

**ATLANTIC COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REORGANIZATION MEETING
Atlantic County Criminal Court Complex
Courtroom No. 5
4997 Unami Boulevard
Mays Landing, New Jersey 08330
and via Cisco Webex Video Conferencing**

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**Minutes of Meeting
January 3, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

The Annual Reorganization meeting of the Atlantic County Board of County Commissioners was called to order by Clerk Tara Silipena at 4:05 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on the above-mentioned date, in Courtroom No. Five of the Atlantic County Criminal Court Complex, Mays Landing, NJ and via Cisco Webex Video conferencing.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING
STATEMENT**

Statement of Open Public Meeting Compliance: Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Clerk Tara Silipena 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* and *The Hammonton Gazette*; 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 Reverend Lou Strugala, Pastor of Church by the Bay in Galloway Township followed by the flag salute led by Clerk Silipena.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Commissioner Ernest D. Coursey was administered the oath of office by New Jersey First Lady Tammy Murphy.

Commissioner Richard R. Dase was administered the oath of office by New Jersey State Senator Vince Polistina.

Commissioner Amy L. Gatto was administered the oath of office by New Jersey Assemblywoman Claire Swift.

2023 ROLL CALL

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

A quorum was present.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1
Appointment of Chairperson
to the 2023 Atlantic County
Board of County
Commissioners**

Commissioner Kern moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to appoint Commissioner John W. Risley, Jr. as Chairperson to the Board of County Commissioners and to serve for the period from January 3, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2
Appointment of Vice
Chairperson to the 2023
Atlantic County Board of
County Commissioners**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to appoint Commissioner Andrew W. Parker, III as Vice Chairperson to the Board of County Commissioners and to serve for the period from January 3, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 3
Informing the media of the
2023 regular meetings of the
Atlantic County Board of
County Commissioners**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion informing the media of the 2023 regular meetings of the Atlantic County Board of County Commissioners.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 4
Appointment of Atlantic
County Representative to the
New Jersey Association of
Counties (NJAC)**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to appoint John W. Risley, Jr. as the Atlantic County Representative to the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 5
Appointment of Atlantic
County First Alternate
Representative to the NJAC**

Commissioner Kern moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to appoint Frank X. Balles as the Atlantic County First Alternate Representative to the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 6
Appointment of Atlantic
County Second Alternate
Representative to the NJAC**

Commissioner Kern moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to appoint Caren L. Fitzpatrick as the Atlantic County Second Alternate Representative to the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 7
Appointment of
Commissioners to serve on
various Atlantic County
Boards/Commissions/Councils
for 2023**

Commissioner Kern moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to appoint Commissioners to serve on various Atlantic County Boards/Commissions/Councils for 2023 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:41a-37.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 8
Resolution to make annual
reorganization appointments
to serve on various Advisory
Boards, Commissions and
Committees**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion to make annual reorganization appointments to serve on various Advisory Boards, Commissions and Committees.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 9
2023 Temporary Budget**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion to approve the County 2023 temporary budget.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 10
Depositories and cash
management plan for the
County of Atlantic – 2023**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion designating the depositories and cash management plan for the County of Atlantic – 2023.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 11
Establishing petty cash funds
for various Departments and
Divisions of Atlantic County
2023**

Commissioner Kern moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion establishing petty cash funds for various Departments and Divisions of Atlantic County – 2023.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 12
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"**

Commissioner Kern moved and Commissioner 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".

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

REMARKS

Chairman Risley recognized each dignitary in attendance. He is honored to have served Atlantic County for the past 23 years. He highlighted the work being done around the County.

Commissioner Coursey wished everyone a Happy New Year, congratulated his colleagues and looks forward to the next three years fighting for Atlantic County residents.

Commissioner Kern congratulated the newly sworn in Commissioners, the new Chairman and the new Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Dase thanked his family for their support and congratulated his colleagues. He pledged to work hard for everyone.

Commissioner Gatto congratulated the new Chairman and Vice Chairman. She is proud the Commissioner Board is diverse in experience and culture. She thanked her family and friends for supporting her.

Commissioner Parker thanked the dignitaries, family and friends in the audience. The Commissioner Board is here to serve the people. He is thankful to serve this year as Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Balles congratulated Commissioners Gatto, Dase, Coursey and Chairman Risley. He thanked Administration for the paving of Zion Road.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Risley opened the meeting to the public at 4:45pm.

There being no comments, Chairman Risley closed the public portion at 4:45pm.

BENEDICTION

Reverend Lou Strugala offered the closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Risley entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kern moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to adjourn the Commissioners meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tara Silipena
Clerk of the Board