

**Minutes of the Meeting
of the
Bergen County Board of Social Services
October 21, 2014**

PRESENT: Tom Toronto, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
John M. Carbone, Esq., County Adjuster
Freeholder Joan Voss, Board Member
Freeholder Tracy Zur, Board Member (Arrived Late)
Leah Puzzo, Board Member
Mayor Vincent Barra, Board Member
John L. Schettino, Esq., General Counsel
Mitchell I. Steinhart, Esq., Interim Acting Director
Alex Morales, Interim Management Consultant
Michele Darmochwal, Administrative Secretary

ABSENT: William E. Connelly, Jr., Chairperson
Randi Duffie, Vice Chairperson
Deborah Viola, Ph.D., Secretary-Treasurer

A special meeting of the Bergen County Board of Social Services was held on October 21, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. in the 5th Floor Break Room of the Bergen County Board of Social Services, 218 Route 17 North, Rochelle Park, New Jersey.

PUBLIC SESSION:

John L. Schettino, Esq., called the meeting to order. General Counsel 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 October 21, 2014 has been provided in the following manner:

1. By a prominent posting of the schedule of meetings for 2014, 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", on October 16, 2014 and to the Herald News, on October 16, 2014.
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 October 16, 2014.

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:

In Chairman Connelly's absence, Tom Toronto chaired the meeting.

Flag Salute

Mr. Toronto led those present in a salute to the flag.

Roll Call

A Roll Call was taken for Open Session:

MEMBERS	TITLE	PRESENT	ABSENT
WILLIAM CONNELLY	CHAIRPERSON		X
RANDI DUFFIE	VICE CHAIRPERSON		X
DEBORAH VIOLA, Ph.D.	SECRETARY/TREASURER		X
TOM TORONTO	ASST. SEC-TREASURER	X	
JOHN M. CARBONE, ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER	X	
FREEHOLDER JOAN VOSS	BOARD MEMBER	X	
FREEHOLDER TRACY ZUR	BOARD MEMBER		X
LEAH PUZZO	BOARD MEMBER	X	
MAYOR VINCENT BARRA	BOARD MEMBER	X	

Open Public Comment Period

A motion to open the Open Public Comment Period, for a three-minute limit with the option of speaking again, was offered by Freeholder Voss, seconded by Mrs. Puzzo, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
WILLIAM CONNELLY	CHAIRPERSON				X
RANDI DUFFIE	VICE CHAIRPERSON				X
DEBORAH VIOLA, Ph.D.	SECRETARY/TREASURER				X
TOM TORONTO	ASST. SEC-TREASURER	X			
JOHN M. CARBONE, ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER	X			
FREEHOLDER JOAN VOSS	BOARD MEMBER	X			
FREEHOLDER TRACY ZUR	BOARD MEMBER				X
LEAH PUZZO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
MAYOR VINCENT BARRA	BOARD MEMBER	X			

With no public comments, a motion to close the Open Public Comment Period was offered by Mr. Carbone, seconded by Mrs. Puzzo, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
WILLIAM CONNELLY	CHAIRPERSON				X
RANDI DUFFIE	VICE CHAIRPERSON				X
DEBORAH VIOLA, Ph.D.	SECRETARY/TREASURER				X
TOM TORONTO	ASST. SEC-TREASURER	X			
JOHN M. CARBONE, ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER	X			
FREEHOLDER JOAN VOSS	BOARD MEMBER	X			
FREEHOLDER TRACY ZUR	BOARD MEMBER				X
LEAH PUZZO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
MAYOR VINCENT BARRA	BOARD MEMBER	X			

Action Items:

Resolutions:

- (a) 2014.10.21 (1) – Resolution Approving the Lease Amendment for the property located at 218 Route 17 North, Rochelle Park, NJ
- (b) 2014.10.21 (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 discuss and approve Resolution (b) 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 Mayor Barra, seconded by Freeholder Voss, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
WILLIAM CONNELLY	CHAIRPERSON				X
RANDI DUFFIE	VICE CHAIRPERSON				X
DEBORAH VIOLA, Ph.D.	SECRETARY/TREASURER				X
TOM TORONTO	ASST. SEC-TREASURER	X			
JOHN M. CARBONE, ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER	X			
FREEHOLDER JOAN VOSS	BOARD MEMBER	X			
FREEHOLDER TRACY ZUR	BOARD MEMBER				X
LEAH PUZZO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
MAYOR VINCENT BARRA	BOARD MEMBER	X			

The Board went into Closed Session at approximately 4:40 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board will go into Closed Session to discuss the First Amendment to the Lease. The minutes of the Closed Session should be released on or before December 31, 2014 or upon the finalization of the amendment to the lease agreement or 45 days after any appeal of any litigation, if any. The Board will be in Closed Session for approximately 40 minutes at which time the Board will reopen the meeting and will potentially take further action. The public will be notified when the meeting is reopened.

For the record, Freeholder Zur arrived at 4:40 p.m.

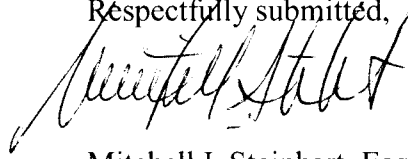
OPEN SESSION:

The Board reconvened in Open Session at approximately 5:15 p.m.

With no further business to conclude, a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:15 p.m. was offered by Mr. Carbone, seconded by Freeholder Zur, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
WILLIAM CONNELLY	CHAIRPERSON				X
RANDI DUFFIE	VICE CHAIRPERSON				X
DEBORAH VIOLA, Ph.D.	SECRETARY/TREASURER				X
TOM TORONTO	ASST. SEC-TREASURER	X			
JOHN M. CARBONE, ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER	X			
FREEHOLDER JOAN VOSS	BOARD MEMBER	X			
FREEHOLDER TRACY ZUR	BOARD MEMBER	X			
LEAH PUZZO	BOARD MEMBER	X			
MAYOR VINCENT BARRA	BOARD MEMBER	X			

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitchell I. Steinhart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Mitchell I. Steinhart, Esq.,
Interim Acting Director