

**Minutes of the Meeting
of the
Bergen County Board of Social Services
January 11, 2022**

PRESENT: William E. Connelly, Jr., Chairperson
Randi Duffie, Vice-Chairperson (Arrived Late)
Elaine K. Meyerson, Assistant Secretary Treasurer
Tracy S. Zur, Bergen County Commissioner, Board Member
Thomas J. Sullivan, B.C. Commissioner, Board Member
Alexandra Harwin, Esq., Board Member
Susan Silverstein, Board Member
John L. Schettino, Esq., General Counsel
Adina Yacoub, Director
Michele M. Darmochwal, Administrative Secretary

ABSENT: Erin N. Delaney, Secretary Treasurer
John E. Ten Hoeve, Jr., Esq., County Adjuster
Yris Encarnacion, Board Member

A regular meeting of the Bergen County Board of Social Services was held on January 11, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. by way of Webex video/audio teleconference.

PUBLIC SESSION:

John L. Schettino, Esq. 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 11, 2022 has been provided in the following manner:

1. By a prominent posting of the schedule of meetings for 2022, 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 December 26, 2021 and to the Herald News, which was published on December 26, 2021.
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 December 20, 2021.

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

PUBLIC SESSION:

John L. Schettino, Esq. chaired the meeting.

Flag Salute

John L. Schettino, Esq. 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
ERIN N. DELANEY	SECRETARY TREASURER		X
ELAINE K. MEYERSON	ASST. SECRETARY TREASURER	X	
TRACY S. ZUR	BERGEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER	X	
THOMAS J. SULLIVAN	BERGEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER	X	
JOHN E. TEN HOEVE, JR., ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER		X
YRIS ENCARNACION	BOARD MEMBER		X
ALEXANDRA HARWIN	BOARD MEMBER	X	
SUSAN SILVERSTEIN	BOARD MEMBER	X	

Reorganization/Election of Officers

John L. Schettino, Esq. asked for nominations for Chairperson. A motion to nominate William E. Connelly as Chairperson was offered by Commissioner Tracy S. Zur, seconded by Randi Duffie. A motion to close nominations for Chairperson was offered by Commissioner Thomas J. Sullivan, seconded by Randi Duffie. With no one opposed, a roll call was taken for Chairperson for the Bergen County Board of Social Services and the motion was approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
WILLIAM E. CONNELLY	CHAIRPERSON	X			
RANDI DUFFIE	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			
ERIN N. DELANEY	SECRETARY TREASURER				X
ELAINE K. MEYERSON	ASST. SECRETARY TREASURER	X			
TRACY S. ZUR	BERGEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER	X			
THOMAS J. SULLIVAN	BERGEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER	X			
JOHN E. TEN HOEVE, JR., ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER				X
YRIS ENCARNACION	BOARD MEMBER				X
ALEXANDRA HARWIN	BOARD MEMBER	X			
SUSAN SILVERSTEIN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

John L. Schettino, Esq. turned over the meeting to Chairman William E. Connelly, at which time he chaired.

Chairman William E. Connelly asked for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. A motion to nominate Randi Duffie as Vice-Chairperson was offered by Commissioner Thomas J. Sullivan, seconded by Alexandra Harwin, Esq., With no one opposed, a roll call was taken for Vice-Chairperson for the Bergen County Board of Social Services and the motion was approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
WILLIAM E. CONNELLY	CHAIRPERSON	X			
RANDI DUFFIE	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			
ERIN N. DELANEY	SECRETARY TREASURER				X
ELAINE K. MEYERSON	ASST. SECRETARY TREASURER	X			
TRACY S. ZUR	BERGEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER	X			
THOMAS J. SULLIVAN	BERGEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER	X			
JOHN E. TEN HOEVE, JR., ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER				X
YRIS ENCARNACION	BOARD MEMBER				X
ALEXANDRA HARWIN	BOARD MEMBER	X			
SUSAN SILVERSTEIN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

Chairman William E. Connelly asked for nominations for Secretary-Treasurer. A motion to nominate Erin N. Delaney as Secretary-Treasurer was offered by Elaine K. Meyerson, seconded by Commissioner Tracy S. Zur. With no one opposed, a roll call was taken for Secretary-Treasurer for the Bergen County Board of Social Services and the motion was approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
WILLIAM E. CONNELLY	CHAIRPERSON	X			
RANDI DUFFIE	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			
ERIN N. DELANEY	SECRETARY TREASURER				X
ELAINE K. MEYERSON	ASST. SECRETARY TREASURER	X			
TRACY S. ZUR	BERGEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER	X			
THOMAS J. SULLIVAN	BERGEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER	X			
JOHN E. TEN HOEVE, JR., ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER				X
YRIS ENCARNACION	BOARD MEMBER				X
ALEXANDRA HARWIN	BOARD MEMBER	X			
SUSAN SILVERSTEIN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

Chairman William E. Connelly asked for nominations for Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. A motion to nominate Elaine K. Meyerson as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer was offered by Susan Silverstein, seconded by Commissioner Tracy S. Zur. With no one opposed, a roll call was taken for Assistant Secretary-Treasurer for the Bergen County Board of Social Services and the motion was approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
WILLIAM E. CONNELLY	CHAIRPERSON	X			
RANDI DUFFIE	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			
ERIN N. DELANEY	SECRETARY TREASURER				X
ELAINE K. MEYERSON	ASST. SECRETARY TREASURER	X			
TRACY S. ZUR	BERGEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER	X			
THOMAS J. SULLIVAN	BERGEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER	X			
JOHN E. TEN HOEVE, JR., ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER				X

YRIS ENCARNACION	BOARD MEMBER				X
ALEXANDRA HARWIN	BOARD MEMBER	X			
SUSAN SILVERSTEIN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

Oath of Office

John L. Schettino, Esq. administered the Oaths of Office to Commissioners Tracy S. Zur and Thomas J. Sullivan.

Committee Assignments:

Chairman William E. Connelly announced that Committee Assignments will remain the same.

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 Commissioner Tracy S. Zur, seconded by Randi Duffie, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
WILLIAM E. CONNELLY	CHAIRPERSON	X			
RANDI DUFFIE	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			
ERIN N. DELANEY	SECRETARY TREASURER				X
ELAINE K. MEYERSON	ASST. SECRETARY TREASURER	X			
TRACY S. ZUR	BERGEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER	X			
THOMAS J. SULLIVAN	BERGEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER	X			
JOHN E. TEN HOEVE, JR., ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER				X
YRIS ENCARNACION	BOARD MEMBER				X
ALEXANDRA HARWIN	BOARD MEMBER	X			
SUSAN SILVERSTEIN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

Matthew Bonaventure – BCBSS Employee

Mr. Bonaventure commented about this meeting being conducted virtually while all the Bergen County Board of Social Services (BCBSS) workers have been working in person every day since July. He also commented that it is apparently not safe enough for the Board Members to meet. He mentioned that he could easily spend an hour laying out the details of negligence by Administration when it comes to COVID, but would not speak about that subject today. He reminded the Board that the workers of the BCBSS are without a contract. He discussed that over the past two years their workload has increased significantly. He has reviewed statistics available on our website, as well as, the monthly unit numbers that show total actions. That would include denials and other case processes that are not counted in those statistics represented on our site. He discussed that although we have dealt with a number of retirements that put employees in new positions, multiple absences due to illness, as well as the difficulties navigating the pandemic, staff have put up numbers unlike the agency has ever seen. He quoted from December 2019 to December 2021 our total number of active SNAP cases has increased by almost 35%. He mentioned that

number would be much higher if those other actions were included. He went on to say that our county was one of the first and hardest hit during this never-ending pandemic. BCBSS workers have assisted countless county residents in need. He indicated that staff are not looking for a round of applause, praise, or a thank you. He stressed that they want a raise and deserve a raise. He mentioned this past year we have seen inflation rates up to 6.8%. He expressed that anything less than 6.8% is a pay cut. He stated that staff have shown a significant increase in productivity during the global pandemic with historic inflation rates and this Board is offering staff a pay cut. He expressed it is an injustice and a betrayal. He thinks if the agency needs to make adjustments to the budget perhaps process improvement is something that he has not seen at all in the eight years he has been employed by the BCBSS. He thanked the Board for their time.

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 Commissioner Tracy S. Zur, seconded by Susan Silverstein, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
WILLIAM E. CONNELLY	CHAIRPERSON	X			
RANDI DUFFIE	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			
ERIN N. DELANEY	SECRETARY TREASURER				X
ELAINE K. MEYERSON	ASST. SECRETARY TREASURER	X			
TRACY S. ZUR	BERGEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER	X			
THOMAS J. SULLIVAN	BERGEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER	X			
JOHN E. TEN HOEVE, JR., ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER				X
YRIS ENCARNACION	BOARD MEMBER				X
ALEXANDRA HARWIN	BOARD MEMBER	X			
SUSAN SILVERSTEIN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

Adoption of Minutes:

(a) *Open Session Minutes of December 7, 2021*

Chairman William E. Connelly requested a motion to adopt the Open Session minutes. A motion to adopt the Open Session minutes of December 7, 2021 was offered by Commissioner Thomas J. Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Tracy S. Zur, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
WILLIAM E. CONNELLY	CHAIRPERSON	X			
RANDI DUFFIE	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			
ERIN N. DELANEY	SECRETARY TREASURER				X
ELAINE K. MEYERSON	ASST. SECRETARY TREASURER	X			
TRACY S. ZUR	BERGEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER	X			
THOMAS J. SULLIVAN	BERGEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER	X			
JOHN E. TEN HOEVE, JR., ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER				X
YRIS ENCARNACION	BOARD MEMBER				X
ALEXANDRA HARWIN	BOARD MEMBER	X			
SUSAN SILVERSTEIN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

Treasurer’s Report:

(a) Bills List:

Chairman William E. Connelly requested a motion to approve the Bills List. A motion to approve the Bills List was offered by Commissioner Tracy S. Zur, seconded by Susan Silverstein, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
WILLIAM E. CONNELLY	CHAIRPERSON	X			
RANDI DUFFIE	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			
ERIN N. DELANEY	SECRETARY TREASURER				X
ELAINE K. MEYERSON	ASST. SECRETARY TREASURER	X			
TRACY S. ZUR	BERGEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER	X			
THOMAS J. SULLIVAN	BERGEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER	X			
JOHN E. TEN HOEVE, JR., ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER				X
YRIS ENCARNACION	BOARD MEMBER				X
ALEXANDRA HARWIN	BOARD MEMBER	X			
SUSAN SILVERSTEIN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

(b) Schedule of Vouchers:

Chairman William E. Connelly requested a motion to approve the Schedule of Vouchers. A motion to approve the Schedule of Vouchers was offered by Elaine K. Meyerson, seconded by Susan Silverstein, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
WILLIAM E. CONNELLY	CHAIRPERSON	X			
RANDI DUFFIE	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			
ERIN N. DELANEY	SECRETARY TREASURER				X
ELAINE K. MEYERSON	ASST. SECRETARY TREASURER	X			
TRACY S. ZUR	BERGEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER	X			
THOMAS J. SULLIVAN	BERGEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER	X			
JOHN E. TEN HOEVE, JR., ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER				X
YRIS ENCARNACION	BOARD MEMBER				X
ALEXANDRA HARWIN	BOARD MEMBER	X			
SUSAN SILVERSTEIN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

Administration Report:

(a) Monthly Reports – Statistical & Financial:

A snapshot of caseload and expenditures was included in each of the Board Member’s packets.

Adina Yacoub reported that the TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) caseload increased from 231 to 239 and is up by 8 cases and compared to one year ago it went down by 3 cases, SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) caseload increased from 23,402 to 23,753 and is up by 351 cases from last month and compared to one year ago it went up by 3,190 cases, GA (General Assistance) caseload increased from 397 to 412 cases up by 15, and compared to

one year ago it went down by 74 cases, and Medicaid individuals decreased from 50,083 to 48,166 down by 1,917 individuals.

In December, the agency received a total of 1,505 new applications for cash and SNAP applications compared to November when we received 1,346 applications. In December, we received 1,300 new Medicaid applications compared to November when we received 1,319 applications. The total new applications for December was 2,805 compared to November which was 2,665. In December, we processed 3,513 new applications compared to November when we processed 3,202 new applications. In December, we processed 9,026 total actions compared to November when we processed 8,035 total actions. We continue to be timely and our Medicaid timeliness is at 99.87%.

In the month of December, our Emergency Assistance Unit assisted homeless individuals and families. Currently, we have 26 individuals/families in motels. We have 17 families in the HEARTS Program, 9 in the Emergency Shelter, and 8 in TANF/Bridge side. We have 7 families placed at the Center for Hope and Safety (DV shelter). We had 47 Emergency Assistance applications and 112 clients on Temporary Rental Assistance. We received and placed 7 placements as referrals from 211. We have 257 active DDD cases. The Adult Protective Service (APS) Unit received and processed 82 referrals and currently have 36 open cases.

(b) Memoranda to the Board

Adina Yacoub reported that the following actions were initiated or occurred in December 2021. She discussed that we postponed reopening to the public until January 31, 2022 due to the spike in COVID-19 cases. She was pleased to report that we reached 99% vaccination of all employees who currently work in the office. She mentioned that 221 are vaccinated, two on leave, and two have exemptions. Due to the surge in COVID-19 positive cases we allowed those who are infected but able to work to do so remotely. We also allowed parents who have children under the age of 12 to work from home if their schools switched to remote learning. This took place on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. She received permission from the Chairman since she could not wait for the Board Meeting. She announced that we are partnering with the County with the annual Homeless Count (Point in Time) and are raising money for gift cards so that homeless care packages can be given out. So far, we raised \$335 and are looking for more donations until Friday, January 14, 2022. Last year, we raised close to \$500.00. For ABD clients we mailed 3,712 SNAP applications and 660 were returned; about 18%. Out of 660 returned: 433 were approved, 213 were denied, and 14 are pending. For the FamilyCare clients, we mailed out 1,783 SNAP applications and so far, 290 were returned of which 118 approved, 146 denied, and 26 still pending. This initiative thus far provided 5,495 households an opportunity to apply and so far 551 families are approved and receiving SNAP benefits. Our Burial Assistance Program offers burial assistance to individuals who are active on Medicaid and don't have the funds for a proper burial. In December 2021 we had 12 inquiries, 22 approved, and 3 denied cases. We paid out \$64,098 in assistance and recovered \$4,835.52 from those who had PNA (personal needs allowance accounts). The Adopt a family project was a success. We adopted all 46 families who requested gifts. She thanked Sue Silverstein who came to the office to assist and to Melissa DeBartolo from Bergen County Human Services who

connected us with Closter Fire House who gave us plenty of toys for the HEART shelter, as well as, the Adopt a Family project. She also thanked those Board members who adopted a family for their generosity to those families. We are continuing our partnership with the following hospitals: Holy Name, Bergen New Bridge Medical Center, Hackensack, and Englewood. We have staff out stationed at these hospitals to take and process Medicaid applications for NJ FamilyCare, as well as, Institutional Medicaid. Our negotiations with both CWA 1031 and CWA 1089 have reached an impasse. We are waiting for mediation to be scheduled.

Chairman's Report

Chairman William E. Connelly thanked Susan Silverstein and BCBSS staff for their work on the Adopt-a-Family program.

John L. Schettino, Esq. indicated that the remote meetings are not only for the safety of the Board Members but for the safety of the public who may want to attend the meeting. Also, the comments made regarding the remote meetings is that they allow more access for the public to participate and make it more convenient for them and easier for them to participate if they choose to do so. He thinks that the sentiment that was made during the Open Public Comment Period is not very accurate as to why remote meetings are being held and the benefits of having them.

Committee Reports:

(a) Welfare, Fraud, and Abuse Committee

Alexandra Harwin, Esq. read the committee report into the record. She reported from December 1 to December 31, 2021 the agency received Medicaid recoveries in the amount of \$15,419.83 and the year-to-date 2021 is \$342,554.87. No new cases were referred to the Prosecutor's office during the month of December.

(b) Audit & Budget Committee

No report.

(c) Building & Grounds Committee

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

(a) Next Board Meeting Date

The next Board Meeting is scheduled to be held by way of Webex on **Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.**

Action Items:

Resolutions:

- (a) 2022.1.11 (1) – Resolution Appointing General Counsel
- (b) 2022.1.11 (2) – Resolution Appointing Labor Counsel
- (c) 2022.1.11 (3) – Resolution Appointing Insurance Consultant
- (d) 2022.1.11 (4) – Resolution Appointing Auditor
- (e) 2022.1.11 (5) – Resolution Approving Professional Services Agreement with General Counsel
- (f) 2022.1.11 (6) – Resolution Approving Professional Services Agreement with Labor Counsel
- (g) 2022.1.11 (7) – Resolution Approving Professional Services Agreement with Insurance Consultant
- (h) 2022.1.11 (8) – Resolution Approving Professional Services Agreement with Auditor
- (i) 2022.1.11 (9) – Resolution Approving Extending Affiliation Agreement with Holy Name Medical Center
- (j) 2022.1.11 (10) – Resolution Approving Extending Affiliation Agreement with Englewood Hospital
- (k) 2022.1.11 (11) – Resolution Approving Extending Affiliation Agreement with Hackensack Meridian Health Care
- (l) 2022.1.11 (12) – Resolution Approving Extending Affiliation Agreement with Bergen New Bridge Medical Center
- (m) 2022.1.11 (13) – Resolution Approving Calendar Year 2022 Meeting Dates
- (n) 2022.1.11 (14) – Resolution Approving Additions, Elimination, and/or Changes to Positions within the Bergen County Board of Social Services
- (o) 2022.1.11 (15) – Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of Employment for Multiple Openings
- (p) 2022.1.11 (16) – Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of One External Part-Time Clerk 1
- (q) 2022.1.11 (17) – Resolution Authorizing a Promotion for One Internal Provisional Full-Time Training Technician
- (r) 2022.1.11 (18) – Resolution Authorizing a Promotion for One Internal Provisional Full-Time Principal Data Processing Programmer
- (s) 2019.1.14 (19) – Authorizing a Change in Hours from Part Time to Full Time for One Human Services Aide
- (t) 2022.1.11 (20) – Authorizing the Advertisement and Offer of Employment to Promote One Internal Full-Time Keyboarding Clerk 1 to One Full-Time Keyboarding Clerk 2
- (u) 2022.1.11 (21) – Authorizing the Advertisement and Offer of Employment to Promote One Internal Full-Time Clerk 1 to One Full-Time Keyboarding Clerk 1
- (v) 2022.1.11 (22) – Authorizing the Advertisement and Offer of Employment for Two Internal or External Part-Time Keyboarding Clerks 1
- (w) 2022.1.11 (23) – Authorizing the Advertisement and Offer of Employment for Six Internal or External Part-Time Human Services Aides
- (x) 2022.1.11 (24) – Authorizing the Advertisement and Offer of Employment for Five External Part-Time Clerks 1

- (y) 2022.1.11 (25) – Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement and Offer of Employment for One Internal or External Part-Time Records Support Technician 1
- (z) 2022.1.11 (26) – Authorizing Application for Grant from the State of NJ Department of Community Affairs in connection with the LIHEAP CWA Administration 2022 Program
- (aa) 2022.1.11 (27) – 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 approve Resolutions (a) – (z) was offered by Elaine K. Meyerson, seconded by Alexandra Harwin, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
WILLIAM E. CONNELLY	CHAIRPERSON	X			
RANDI DUFFIE	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			
ERIN N. DELANEY	SECRETARY TREASURER				X
ELAINE K. MEYERSON	ASST. SECRETARY TREASURER	X			
TRACY S. ZUR	BERGEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER	X			
THOMAS J. SULLIVAN	BERGEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER	X			
JOHN E. TEN HOEVE, JR., ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER				X
YRIS ENCARNACION	BOARD MEMBER				X
ALEXANDRA HARWIN	BOARD MEMBER	X			
SUSAN SILVERSTEIN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

A motion to discuss and approve Resolution (aa) 2022.1.11 (27) 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 Commissioner Tracy S. Zur, seconded by Randi Duffie, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
WILLIAM E. CONNELLY	CHAIRPERSON	X			
RANDI DUFFIE	VICE CHAIRPERSON	X			
ERIN N. DELANEY	SECRETARY TREASURER				X
ELAINE K. MEYERSON	ASST. SECRETARY TREASURER	X			
TRACY S. ZUR	BERGEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER	X			
THOMAS J. SULLIVAN	BERGEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER	X			
JOHN E. TEN HOEVE, JR., ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER				X
YRIS ENCARNACION	BOARD MEMBER				X
ALEXANDRA HARWIN	BOARD MEMBER	X			
SUSAN SILVERSTEIN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

The Board went into Closed Session at approximately 5:07 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board went into Closed Session to discuss personnel matters and collective bargaining negotiations. The minutes from the Closed Session will be available to the public once the items have been resolved or no longer require the minutes to be held and not distributed to the

public. The Board will be in Closed Session for approximately 20 minutes at which time the Board will reopen the meeting and may take further public action in matters dealing with the Bergen County Board of Social Services. The public will be able to access the meeting remotely once the meeting reopens in Open Session.

OPEN SESSION:

The Board reconvened in Open Session at approximately 5:49 p.m.

Roll Call

A Roll Call was taken for Open Session:

MEMBERS	TITLE	PRESENT	ABSENT
WILLIAM E. CONNELLY	CHAIRPERSON	X	
RANDI DUFFIE	VICE CHAIRPERSON		X
ERIN N. DELANEY	SECRETARY TREASURER		X
ELAINE K. MEYERSON	ASST. SECRETARY TREASURER	X	
TRACY S. ZUR	BERGEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER	X	
THOMAS J. SULLIVAN	BERGEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER		X
JOHN E. TEN HOEVE, JR., ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER		X
YRIS ENCARNACION	BOARD MEMBER		X
ALEXANDRA HARWIN	BOARD MEMBER	X	
SUSAN SILVERSTEIN	BOARD MEMBER	X	

Chairman William E. Connelly reported that there were no Closed Session Minutes of December 7, 2021.

A motion to extend Michael Sluka’s contract for two years was offered by Commissioner Tracy S. Zur, 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
ERIN N. DELANEY	SECRETARY TREASURER				X
ELAINE K. MEYERSON	ASST. SECRETARY TREASURER	X			
TRACY S. ZUR	BERGEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER	X			
THOMAS J. SULLIVAN	BERGEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER				X
JOHN E. TEN HOEVE, JR., ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER				X
YRIS ENCARNACION	BOARD MEMBER				X
ALEXANDRA HARWIN	BOARD MEMBER	X			
SUSAN SILVERSTEIN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

A motion to reconsider the CY2022 meeting dates to include Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. was offered by Susan Silverstein, 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
ERIN N. DELANEY	SECRETARY TREASURER				X
ELAINE K. MEYERSON	ASST. SECRETARY TREASURER	X			
TRACY S. ZUR	BERGEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER	X			
THOMAS J. SULLIVAN	BERGEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER				X
JOHN E. TEN HOEVE, JR., ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER				X
YRIS ENCARNACION	BOARD MEMBER				X
ALEXANDRA HARWIN	BOARD MEMBER	X			
SUSAN SILVERSTEIN	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 5:52 p.m. was offered by Commissioner Tracy S. Zur, seconded by Susan Silverstein, and approved as follows:

MEMBERS	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
WILLIAM E. CONNELLY	CHAIRPERSON	X			
RANDI DUFFIE	VICE CHAIRPERSON				X
ERIN N. DELANEY	SECRETARY TREASURER				X
ELAINE K. MEYERSON	ASST. SECRETARY TREASURER	X			
TRACY S. ZUR	BERGEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER	X			
THOMAS J. SULLIVAN	BERGEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER				X
JOHN E. TEN HOEVE, JR., ESQ.	COUNTY ADJUSTER				X
YRIS ENCARNACION	BOARD MEMBER				X
ALEXANDRA HARWIN	BOARD MEMBER	X			
SUSAN SILVERSTEIN	BOARD MEMBER	X			

Respectfully submitted,



Adina Yacoub
Director