

**173rd ANNUAL REORGANIZATION BUSINESS MEETING
CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
JANUARY 4, 2017 – 5:00 P.M.
CAMDEN COUNTY COURTHOUSE
16TH FLOOR FREEHOLDER CONFERENCE ROOM
520 MARKET STREET, CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY 08102**

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, Karyn Gilmore, at 5:00 p.m. The Clerk then called the roll.

PRESENT: SHIN-ANGULO, MOEN, NASH, RODRIGUEZ, YOUNG,
MCDONNELL, CAPPELLI

The Clerk stated that this meeting was advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Ms. Gilmore then asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Gilmore welcomed everyone to the 173rd Annual Reorganization Business Meeting of the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Ms. Gilmore said the first order of business is to swear-in our newly elected Freeholders. She said it is my honor and privilege to call upon Assemblyman Louis Greenwald to come forward to administer the Oath of Office to Edward McDonnell for the Office of Freeholder.

**OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED
TO LOUIS CAPPELLI**

Assemblyman Greenwald and Freeholder McDonnell came forward. Assemblyman Greenwald then administered the oath of office for Freeholder to Edward McDonnell.

**OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED
TO CARMEN RODRIGUEZ**

Ms. Gilmore called upon Senator Nilsa Cruz-Perez to come forward to administer the oath of office to Carmen Rodriguez for the office of Freeholder. Senator Cruz-Perez and Freeholder Rodriguez came forward. Senator Cruz-Perez then administered the oath of office for Freeholder to Carmen Rodriguez.

NOMINATION FOR FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR

Ms. Gilmore said at this time I would like to open the floor for nominations for the office of Freeholder Director for the year 2017.

Freeholder Jeffrey Nash welcomed everyone and said it is my honor to nominate Louis Cappelli, Jr. to be our Freeholder Director. Freeholder Nash commented that this is his 25th year as a Freeholder. He said that Lou has been an outstanding leader and continues to take on tough

issues with great leadership, intelligence, integrity and compassion. It is my honor to nominate Louis Cappelli, Jr. once again as Freeholder Director for 2017.

Freeholder Moen seconded the nomination for Louis Cappelli, Jr. as Freeholder Director for 2017.

The Clerk said we have a motion and a second and called the roll:

Shin Angulo	-	Aye to Louis Cappelli, Jr. as Director
Moen	-	Aye to Louis Cappelli, Jr. as Director
Nash	-	Aye to Louis Cappelli, Jr. as Director
Rodriguez	-	Aye to Louis Cappelli, Jr. as Director
Young	-	Aye to Louis Cappelli, Jr. as Director
McDonnell	-	Aye to Louis Cappelli, Jr. as Director
Cappelli	-	Aye to Louis Cappelli, Jr. as Director

OATH OF OFFICE
ADMINISTERED TO FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR

Assemblyman Louis Greenwald administered the oath of office for Freeholder Director to Louis Cappelli, Jr.

Freeholder Cappelli thanked his colleagues for their continued support.

NOMINATION FOR DEPUTY FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR

Freeholder Director Cappelli then asked for nominations from the floor for the office of Deputy Freeholder Director for the year 2017.

Freeholder Carmen Rodriguez said it is an honor for her today to be able to nominate as Deputy Director, a Freeholder who continues to demonstrate tremendous vision and leadership, someone who has championed the cause of fiscal responsibility with a caring and compassionate concern for individuals and someone whose consistent focus has challenged all of us to work harder and smarter for the people we serve. Freeholder Rodriguez said, I nominate Dr. Edward T. McDonnell as Camden County Freeholder Deputy Director for the year 2017.

Freeholder Shin-Angulo seconded the nomination of Freeholder Edward T. McDonnell for the office of Freeholder Deputy Director.

Freeholder Director Louis Cappelli, Jr. asked for the Clerk to call the roll. On roll call, the Freeholders voted as follows:

Shin-Angulo	-	Aye to Edward T. McDonnell as Deputy Director
Moen	-	Aye to Edward T. McDonnell as Deputy Director
Nash	-	Aye to Edward T. McDonnell as Deputy Director
Rodriguez	-	Aye to Edward T. McDonnell as Deputy Director

Young - Aye to Edward T. McDonnell as Deputy Director
McDonnell - Aye to Edward T. McDonnell as Deputy Director
Cappelli - Aye to Edward T. McDonnell as Deputy Director

**OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED
TO DEPUTY FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR**

Assemblyman Louis Greenwald administered the oath of office for Deputy Freeholder Director to Edward T. McDonnell.

Director Cappelli then opened the meeting to the public for discussion of the resolutions only. He said after review of Resolutions 1 through 56 by each Freeholder, the resolutions are being presented by the consent of the entire Freeholder Board. Seeing no one wishing to speak, the Director asked for a motion to close the public portion. Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion to close the public portion with a second by Freeholder Young and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

The Director then proceeded with the agenda. The Director said with the unanimous consent of the Freeholders, they would be voting on Resolutions 1 through 56.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS 1 THROUGH 56

Director Cappelli asked for a motion to adopt Resolutions 1 through 56. Freeholder Nash made a motion to adopt with a second by Freeholder Rodriguez and on roll call, all Freeholders voted aye.

The Director then opened the meeting to the public for discussion on any County issues. Seeing no one wishing to speak, Deputy Director McDonnell made a motion to close the public portion with a second by Freeholder Moen and on roll call, all Freeholders present voted aye.

The Director then called upon the Freeholders for their comments.

Freeholder Nash congratulated Freeholders McDonnell and Rodriguez on their re-election by overwhelming numbers. He stated their re-elections reflect their hard work as well as the hard work of all County employees. He then congratulated Freeholder Director Cappelli and Freeholder Deputy Director Ed McDonnell on their reappointments.

Freeholder Rodriguez congratulated the Director and Deputy Director on continuing to serve us well as they have done in the past. She stated that even though this is her 12th year, there is always something new to learn. It is a privilege to be a Freeholder. She continued by saying that she enjoys being able to help people and make a difference in their lives and has learned that everyone has a story to tell and that we have to take the time to listen and help people become a part of the community. Freeholder Rodriguez went on to say that she has worked very hard to bring her departments together to collaborate with our departments. This

past year she and Freeholder Nash worked together with their departments to combat the Zika virus.

Freeholder Young also congratulated the Director and Deputy Director on their appointments as well as Freeholders McDonnell and Rodriguez on their re-elections. He stated that when he moved into the County he would never have imagined that a kid from the city would be sitting here 22 years later as a Freeholder working with all of these wonderful people. These are 7 people, not politicians, who care about the residents of Camden County. It is our responsibility to make sure every citizen in Camden County is represented.

Freeholder Shin-Angulo also congratulated the Director and Deputy Director on their appointments as well as Freeholders McDonnell and Rodriguez on their re-elections. She stated that she is looking forward to 2017 – the year of gratitude. She thanked Director Cappelli and Deputy Director McDonnell for their leadership.

Freeholder Moen congratulated the Director and Deputy Director on their appointments as well as Freeholders McDonnell and Rodriguez on their re-elections. He quoted the late Lewis Katz in saying "You can't live a perfect day unless you do something for someone who will never be able to thank you."

Deputy Director McDonnell thanked everyone for their continued vote of support. He congratulated Freeholder Rodriguez on her re-election as well as Lou Cappelli on his reappointment as Director. The Deputy Freeholder Director thanked everyone for attending, including Assemblywoman Gabriella Mosquera, Assemblywoman Patricia Jones, Sheriff Wilson and Senator Nilsa Cruz-Perez.

He commented that he has been a part of the Freeholder Board for a long time and while the faces have changed, the mission and commitment to the public remains the same. This Board has done great things. Thank you, Director.

Deputy Director McDonnell expressed a special thank you to his good friend, Louis Greenwald, for everything and for always being there for him. He went on to thank the Deputy County Administrators Jim Rhodes, Dominic Vesper, Jr. and Holly Cass, Chief Financial Officer, David McPeak and County Administrator, Ross Angilella for the wonderful job they do day in and day out.

Director Cappelli thanked all the Legislators for their support and help, starting with Assemblyman Louis Greenwald, Assemblywoman Gabriella Mosquera, Assemblywoman Patricia Jones, and Senator Nilsa Cruz-Perez. He said we benefit from having good friends in the legislature. Thank you for supporting us.

Director Cappelli congratulated Ed and Carmen in their overwhelming victory not only for government but for providing caring and compassionate services for those who need it the most.

Director Cappelli said we have accomplished a lot over the past year. An unprecedented number of good things are happening in this County from Winslow to Camden, including advances in health and transportation and well as job growth.

He concluded by saying that he is very proud to say he is a Freeholder of the County of Camden and even more proud to say he is the Director of such an amazing group of individuals.

There being no further business, the Director asked for a motion to adjourn. Freeholder Young made a motion to adjourn with a second by Freeholder Nash at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn Gilmore
Clerk of the Board