

**340th ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2026
6:00 p.m.**

Laurie J. Burns, Clerk of the Board called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Open Public Meeting Act Notice

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, I hereby announce that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided, as required by said Act, which notice was filed with the County Clerk, posted in the vestibule of the County Courthouse and sent to the Courier Post and South Jersey Times on December 18, 2025.

Invocation by Commissioner Jim Jefferson

Pledge of Allegiance, led by the Clerk of the Board.

National Anthem, sung by Michael Jones.

Introduction of Honored guests.

Clerk of the Board, Laurie J. Burns, reads a letter certifying the election of Frank J. DiMarco and Thomas Bianco to the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Gloucester.

Introduction, by the Clerk of the Board, of newly re-elected **County Commissioner Frank J. DiMarco**, escorted by his wife Marlene, their son Frank Jr. and his grandson Frank III, who will also hold the Bible.

Introduction of Stephen M. Sweeney for the swearing-in ceremony of Commissioner-elect Frank J. DiMarco.

Swearing-in of Commissioner-elect Frank J. DiMarco.

Introduction, by the Clerk of the Board, of newly elected **County Commissioner Thomas Bianco**, escorted by his wife Lynn Bianco, son David and his wife Kathy, daughter Katie and her husband Chris and grandchildren Simone and Ethan. Lynn will hold the Bible.

Introduction of Stephen M. Sweeney for the swearing-in ceremony of Commissioner-elect Thomas Bianco.

Swearing-in of Commissioner-elect Thomas Bianco.

ROLL CALL OF THE 2026 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

	Present	Absent
Commissioner Konawel	X	
Commissioner Gattinelli	X	
Commissioner Jefferson	X	
Commissioner DeSilvio	X	
Commissioner Weng	X	
Commissioner Bianco	X	
Commissioner DiMarco	X	

Nomination, for a **Director of the Board of County Commissioners** for the year 2026.

Commissioner Jim Jefferson nominated Commissioner Frank J. DiMarco as Director of the Board of County Commissioners for the year 2026 and Commissioner Matt Weng seconded the motion. Commissioner DiSilvio then nominated Commissioner Gattinelli and Commissioner Konawel seconded the motion. Roll call was taken in the order that nominations were made and is reflected below.

MOTION NOMINATING FRANK J. DIMARCO AS DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF COMISSIONERS FOR THE YEAR 2026.

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel				X		
Commissioner Gattinelli			X			
Commissioner Jefferson	X		X			
Commissioner DeSilvio				X		
Commissioner Weng			X			
Commissioner Bianco		X	X			
Commissioner DiMarco					X	

The oath of office of the **Director of the Board of County Commissioners**, was administered by Congressman Donald Norcross.

Director DiMarco called for Nominations, for a **Deputy Director of the Board of County Commissioners** for the year 2026.

Commissioner Matt Weng nominated Commissioner Jim Jefferson as Deputy Director of the Board of County Commissioners for the year 2026 and Commissioner Joann Gattinelli seconded the motion. No other nominations were made. Roll call vote was taken and is reflected below.

MOTION NOMINATING JIM JEFFERSON AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF COMISSIONERS FOR THE YEAR 2026.

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel			X			
Commissioner Gattinelli			X			
Commissioner Jefferson	X				X	
Commissioner DeSilvio			X			
Commissioner Weng			X			
Commissioner Bianco		X	X			
Commissioner DiMarco			X			

The oath of office of the **Deputy Director of the Board of County Commissioners**, was administered by Stephen M. Sweeney.

Congressman Donald Norcross was asked to say a few words.

Director DiMarco gave his Annual Address.

Comments by Commissioners were made on the record. Commissioner Konawel had asked that his written statement be made part of the record but due to his mentioning of pending litigation in addition to the minutes only reflecting a summary of the meeting a copy of Commissioner Konawel's written statement will not be included. On OPRA request may be filed to obtain said written statement.

RESOLUTIONS

As Re-Organization is generally a ceremonial first meeting of the year, it has always been handled as a Consent Agenda. Even though this is a Consent Agenda, any Commissioner may vote YES for all or certain resolutions, or NO for all or certain resolutions, or Abstain from any resolutions due to a conflict, in addition, a resolution can be pulled from the consent agenda and asked to be heard separately.

Commissioner Konawel objected to a consent agenda stating he had questions on every resolution. Discussion ensued and County Counsel Campo advised that this would be inconsistent with the Rules of the Board and that specific items need to be identified to remove said items from a Consent Agenda. Counsel then advised the Director to call for a Motion to proceed with a Consent Agenda for Resolutions 56298 through 56351 by consent. Deputy Director called for a motion to proceed with a Consent Agenda for Resolutions 56298 through 56351

by consent. Commissioner Matt Weng seconded the motion. Commissioner Nick DeSilvio asked to pull Resolution #56351 from the consent agenda. Director DiMarco pulled the aforementioned resolution from consent agenda to be voted on separately.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTIONS VIA CONSENT AGENDA

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel				X		
Commissioner Gattinelli			X			
Deputy Director Jefferson	X		X			
Commissioner DeSilvio				X		
Commissioner Weng			X			
Commissioner Bianco		X	X			
Director DiMarco			X			

56298 RESOLUTION adopting the *Rules of the Board* for the year 2026.

56299 RESOLUTION adopting *Commissioner Assignments* for the year 2026.

56300 RESOLUTION adopting the *2026 Regular Meeting Schedule* for the Gloucester County Board of County Commissioners. This is to comply with the notice provisions set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-9(a).

56301 RESOLUTION establishing the *official newspapers* for the County of Gloucester for the year 2026. The *South Jersey Times*, *Courier Post* and the *Sentinel of Gloucester County*.

56302 RESOLUTION fixing a fee to be paid by members of the public for receiving personal notice of meetings pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act. Any person may request that a public body mail to him or her copies of any regular meeting schedule upon prepayment by such person of a reasonable sum, if any has been fixed by resolution of the public body to cover the costs of providing such notice.

56303 RESOLUTION designating *Gloucester County Qualified Purchasing Agent, Kimberly A. Larter* as Gloucester County’s Public Agency Compliance Officer as required by the New Jersey Administrative Code Section 17:27-3.2 for calendar year 2026. The Public Agency Compliance Officer (hereinafter “PACO”) shall specifically perform the duties prescribed in New Jersey’s affirmative action rules and ensuring the County’s compliance with these rules. The PACO also performs any other liaison and assistance functions as may be requested by the New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Division of Contract Compliance.

56304 RESOLUTION authorizing and approving the *Temporary Budget* for the year 2026. This resolution is mandated by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 to fund the first quarter of 2026 until the 2026 County Budget is adopted.

56305 RESOLUTION authorizing *Emergency Temporary Appropriations*. This is authorized by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20. This resolution is needed to fund programs in the first quarter of 2026 in excess of the normal 26.25% limit. Most of the costs involved are grants for which we receive 100% authorization in the beginning of the year and it is impractical to only approve a portion of the grant. This is a normal yearly occurrence.

56306 RESOLUTION adopting a *Cash Management Plan* pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14, et seq. N.J.S.A. 40:5-14 requires every local unit to adopt a cash management plan by majority vote annually. The Chief Financial Officer of the unit is charged with administering the plan.

56307 RESOLUTION establishing *Gloucester County employee salary ranges* and fixing compensation with associated titles for non-union employees for the year 2026.

56308 RESOLUTION authorizing **modification of County Fees for 2026**. This Resolution authorizes the modification of various fees charged by the County for programs and services for the year 2026 for the Departments of EMS, Health and Pitman Golf Course.

56309 RESOLUTION authorizing a contract with ***Parker McCay, P.A.*** for professional Bond Counsel and other legal services from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$325,000.00.

56310 RESOLUTION authorizing a contract with ***Brown & Connery, LLP*** for professional Labor Counsel and other legal services from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00.

56311 RESOLUTION authorizing a contract with ***Acacia Financial Group, Inc.*** for professional Financial Advisor services from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

56312 RESOLUTION authorizing a contract with ***Law Office of John Alice*** for legal services for the County Adjuster's Office from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00.

56313 RESOLUTION authorizing a contract with ***Law Office of John Alice*** for legal counsel for the County Division of Social Services from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00.

56314 RESOLUTION authorizing a contract with ***CME Associates*** for professional engineering services regarding the 2026 septic/well system plan reviews in an amount not to exceed \$175,000.00.

56315 RESOLUTION authorizing contracts with ***Bach Associates, PC*** and ***Joseph F. McKernan Jr. Architects and Associates, LLC*** for professional architectural services from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$275,000.00 each.

56316 RESOLUTION authorizing a contract with ***Bowman & Company, LLP*** for accounting and other related services related to the 2026 calendar year County Welfare Agency Audit from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$66,850.00.

56317 RESOLUTION appointing a pool of engineers for the county for project management, construction inspection, environmental services and/or other unspecified projects for the calendar year January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.

56318 RESOLUTION reappointing **Eric M. Campo** as **County Counsel** for the County of Gloucester from **January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2028** and authorizing an employment contract.

56319 RESOLUTION appointing members to the ***Agriculture Development Board***.

- West Jay Kandle
- Michael Visalli
- Russell Marino

56320 RESOLUTION appointing members to the ***Animal Shelter Advisory Committee***.

- Dr. Sabra Olsen, DVM

56321 RESOLUTION appointing members to the ***Gloucester County Commission for Women.***

- Gail Slimm
- Marguerite Stubbs
- Beverly Ranton Wellons
- Mary Jane Love
- Lisa Cerny
- Jacqueline Williams
- Samira Davis
- Toni Jones Johnson
- Wendi Miller

56322 RESOLUTION appointing members, a Chairman and Vice Chairman to the ***Gloucester County Construction Board of Appeals.***

- Robert DeAngelo, Chair
- Mark Brunermer
- Joseph Heitman, Vice Chairman

56323 RESOLUTION appointing representatives to the ***Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission.***

- Nick Cressman
- Commissioner Weng, 1st Alternate.

56324 RESOLUTION appointing members to the ***Disabilities Advisory Council.***

- Ramon Casanova (ACT)
- Joan Clark
- Bryan Miller
- Kimberly Quigley
- Theresa Rohlfing
- Carol Weinhart
- Lisa Conley
- Jodi Coates
- Lisa Cerny
- OEM Representatives (2)
- Rowan School of Medicine Representative
- Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- GCSSSD Representative
- Workforce Development Director

56325 RESOLUTION appointing members to the ***Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Board.***

- Human & Special Services Director
- GCIT Superintendent
- RCSJ President
- County Superintendent of Schools
- Rafael Muniz
- Michelle Baylor
- Roy Dawson

56326 RESOLUTION appointing members to the ***Emergency Management Council.***

- Emergency Management Coordinator
- Health Department Representative
- Public Works Dept. Liaison
- Public Information Officer
- Economic Development Director
- GC Hazardous Materials Resp. Unit
- Division of Social Services Representative
- Sheriff's Office/designee
- County Counsel/designee
- County Fire Marshal
- Mark Chapman, Inspira Medical Systems
- Pat Robinson, Paulsboro Refining Co.
- Red Cross Director
- Dep. Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator
- Division of Human and Special Services Representative
- County Medical Examiner
- County EMS Chief
- County Prosecutor/designee
- Commissioner Liaison
- Hazmat Mitigation Officer
- County Mental Health Administrator
- County Fire Services Director
- County Fire Coordinator

56327 RESOLUTION reappointing ***Assistant Fire Marshals*** for the County of Gloucester.

- Dan Hauss
- Steven Smith
- Jake Hughes

56328 RESOLUTION appointing a member to the ***Gloucester County Housing Authority***.

- Dan Reed

56329 RESOLUTION appointing members to the ***Human Services Advisory Council***.

- Joan Dillon
- Luanne Hughes

56330 RESOLUTION appointing a member to the ***Gloucester County Improvement Authority***.

- B.J. Heinz

56331 RESOLUTION appointing members as the ***Gloucester County Insurance Commission Representatives***.

- County Counsel
- George Hayes, Alternate

56332 RESOLUTION appointing members to the ***Gloucester County Excess Liability Fund***.

- Timothy Sheehan
- County Counsel, Alternate

56333 RESOLUTION appointing members to the ***County Interagency Coordinating Council for Children.***

- Rudolph Aikens
- Tracy Hilliker Mauriello
- Bethany Vega
- Joseph Jacob
- NJ4S V-15 Program Supervisory Representative
- Director Family Support Org.
- McKinney-Vento Liaison
- Director Gloucester County CMO/liaison
- Director Mobile Response/liaison

56334 RESOLUTION appointing a member to the ***Library Commission.***

- Darlene Vondran

56335 RESOLUTION appointing members to the ***Local Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (LACADA).***

- William Dougherty
- Gail Slimm
- Charles Sarlo
- C. Laverne McGirt
- Colleen Thomas
- Wendy Rutecki
- Prosecutor's Office Representative
- Superintendent of Schools Representative

56336 RESOLUTION appointing members to the ***Local Citizens Advisory Board of Transportation.***

- Nick Cressman
- Cadie DiGiambatista
- Robert Dazlich
- Carol Weinhardt
- Jackie Huston
- NJ Transit Representative

56337 RESOLUTION appointing members to the ***Mental Health Board.***

- Gloucester County Warden
- Suzanne Smith
- Rowan School of Osteopathic Med. Rep.

56338 RESOLUTION appointing Gloucester County members to the ***New Jersey Association of Counties.***

- Commissioner Jim Jefferson
- Commissioner Matt Weng - 1st alternate
- Commissioner Thomas Bianco - 2nd alternate

56339 RESOLUTION appointing a **Deputy OEM Coordinator** for the County pursuant to N.J.S.A. APP.A:9-42.1b.

- Brittany Sullivan

56340 RESOLUTION appointing a member to the ***Planning Board.***

- John Robinson
- Anna Marie Rosato
- Ryck Signor

56341 RESOLUTION appointing members to the ***Police Academy Advisory Committee.***

- Director of Emergency Response
- Civilian Member (Louis J. Butler)
- Chairperson/Civilian Member (Steven Pfeiffer)
- Glou. Co. Police Chief's Assoc. (Chief Matt Brenner)
- Glou. Co. Police Chief's Assoc. (Chief Thomas Ryan)
- Glou. Co. Police Chief's Assoc. (Chief Gary Kille)
- Prosecutor's Office designee
- Sheriff's Office designee
- Sheriff's Office designee
- Rowan College of South Jersey Representative
- Glou. Co. Police Academy Director
- Glou. Co. Police Academy Training Coord.
- Glou. Co. Prosecutor
- VP of Workforce Development-RCSJ
- Commissioner Liaison
- Commissioner Director

56342 RESOLUTION appointing members to the ***Rowan College of South Jersey Board of Trustees Search Committee.***

- Colleen Collins
- Edward Munin
- Phillip Tartaglione
- Genevieve Witt
- Jaclyn Krachun.

56343 RESOLUTION appointing members to the ***Senior Services Advisory Board.***

- Lin Tenaglia
- Constance Fentress
- Lacy Haynicz
- Wilma Nagtegaal
- Jacquelyn Love
- Wayne Swanson, Sr.
- Patricia Raggio
- Dennis Dittmar
- Carolyn H. Wallace
- President of Glou. Co. Senior Citizen Org.
- Rep. of Glou. Co. Nutrition Council

56344 RESOLUTION appointing members to the ***Solid Waste Advisory Council.***

- Eric Agren
- Scott Norcross
- Matthew J. Olejarski
- Joseph Marino
- Dale Miller
- Eric M. Campo
- Karen Jost
- Beth Christensen

- Commissioner Liaison to Public Works

56345 RESOLUTION appointing members to the ***South Jersey Regional Film Cooperative***.

- Economic Development Director
- John Burzichelli
- Michelle Shirey
- Commissioner Joann Gattinelli

56346 RESOLUTION appointing members to the ***Gloucester County Utilities Authority***.

- Frank Cianci
- Daniele Spence

56347 RESOLUTION appointing members to the ***Advisory Board for the County Veteran's Cemetery***.

- Commissioner Director
- Commissioner Liaison
- Commander, GC Vet Advisory Board
- Director of Veteran's Affairs
- Supervisor of Internment

56348 RESOLUTION appointing members to the ***Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee***.

- Board of Elections - 4 members
- Commissioner Director
- Lynn McClintock
- Lisa Cerny
- Superintendent of Elections
- Bernadette Forward
- County Administrator

56349 RESOLUTION appointing members to the ***Workforce Development Board***.

- Janet Garraty- Business Consultant
- Mitch McEntee- Business Member
- Anthony DeFabio-CBO/Labor
- President RCSJ
- Brigitte Satchell - Education/Workforce
- Susan Heiken - Education/Workforce
- Janea Wilson - Education/Workforce - One Stop Career Ctr
- Stacey Smith - Education/Workforce-DVRS
- Stephen Hart - Education/Workforce-Title I-One Stop Career Ctr
- Economic Development Director
- Kenneth Barnshaw - Business Member
- Fred Keating - Education/Workforce
- Lauren Seery

36350 RESOLUTION appointing members to the ***Gloucester County Youth Services Commission***.

- Sonia Decencio
- Gerald Hodges

- Kenneth Ridinger
- Jennifer Rodriquez
- James Sampson
- County Prosecutor Representative
- DCF/DCP&P Representative
- Presiding Judge of Family Part
- Commissioner Director Representative
- Assistant Family Division Manager Representative
- Vicinage Chief Probation Officer Representative
- County Mental Health Administrator
- Superintendent of Schools Representative
- Superintendent of GCIT Representative
- Division of Human and Disability Service Director
- Associate VP of Together Youth Shelter
- Detention Center Director Representative
- Family Crisis Unit Representative
- Director of Addiction Services
- Workforce Development Representative
- County Public Defender Representative
- Law Enforcement Representative

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTIONS 56298 THROUGH 56351 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF RESOLUTION 56351.

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel						
Commissioner Gattinelli			X			
Deputy Director Jefferson	X		X			
Commissioner DeSilvio			X	R.56314	R.56309	
Commissioner Weng			X			
Commissioner Bianco		X	X			
Director DiMarco			X			

Comments: **During roll call Commissioner Konawel again objected to the consent agenda, but did not identify any specific resolutions he wanted pulled from the Consent Agenda. Roll call voted continued and Commission Konawel did not submit a vote to this motion. Votes reflected above.**

56351 RESOLUTION appointing **Stephen M. Sweeney** as **Administrator** for the County of Gloucester effective immediately and authorizing a five (5) year employment contract.

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel						
Commissioner Gattinelli			X			
Deputy Director Jefferson	X		X			
Commissioner DeSilvio				X		
Commissioner Weng			X			
Commissioner Bianco		X	X			
Director DiMarco			X			

Comments: **A motion was made by Deputy Director Jim Jefferson to appoint Stephen M. Sweeney as Administrator. Commissioner Matt Weng seconded the motion. Commissioner Nick DeSilvio had questions regarding the hiring process and the salary of the new administrator. Discussion ensued and after debate was held, a roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Konawel did not submit a vote. Roll call vote continued and the motion passed 5-1 as reflected above.**

Clerk of the Board read the director’s appointments into the record.

Director’s Appointments

- Director DiMarco is appointed Liaison to the Improvement Authority, The Housing Authority, The Utilities Authority, The Board of School Estimates for GCIT/SSSD and the Board of School Estimates for Rowan College of South Jersey (RCSJ);

- Deputy Director Jefferson is appointed Liaison to the Board of School Estimates for GCIT/SSSD, The Disabled Advisory Council, The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Board, The Human Services Advisory Council, The Local Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, The Local Citizens Advisory Board of Transportation, The Gloucester County Mental Health Board, and The Youth Services Commission;
- Commissioner Gattinelli is appointed Liaison to The Board of School Estimates for GCIT/SSSD and the Board of School Estimates for Rowan College of South Jersey (RCSJ); the Commission for Woman and The Gloucester County Chamber of Commerce;
- Commissioner Weng is appointed Liaison to the Agriculture Development Board.
- Commissioner Bianco is appointed Representative to Main Street Woodbury; and
- Nick Cressman is appointed Representative to the Southern New Jersey Resource Conservation & Development Council.

Benediction by Deputy Director Jim Jefferson

MOTION TO ADJOURN

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Konawel				X		
Commissioner Gattinelli			X			
Deputy Director Jefferson	X		X			
Commissioner DeSilvio			X			
Commissioner Weng			X			
Commissioner Bianco		X	X			
Director DiMarco			X			

Meeting adjourned.

Time: 7:20 p.m.