

**Minutes of the Meeting
of the
Bergen County Board of Social Services
January 10, 2023**

PRESENT: William E. Connelly, Jr., Chairperson
Randi Duffie, Vice-Chairperson
Erin N. Delaney, Secretary Treasurer
Elaine K. Meyerson, Assistant Secretary Treasurer
Tracy S. Zur, Bergen County Commissioner, Board Member (Arrived Late)
John E. Ten Hoeve, Jr., Esq., County Adjuster
Yris Encarnacion, Board Member
Susan Silverstein, Board Member
John L. Schettino, Esq., General Counsel
Scott Modery, Acting Director
Michele M. Darmochwal, Administrative Secretary

ABSENT: Thomas J. Sullivan, B.C. Commissioner, Board Member
Alexandra Harwin, Esq., Board Member

A regular meeting of the Bergen County Board of Social Services was held on January 10, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. in the 4th 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. 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 10, 2023 has been provided in the following manner:

1. By a prominent posting of the schedule of meetings for 2023, 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 12, 2022 and to the Herald News, which was published on December 12, 2022.

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 9, 2022.

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

PUBLIC SESSION:

William E. Connelly chaired the meeting.

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	
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 Randi Duffie, seconded by Erin N. Delaney. A motion to close nominations for Chairperson was offered by John E. Ten Hoeve, Jr., Esq., 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 gavel to Chairman William E. Connelly, at which time he chaired the meeting.

Chairman William E. Connelly asked for nominations for **Vice-Chairperson**. A motion to nominate Randi Duffie as Vice-Chairperson was offered by Chairman William E. Connelly, seconded by Susan Silverstein. A motion to close nominations for Vice-Chairperson was offered by John E. Ten Hoeve, Jr., Esq., seconded by Susan Silverstein. 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 Randi Duffie, seconded by Yris Encarnacion. A motion to close nominations for Secretary-Treasurer was offered by John E. Ten Hoeve, Jr., Esq., seconded by Susan Silverstein. 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 Yris Encarnacion, seconded by Erin N. Delaney. A motion to close nominations for Assistant Secretary-Treasurer was offered by John E. Ten Hoeve, Jr., Esq., seconded by Erin N. Delaney. 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			

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 Vice Chairwoman 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			

There being no comments from the public, 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 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			

Adoption of Minutes:

(a) Open Session Minutes of December 6, 2022

Chairman William E. Connelly requested a motion to adopt the Open Session minutes. A motion to adopt the Open Session minutes of December 6, 2022 was offered by Yris Encarnacion, 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) Open Session Minutes of December 16, 2022

Chairman William E. Connelly requested a motion to adopt the Open Session minutes. A motion to adopt the Open Session minutes of December 16, 2022 was offered by Erin N. Delaney, seconded by Yris Encarnacion, 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			

For the record, Commissioner Tracy S. Zur arrived at this time.

Oath of Office

John L. Schettino, Esq. administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Tracy S. Zur.

Treasurer's Report:

(a) Bills List:

Chairman William E. Connelly requested a motion to approve the Bill's List. A motion to approve the Bill's List was offered by Erin N. Delaney, seconded by John E. Ten Hoeve, Jr., Esq., 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 Erin N. Delaney, seconded by John E. Ten Hoeve Jr., Esq., 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.

Scott Modery reported that the TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) caseload for November was 365 cases, October was 339 cases and compared to one year ago it went up 126 cases, SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) caseload for November was 22,139 and October was 21,951 and compared to one year ago it went down by 1,614 cases, GA (General Assistance) caseload for November was 401 cases and October was 398 cases and compared to one year ago it went down by 11 cases. In regard to Medicaid, there were 58,617 individuals in November and 58,598 individuals in October an increase of 19 individuals.

Burial stats are as follows: 24 inquires, 30 approved, and 2 denials. The agency paid out \$135,888.00 and recovered \$5,697.84.

In November 2022, the agency received 1,872 applications for cash and SNAP applications and 1,526 Medicaid applications for a total of 3,398. In October 2022, the agency

received 1,810 applications for cash and SNAP applications and 1,292 Medicaid applications for a total of 3,102.

Our Emergency Assistance Unit assisted homeless individuals and families. Currently, we have 2 individuals/families in a motel. We have 17 families in the HEARTS Program, 14 in the Emergency Shelter, and 3 in TANF/Bridge side. We have 12 families placed at the Center for Hope and Safety (DV shelter). We had 61 Emergency Assistance applications and 107 clients on Temporary Rental Assistance. We had 43 placements as referrals from 211. We have 255 active DDD cases. The Adult Protective Service (APS) Unit received 98 referrals and currently have 33 open cases.

(b) Memoranda to the Board

Scott Modery reported that he had a Budget Meeting with multiple County staff on December 19, 2022. He discussed the upcoming hardships in 2023 as it relates to our enormous increase in applications and client calls to the agency. He also discussed the steps that we are taking to mitigate this in the short term and the effects this will have on the agency as the Public Health Emergency (PHE) ends and we are thrust back into normal (pre-COVID) operations. He explained our need for additional staff to combat an application rate, which exceeds that of 2019 by 67% while we have staffing that has not increased to meet this need. Also discussed was the monstrous 24% increase in health benefits from last year and the 438% increase in pension costs compared to 2007. He included two charts, Historical Pension Cost 2007 to 2023 and Monthly Application Rates 2019 vs 2022, in the Board's packet, which were provided to the County for the Board's reference. Bergen remains among the at the top performers in Medicaid timeliness. We are currently at 99.57% timeliness and trail only Atlantic County by .16% (Atlantic County has approximately 35% of the Medicaid caseload of Bergen County). We strive to continue to maintain this top position but expect that beginning April 1, 2023 when Medicaid returns to pre-COVID parameters all Counties will see declining timeliness as the number of redeterminations becomes voluminous. We arranged for volunteers from the Community Food Bank to come to the agency on December 20, 2022. As part of our agreement, they will be sending a staffer once per week for several hours to assist SNAP clients with completing applications and answering questions. While here they assisted seven individuals, and we expect that number to grow as we adjust our processes to best accommodate their presence. Building operations continue to move slowly back to a tolerable level. After letting all contracts for all vendors from the prior owner (Building Engineer, HVAC, Cleaners, Roofers, Landscapers, etc.) lapse some have been added back to contract. We are still experiencing some inconveniences but are hopeful that processes will return to normal. Mr. Modery thanked everyone who adopted a family this year during the Adopt-A-Family project. He reported that 32 families were adopted and received gifts for the holiday. The Omnibus Bill which just passed signals a disconnect in Medicaid from the ending of the PHE. Previously, Medicaid was to continue under current COVID waivers until the ending of the PHE. The current directives indicate Medicaid

waivers will end April 1, 2023. This will require all Medicaid cases on COVID waiver (13,000 cases in Bergen) to be redetermined over the next 12 months. This is in addition to other cases not subject to COVID waiver. Cases will then be closed as per regulations prior to the PHE. Effective March 1, 2023 SNAP emergency allotments implemented over the PHE where all recipients received the maximum grant and no redeterminations were required are ending. The Department of Family Development has indicated they will be taking the following actions (among others) to get the word out to current recipients: there will be a State Generated Notice in mid-February to all recipients notifying them of same, flyers and social media graphics will be composed and distributed, stakeholder groups like the Community Food Bank will be notified via meetings, postings will be made on the Family Care and DHS websites, briefings with the Governor's office will take place, and companion agencies such as the Office on Aging and the Division of Developmental Disabilities will be briefed.

We were contacted on January 6, 2023 about participating in Project Homeless Connect. We are sending representation to the Bergen County Housing, Health and Human Services Center in Hackensack on January 25, 2023. CWA Local 1089 has indicated that they will be sponsoring a Jeans day to raise funds to purchase gift cards to food markets in Hackensack. All funds collected will be matched by CWA Local 1089. The agency will also be running a fundraising event and have a drawing for a Personal Day for 2023.

Chairman's Report

Chairman William E. Connelly announced that Committee Assignments will remain the same for 2023.

Committee Reports:

(a) Welfare, Fraud, and Abuse Committee

Yris Encarnacion reported from December 1 to December 31, 2022 the agency received Medicaid recoveries in the amount of \$4,795.87 and the year-to-date 2022 is \$159,199.88. 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

Acting Director Scott Modery reported that the building owner has changed.

Susan Silverstein inquired about the number of sites listed on the Outreach Schedule. Scott Modery explained that there are only four outreach sites listed on the schedule because the Community Food Bank is providing outreach on the sites going forward. Paperwork was forwarded to each of the sites, and we are waiting to hear back from them.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

(a) Next Board Meeting Date

The next Board Meeting is scheduled to be held in person on **Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.**

Action Items:

Resolutions:

- (a) 2023.1.10 (1) – Resolution Approving Additions, Elimination, and/or Changes to Positions within the Bergen County Board of Social Services
- (b) 2023.1.10 (2) – Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of Employment for Multiple Openings
- (c) 2023.1.10 (3) – Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of One External Part-Time Clerk 1
- (d) 2023.1.10 (4) – Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of One External Part-Time Clerk 1
- (e) 2023.1.10 (5) – Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of One External Part-Time Clerk 1
- (f) 2023.1.10 (6) – Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of One External Part-Time Clerk 1
- (g) 2023.1.10 (7) – Resolution Authorizing a Change in Employment from Part-Time Clerk 1 to Part-Time Human Services Aide Bilingual in Spanish
- (h) 2023.1.10 (8) – Resolution Authorizing a Change in Hours from One Internal Part-Time Clerk 1 to Full-Time Clerk 1
- (i) 2023.1.10 (9) – Resolution Authorizing a Change in Hours from One Internal Part-Time Clerk 1 to Full-Time Clerk 1
- (j) 2023.1.10 (10) – Resolution Authorizing a Change in Hours from One Internal Part-Time Clerk 1 to Full-Time Clerk 1
- (k) 2023.1.10 (11) – Resolution Authorizing a Promotion for One Full-Time Social Service Technician
- (l) 2023.1.10 (12) – Resolution Authorizing a Promotion for One Internal Full-Time Human Services Specialist 1 to Full-Time Provisional Human Services Specialist 2
- (m) 2023.1.10 (13) – Resolution Authorizing a Promotion for One Internal Full-Time Human Services Specialist 1 to Full-Time Provisional Human Services Specialist 2
- (n) 2023.1.10 (14) – Resolution Authorizing a Change in Hours for Two Internal Part-Time Clerks 1 to Full-Time Clerks 1
- (o) 2023.1.10 (15) – Resolution Authorizing a Change in Employment for Three Internal Part Time Human Services Aides, Full-Time Clerk 1, Full-Time Records Support Technician 1, Full-Time Keyboarding Clerk 1 to Three Full-Time Human Services Aides
- (p) 2023.1.10 (16) – Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement and Offer of Employment for Three Internal or External Part-Time Human Services Aides

- (q) 2023.1.10 (17) – Resolution Approving Transfer of General Assistance Cases from the Borough of Wood-Ridge
- (r) 2023.1.10 (18) – Resolution Approving Memorandum of Understanding with New Jersey Department of Human Services
- (s) 2023.1.10 (19) – Resolution Approving Experiential Education Affiliation Agreement with Fairleigh Dickinson University
- (t) 2023.1.10 (20) – Resolution Approving Calendar Year 2023 Meeting Dates
- (u) 2023.1.10 (21) – Resolution Authorizing the Re-Advertisement of Adopting a Fair and Open Process for Retention of Professionals and Consultants for the Calendar Year 2023
- (v) 2023.1.10 (22) – Resolution Authorizing a Promotion for One Internal Full-Time Social Service Technician to Full-Time Social Worker
- (w) 2023.1.10 (23) – Resolution Approving Stipend for Acting Director
- (x) 2023.1.10 (24) – 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 10:4-12

A motion to approve Resolutions (a) – (v) was offered by Erin N. Delaney, seconded by Yris Encarnacion, 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 (x) 2023.1.10 (24) 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 Yris Encarnacion, seconded by John E. Ten Hoeve, Jr., Esq., 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			
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The Board went into Closed Session at approximately 5:01 p. m.

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board went into Closed Session to discuss closed session minutes and personnel matters. 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 5:15 p.m.

For the record, Erin N. Delaney left the meeting during Closed Session and was no longer present.

Adoption of Minutes:

Closed Session Minutes of December 6, 2022

Chairman William E. Connelly requested a motion to adopt the Closed Session minutes. A motion to adopt the Closed Session minutes of December 6, 2022 was offered by Susan Silverstein, seconded by Yris Encarnacion, 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 approve Resolution (w) 2023.1.10 (23) a stipend of \$12,000 retroactive to January 1, 2023 for the agency’s Acting Director was approved by John E. Ten Hoeve, Jr., Esq., 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				
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 5:17 p.m. 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			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,


 Scott Modery
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