contract with CWA Local #1089
- (b) 2018.1.25 (2) - Resolution Providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A

A motion to go into Closed Session and to discuss and approve Resolution (b) 2018.1.25 (2) Providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A and to go into Closed Session was offered by Freeholder Mary J. Amoroso, seconded by Freeholder Tracy S. Zur, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
WILLIAM E. CONNELLY	CHAIRPERSON	X			
RANDI DUFFIE	VICE CHAIRPERSON				X
RITZY A. MORALEZ-DIAZ	SECRETARY TREASURER				X
ERIN N. DELANEY	ASST. SECRETARY TREASURER				X
JOHN E. TEN HOEVE, JR., ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER	X			
FREEHOLDER TRACY S. ZUR	BOARD MEMBER	X			
FREEHOLDER MARY J. AMOROSO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
ELAINE K. MEYERSON	BOARD MEMBER	X			

CLOSED SESSION:

John L. Schettino, Esq., General Counsel to the Board, stated the Board will go into Closed Session to discuss matters involving contracts and negotiations. The Board will be in Closed Session for approximately 20 minutes. The meeting will then resume and reopen. The Board will have an Open Public Comment Period once the Board reopens and official action may be taken at that time.

The Board went into Closed Session at approximately 4:39 p.m.

OPEN SESSION:

The Board reconvened in Open Session at approximately 5:10 p.m.

For the record, Freeholder Tracy S. Zur left at the end of Closed Session and was no longer present.

Chairman William E. Connelly announced that the Board is not taking any action on agenda items tonight. The Board was directed to setup a meeting with Labor Counsel, Negotiations Committee, and the Union within the next week and prior to the 2/06/18 Board Meeting.

Open Public Comment Period

Chairman William E. Connelly requested a motion to open the meeting for public comment. A motion to open the Open Public Comment Period, for a three-minute limit with the option of speaking again, was offered by John E. Ten Hoeve, Jr., Esq., seconded by Freeholder Mary J. Amoroso, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
WILLIAM E. CONNELLY	CHAIRPERSON	X			
RANDI DUFFIE	VICE CHAIRPERSON				X
RITZY A. MORALEZ-DIAZ	SECRETARY TREASURER				X
ERIN N. DELANEY	ASST. SECRETARY TREASURER				X
JOHN E. TEN HOEVE, JR., ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER	X			
FREEHOLDER TRACY S. ZUR	BOARD MEMBER				X
FREEHOLDER MARY J. AMOROSO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
ELAINE K. MEYERSON	BOARD MEMBER	X			

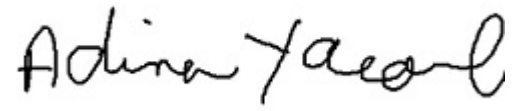
As there were no members of the public that wished to address the Board, Chairman William E. Connelly requested a motion to close the Open Public Comment Period of the Open Session. A motion to close the Open Public Comment Period was offered by John E. Ten Hoeve, Jr., Esq., seconded by Freeholder Mary J. Amoroso, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
WILLIAM E. CONNELLY	CHAIRPERSON	X			
RANDI DUFFIE	VICE CHAIRPERSON				X
RITZY A. MORALEZ-DIAZ	SECRETARY TREASURER				X
ERIN N. DELANEY	ASST. SECRETARY TREASURER				X
JOHN E. TEN HOEVE, JR., ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER	X			
FREEHOLDER TRACY S. ZUR	BOARD MEMBER				X
FREEHOLDER MARY J. AMOROSO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
ELAINE K. MEYERSON	BOARD MEMBER	X			

Chairman William E. Connelly requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. With no further business to conclude, a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:20 p.m. was offered by Freeholder Mary J. Amoroso, seconded by Elaine K. Meyerson, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
WILLIAM E. CONNELLY	CHAIRPERSON	X			
RANDI DUFFIE	VICE CHAIRPERSON				X
RITZY A. MORALEZ-DIAZ	SECRETARY TREASURER				X
ERIN N. DELANEY	ASST. SECRETARY TREASURER				X
JOHN E. TEN HOEVE, JR., ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER	X			
FREEHOLDER TRACY S. ZUR	BOARD MEMBER				X
FREEHOLDER MARY J. AMOROSO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
ELAINE K. MEYERSON	BOARD MEMBER	X			

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adina Yacoub". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letter 'A' being particularly large and prominent.

Adina Yacoub
Director