

AGENDA

BERGEN COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES

June 4, 2024 - 4:30 p.m.

- I. Open Public Meetings Act Statement
- II. Flag Salute
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Open Public Comment Period
- V. Adoption of Minutes
 - (a) Open Session Minutes of May 7, 2024
- VI. Treasurer's Report
 - (a) Bills List
 - (b) Schedule of Vouchers
- VII. Administration Report
 - (a) Monthly Reports – Statistical & Financial
 - (b) Memoranda to the Board
- VIII. Chairman's Report
- IX. Committee Reports
 - (a) Welfare, Fraud, and Abuse Committee
 - (b) Audit & Budget Committee
 - (c) Building & Grounds Committee
 - (d) Personnel Committee
- X. Old Business
- XI. New Business
 - (a) Next Board Meeting Date – **Tuesday, July 2, 2024**
- XII. Action Items
 - Resolutions:
 - (a) 2024.6.04 (1) – Resolution Approving Additions, Elimination, and/or Changes to Positions within the Bergen County Board of Social Services
 - (b) 2024.6.04 (2) – Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of Employment for Multiple Openings
 - (c) 2024.6.04 (3) – Resolution Authorizing a Promotion for One Internal Full-Time Human Services Aide to Full-Time Human Services Specialist 1
 - (d) 2024.6.04 (4) – Resolution Authorizing a Promotion for One Internal Full-Time Human Services Aide to Full-Time Human Services Specialist 1
 - (e) 2024.6.04 (5) – Resolution Approving Service Animal Policy
 - (f) 2024.6.04 (6) – 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

XIII. Closed Session

- (a) Closed Session Minutes of May 7, 2024
- (b) Personnel Matters
- (c) Litigation
- (d) Any other matters permitted in closed sessions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)

XIV. Adoption of Minutes

- (a) Closed Session Minutes May 7, 2024

PLEASE NOTE THAT FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD ON ANY MATTER SET FORTH ABOVE OR AS MAY BE RAISED DURING THE MEETING.

Offered by:

Seconded by:

MEMBER	TITLE	AYE	NAY	NO VOTE	ABSENT
WILLIAM E. CONNELLY	CHAIRMAN				
RANDI DUFFIE	VICE CHAIRWOMAN				
ELAINE K. MEYERSON	SECRETARY TREASURER				
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No. 2024.6.04 (1)

BERGEN COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDITIONS, ELIMINATION, AND/OR CHANGES TO POSITIONS WITHIN THE BERGEN COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Director has requested that the personnel request changes attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference in order to eliminate positions, create new positions, and/or change positions be made in order for the agency to operate more efficiently and better serve the public; and

WHEREAS, the Director has reviewed the personnel requests attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference outlining the effective date and budget for each position and recommends the approval of same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Bergen County Board of Social Services hereby approves that the personnel requests attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference be made in order to eliminate positions and create new positions in the agency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be kept on file in the Office of the Director.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that this is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Bergen County Board of Social Services upon a roll call of all members of the Board of Directors eligible to vote at a regular meeting held on June 4, 2024.

ATTEST:

SO APPROVED:

Elaine K. Meyerson
Secretary-Treasurer

WILLIAM E. CONNELLY
Chairman

Date of Adoption: June 4, 2024

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No. 2024.6.04 (2)

BERGEN COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT FOR MULTIPLE OPENINGS

WHEREAS, the attached listed positions are vacant due to resignations, termination, demotion, leave of absence, and/or retirements; and

WHEREAS, the Board has a need to hire individuals to fill these vacancies on or after June 4, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bergen County Board of Social Services hereby authorizes the Director to advertise employment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be kept on file in the Office of the Director; and

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED, that this is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Bergen County Board of Social Services upon a roll call of all members of the Board of Directors eligible to vote at a regular meeting held on June 4, 2024.

ATTEST:

SO APPROVED:

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No. 2024.6.04 (3)

BERGEN COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROMOTION FOR ONE INTERNAL FULL-TIME HUMAN SERVICES AIDE TO FULL-TIME HUMAN SERVICES SPECIALIST 1

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Board of Social Services is in need of authorizing a change in employment for one employee from one (1) Full-Time Human Services Aide to Full-Time Human Services Specialist 1; and

WHEREAS, interviews were conducted for the position of Full-Time Human Services Specialist 1; and

WHEREAS, a civil service examination was conducted for the position of Human Services Specialist 1; and

WHEREAS, based on the results of the civil service examination, Jerry Abraham is eligible to be appointed to the position of Full-Time Human Services Specialist 1; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Director that Jerry Abraham be appointed to the position of Full-Time Human Services Specialist 1 effective on or after 6/04/24 at an annual salary of \$62,188.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bergen County Board of Social Services hereby approves of the change in employment of Jerry Abraham to the position of Full-Time Human Services Specialist 1 effective on or after 6/04/24 at an annual salary of \$62,188; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director is hereby authorized and directed to notify Jerry Abraham of his Full-Time employment with the Bergen County Board of Social Services effective on or after 6/04/24; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director is hereby authorized and directed to place a copy of this resolution in the personnel file of Jerry Abraham.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED, that this is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Bergen County Board of Social Services upon a roll call of all members of the Board of Directors eligible to vote at a regular meeting held on June 4, 2024.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

ELAINE K. MEYERSON
Secretary-Treasurer

WILLIAM E. CONNELLY
Chairman

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No. 2024.6.04 (4)

BERGEN COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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WHEREAS, the Bergen County Board of Social Services is in need of authorizing a change in employment for one employee from one (1) Full-Time Human Services Aide to Full-Time Human Services Specialist 1; and

WHEREAS, interviews were conducted for the position of Full-Time Human Services Specialist 1; and

WHEREAS, a civil service examination was conducted for the position of Human Services Specialist 1; and

WHEREAS, based on the results of the civil service examination, Lilly Rivera is eligible to be appointed to the position of Full-Time Human Services Specialist 1; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Director that Lilly Rivera be appointed to the position of Full-Time Human Services Specialist 1 effective on or after 6/04/24 at an annual salary of \$54,079.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bergen County Board of Social Services hereby approves of the change in employment of Lilly Rivera to the position of Full-Time Human Services Specialist 1 effective on or after 6/04/24 at an annual salary of \$54,079; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director is hereby authorized and directed to notify Lilly Rivera of her Full-Time employment with the Bergen County Board of Social Services effective on or after 6/04/24; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director is hereby authorized and directed to place a copy of this resolution in the personnel file of Lilly Rivera.

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ATTEST:

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ELAINE K. MEYERSON
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No. 2024.6.04 (5)

BERGEN COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION APPROVING SERVICE ANIMAL POLICY

WHEREAS, in accord with the Americans with Disabilities Acts (“ADA”) and the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination (“LAD”), the Bergen County Board of Social Services (hereinafter the “Board”) seeks to adopt a service animal policy in order to allow service animals to accompany people with disabilities into Board facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Service Animal Policy, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, sets forth the definition of service animals and policies the Board Employees shall be governed by; and

WHEREAS, the Director has reviewed the Service Animal Policy attached hereto and recommends the approval of same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bergen County Board of Social Services that the Service Animal Policy, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, be and is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Service Animal Policy shall be added to and become a part of the Employee Handbook under Workplace policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon the execution hereof.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED, that this is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Bergen County Board of Social Services upon a roll call of all members of the Board of Directors eligible to vote at a regular meeting held on June 4, 2024.

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SO APPROVED:

ELAINE K. MEYERSON
Secretary Treasurer

WILLIAM CONNELLY
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No. 2024.6.04 (6)

BERGEN COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES

A 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

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Board of Social Services is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq., and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Bergen County Board of Social Services to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b and designated below:

___ 1. Matters Required by Law to be Confidential. Any matter which, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

2. Matters Where the Release of Information Would Impair the Right to Receive Funds. Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.

 3. Matters Involving Individual Privacy. Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.

 X 4. Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements. Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body, with respect to: (a) discussion regarding approving Juneteenth.

 X 5. Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property or the Investment of Public Funds. Any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed specifically with respect to 218 Route 17 North, Rochelle Park, New Jersey, specifically with respect to (a) discussion regarding Building. The minutes will be released on or before _____, 20__ when the issues pertaining to the Lease and First Amendment to the Lease have been approved and finalized.

 6. Matters Relating to Public Safety and Property. Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations of possible violations of the law.

 7. Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege, any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is, or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer, specifically with respect to (a) _____. The minutes will be released in approximately ninety (90) days or upon the resolution through settlement or court decision and the time period for any and all appeals.

 8. Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship. Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the

performance or promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting, specifically, (a) . The minutes will be released within ninety (90) days or earlier upon the resolution of the matter through settlement or court decision and the time period for any and all appeals.

____ 9. Matters Relating to the Potential Imposition of a Penalty. Any deliberations of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party bears responsibility.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bergen County Board of Social Services, assembled in public session on May 7, 2024 that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on June 4, 2024, at 4:30 P.M. at the Bergen County Board of Social Services, 218 Route 17 North, Rochelle Park, New Jersey, for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session will be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Bergen County Board of Social Services that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality as set forth above.

ATTEST:

SO APPROVED:

ELAINE K. MEYERSON
Secretary Treasurer

WILLIAM E. CONNELLY
Chairman

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