

ATLANTIC COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
Reorganization Meeting
Atlantic County Criminal Court Complex
Jury Assembly Room
4997 Unami Boulevard
Mays Landing, New Jersey 08330

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Minutes of Meeting
January 7, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders was called to order by Clerk Sonya G. Harris at 4 p.m., Standard Time, on the above-mentioned date, at the County Criminal Court Complex, Mays Landing, New Jersey 08330.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Statement of Open Public Meeting Compliance: Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Clerk Sonya G. Harris announced that adequate notice of this meeting, as required by said Act, has been published in *The Press of Atlantic City*, and mailed to *The Current*, *The Daily Journal*, *The Hammonton Gazette* and *The Hammonton News*; posted on the bulletin boards at 1333 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, the Stillwater Building, 201 Shore Road, Northfield and the County Clerk's Office in Mays Landing.

PRAYER AND FLAG SALUTE

The prayer was led by Deacon Richard Maxwell of Saint Vincent de Paul Parish in Mays Landing followed by the flag salute led by Clerk Harris.

OATHS OF OFFICE

County Executive Dennis Levinson was administered the oath of office by the Honorable Mark H. Sandson, Superior Court Judge.

Freeholder Ernest D. Coursey was administered the oath of office by New Jersey First Lady Tammy Murphy in the absence of her husband the Honorable Philip Murphy, Governor.

Freeholder Amy L. Gatto was administered the oath of office by the Honorable Susan F. Maven, Superior Court Judge.

Freeholder Richard R. Dase was administered the oath of office by the Honorable DiAnne C. Gove, New Jersey State Assemblywoman, District Nine.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded: PRESENT: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Formica, Gatto, Kern and Risley. ABSENT: None.

A quorum was present.

RESOLUTION NO. 1
Nomination of Chair to the
2020 Atlantic County Board
of Chosen Freeholders

Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to appoint Freeholder Frank D. Formica as Chair to the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Atlantic, to serve for the period from January 7, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Clerk Harris asked for any additional nominations.

Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to close nominations.

The above motion to close nominations was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Formica, Gatto, Kern and Risley. NAYS: None.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Formica, Gatto, Kern and Risley. NAYS: Fitzpatrick.

RESOLUTION NO. 2
Nomination of Vice Chair to
the 2020 Atlantic County
Board of Chosen Freeholders

Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to appoint Freeholder Maureen Kern as Vice Chair to the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Atlantic, to serve for the period from January 7, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Clerk Harris asked for any additional nominations.

Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to close nominations.

The above motion to close nominations was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Formica, Gatto, Kern and Risley. NAYS: None.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 3
Informing the media of the
2020 regular
meetings of the Atlantic
County Board of Chosen
Freeholders

Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Dase seconded a motion to inform the media of the 2020 regular meetings of the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 4
Appointment of NJAC
representative

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to appoint Freeholder Frank D. Formica as representative to the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC).

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 5
Appointment of NJAC first
alternate representative

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to appoint Freeholder Ashley R. Bennett as first alternate representative to the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC).

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 6
Appointment of NJAC second
alternate representative

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to appoint Freeholder Maureen Kern as second alternate representative to the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC).

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 7
Appointment to serve on
various Atlantic County
Advisory Boards/
Commissions/Councils for
2020

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to appoint Freeholders to serve on various Atlantic County Advisory Boards/Commissions/Councils for 2020.

	<p>The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.</p>
RESOLUTION NO. 8 2020 Temporary Budget	<p>Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion approving the 2020 Temporary Budget appropriations.</p> <p>The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.</p>
RESOLUTION NO. 9 Depositories and cash management plan for 2020	<p>Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to approve a Depositories and Cash Management Plan for the County of Atlantic for 2020.</p> <p>The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.</p>
RESOLUTION NO. 10 Establishing petty cash funds for 2020	<p>Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion establishing petty cash funds for various departments and divisions of Atlantic County for 2020.</p> <p>The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.</p>
RESOLUTION NO. 11 Resolution adopting the Governing Body’s Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964”	<p>Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion adopting the Governing Body’s Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964”.</p> <p>The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.</p>
RECOGNITION OF DIGNITARIES	<p>Chairman Formica recognized former Chairwoman Amy Gatto for her stellar work as Chairwoman. He also thanked the Freeholder staff and highlighted the accomplishments of the Board of Freeholders and Administration. Chairman Formica recognized all State, County and municipal elected officials and others in attendance.</p>
PUBLIC COMMENTS	<p>Chairman Formica opened the meeting to the public at 4:39 p.m.</p> <p>There being no comments, Chairman Formica closed the public portion at 4:39 p.m.</p>
REMARKS	<p>Freeholder Coursey recognized his family, friends, colleagues and clergy in attendance and thanked First Lady Murphy for administering the oath and the Governor for participating via telephone. He stated his main objective is to serve the residents of Atlantic County and outlined the challenges of 2020.</p>

Freeholder Gatto recognized her family, friends and supporters in attendance. She thanked her running mate, County Executive Levinson, and expressed she looked forward to working with him again. Freeholder Gatto expressed her appreciation to Judge Maven for administering the oath of office.

Freeholder Dase thanked his parents for instilling a sense of community throughout his life. He recognized his wife and children for their support throughout the years. He thanked County Executive Levinson for his leadership and the Freeholder staff for their work.

Freeholder Maureen expressed being honored and blessed to serve as Vice Chairwoman for 2020. She thanked the staff for their work throughout the year and Freeholder Gatto for her leadership in 2019. Vice Chairwoman Kern expressed she is excited to work with Chairman Formica in 2020.

BENEDICTION

Deacon Richard Maxwell of Saint Vincent de Paul Parish in Mays Landing provided the benediction.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Formica entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to adjourn the Freeholder meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sonya G. Harris
Clerk of the Board