

**SWEARING-IN AND
REORGANIZATION CEREMONY FOR
MEMBERS OF THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS**

January 7, 2007 at One O'Clock in the Afternoon

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The Honorable Walter R. Barisonek, Assignment Judge, Superior Court of the County of Union calls the meeting to order, makes welcoming comments and then introduces the Mistress of Ceremonies Charlotte DeFilippo, Chairman, Democratic Committee of Union County.

**MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES &
GREETINGS:**

*The Honorable Charlotte DeFilippo, Chairman
Democratic Committee of Union County*

INVOCATION:

*Dr. Rev. Kelmo C. Porter, Jr., Pastor
St. John's Baptist Church, Scotch Plains*

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS
Union County Sheriff's Honor Guard**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

*The Honorable Ralph G. Froehlich,
Sheriff of Union County*

STAR SPANGLED BANNER:

Marie Oakie

**THE POSTING OF THE COLORS
Union County Sheriff's Honor Guard**

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION:

Read by Joanne Rajoppi, County Clerk

*Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder
Deborah P. Scanlon, Freeholder
Chester Holmes, Freeholder*

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OATH OF OFFICE:

*The Honorable Neil Cohen, Esq. will swear in Freeholder
Alexander Mirabella.*

*Holding the Bible for Freeholder Alexander Mirabella will be
his wife Phyllis and their children Alex and Micayla.*

COMMENTS:

FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA

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OATH OF OFFICE:

The Honorable Joseph Cryan will swear in Freeholder Deborah P. Scanlon.

Holding the Bible for Freeholder Deborah P. Scanlon will be her husband Patrick, her children Tammie, Lisa and PJ and her grandchildren Casey, Jess, Alyssa, Jason and Jack.

COMMENTS:

FREEHOLDER DEBORAH P. SCANLON

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OATH OF OFFICE:

The Honorable Rudolph Hawkins will swear in Freeholder Chester Holmes.

Holding the Bible for Freeholder Chester Holmes will be Candice Frye, his daughter Cheryl Roles and his granddaughter Sameerah Tisdale.

COMMENTS:

FREEHOLDER CHESTER HOLMES

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**THE HONORABLE JON S. CORZINE,
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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HONORED GUESTS:

*The Honorable Jon S. Corzine, Governor
The Honorable Neil Cohen, NJ Assemblyman, 20th District
The Honorable Joseph Cryan, NJ Assemblyman, 20th District
The Honorable Jerry Green, NJ Assemblyman, 22nd District
The Honorable June Fischer, Democratic National Committeewoman
The Honorable J. Christian Bollwage, Mayor of the City of Elizabeth*

Mistress of Ceremonies Charlotte DeFilippo turns the meeting over to Nicole L. DiRado, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, for roll call and reading of the "Open Public Meetings Act."

The first order of business will be the selection of a Chairperson. The Clerk calls for nominations of a Chairman Pro-Tem to conduct the election of a Chairman.

The Chairman Pro-Tem calls for nominations for the election of Chairman of The Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2007. The Clerk will call the roll for the election of Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2007.

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The Honorable Walter R. Barisonek administers the Oath of Office to the newly elected Chairwoman Bette Jane Kowalski, who then assumes the seat as Chairwoman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2007.

Holding the Bible for Chairwoman Kowalski is her father, Edwin Kowalski and her husband, Andy Lanset.

The next order of business is the election of a Vice Chairman for the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2007. The Freeholder Chairwoman calls for nominations for the office of Vice Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

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The Honorable Roberto Alcazar administers the Oath of Office to Vice Chairman Estrada. Holding the Bible for Vice Chairman Estrada will be his wife, Teresa, his daughter Liliana and her husband, Chris Duryee, his sons Jorge and Daniel and his grandson, Keith.

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***ANNUAL MESSAGE BY THE FREEHOLDER
CHAIRWOMAN BETTE JANE KOWALSKI***

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PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A gift presentation to Freeholders Alexander Mirabella, Deborah P. Scanlon and Chester Holmes made by Hiver Ambroise, representing the Union County Democratic Committee.

Carolyn Vollero, Cranford Democratic Municipal Chairwoman, will make a gift presentation to Chairwoman Bette Jane Kowalski.

County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, former President of the Union County Women's Political Caucus and Lorie Williams, President of the Union County Women's Political Caucus will make a gift presentation to Freeholder Deborah P. Scanlon and Chairwoman Bette Jane Kowalski.

BENEDICTION:

*Dr. Rev. Kelmo C. Porter, Jr., Pastor
St. John's Baptist Church, Scotch Plains*

A FIVE-MINUTE RECESS WILL BE HELD, AND THEN THE NORMAL ORDER OF BUSINESS WILL RESUME.

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BUSINESS PORTION

ROLL CALL

PRAYER & SALUTE TO THE FLAG

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMMENTING
ON RESOLUTIONS ON THE AGENDA ONLY**

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED

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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR ADOPTION:

- 2007-1 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, adopting the By-laws and Rules of Procedure for the year 2007.
- 2007-2 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, adopting the Temporary Budget for the year 2007.
- 2007-3 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, approving the Temporary Debt services for the year 2007.
- 2007-4 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, establishing certain change funds for the year 2007.

- 2007-5 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, designating depositories wherein all public monies and funds of the County of Union shall be kept for the year 2007.
- 2007-6 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, authorizing certain signatures for checks, wire transfers and other disbursements of the County of Union for the year 2007.
- 2007-7 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, establishing certain petty cash funds for the year 2007.
- 2007-8 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, appointing Lawrence M. Caroselli as the Chief Finance Officer for the County of Union for a term commencing January 1, 2007 and expiring December 31, 2009.
- 2007-9 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, adopting the Freeholder Standing Committee Assignments for the year 2007.
- 2007-10 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, appointing members of the Board as liaisons to various advisory and other boards.
- 2007-11 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, adopting the meeting schedule for the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2007.
- 2007-12 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, designating the **Star Ledger, La Voz, Courier News, The Home News Tribune, North Jersey Newspapers Publishing, Luso Americano, Vistaso Hispano, El Especialito and the Westfield Leader** as the newspapers to receive legal notices for the year 2007.
- 2007-13 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, awarding a contract to **Suplee, Clooney, & Company, Westfield, New Jersey**, to provide statutory audits of accounts of the County of Union and its agencies from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.
- 2007-14 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, awarding a contract to **NW Financial, Jersey City, New Jersey**, to provide financial advisory services from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.
- 2007-15 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, awarding a contract to **Rogut & McCarthy, PC, Cranford, New Jersey**, to provide specialized counsel services in connection with the issuance of bonds or notes by the County of Union from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.
- 2007-16 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, appointing **Neil Cohen, Esq., Montclair, New Jersey**, as Special Counsel for the County of Union Planning Board for a term

commencing immediately and terminating on December 31, 2007, at an annual salary of **\$27,500**.

- 2007-17 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, approving a pre-qualified list of Defense Litigation Counsel.
- 2007-18 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, approving a pre-qualified list for the provision of Architectural Services.
- 2007-19 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, approving a pre-qualified list of facilities to provide for Comprehensive Inmate Substance Abuse Treatment / Residential Correction Facility Services.
- 2007-20 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, awarding a contract to **Harbor Associates, Inc., Cranford, New Jersey**, to provide Land Surveying Services to the County of Union from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 in an amount not to exceed **\$30,000**.
- 2007-21 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, awarding a contract to **Schwartz, Simon, Edlestein, Celso & Kessler, Florham Park, New Jersey**, to provide Counsel Services to the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, in an amount not to exceed **\$60,000**.
- 2007-22 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, awarding a contract to **Ard Appraisers, Clark, New Jersey**, to provide appraisal services from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 in an amount not to exceed **\$25,000**.
- 2007-23 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, awarding a contract to **Appraisal Associates, Inc., Cranford, New Jersey**, to provide appraisal services from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 in an amount not to exceed **\$25,000**.
- 2007-24 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, designating **Freeholder Holmes** as the Union County Delegate to **New Jersey Association of Counties** and Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan as the Alternate, and County Manager George W. Devanney as Second Alternate from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.
- 2007-25 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, designating **Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan** as the Union County Delegate to **North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority** and Freeholder Chester Holmes as the Alternate from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

- 2007-26 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, amending **Resolution Number 112-1982**, a resolution creating the **Transportation Advisory Board**, to include an Alternate Delegate appointment appointed by the mayor of each municipality.
- 2007-27 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, amending **Resolution Number 681-1986**, a resolution creating the **Construction Board of Appeals**, to include two additional Alternate members for a total membership of five (5) regular members and five (5) alternate members.
- 2007-28 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, appointing the following to the **Advisory Council on Aging**: **Teresa Hale, Hillside, New Jersey** effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008 and **Dennis Vodarsik, Hillside, New Jersey; May Furstner, Westfield, New Jersey; Terry Tainow, Westfield, New Jersey; and James Nixon, Westfield, New Jersey**, effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009.
- 2007-29 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, appointing the following to the **Citizens Insurance Review Board**: **Rosemary McClave, Hillside, New Jersey; Jessica Sheehey, Linden, New Jersey; Carlos Alma, Elizabeth, New Jersey and Kevin Illing, Cranford, New Jersey** effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009.
- 2007-30 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, appointing the following to the **Construction Board of Appeals** as alternates: **Frank Volturo, Hillside, New Jersey** effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2010; and **Mathew Sontz, Westfield, New Jersey**; effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009.
- 2007-31 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, appointing the following to the **Human Services Advisory Council**: **Michael Galuppo, Cranford, New Jersey; Ella Teal, Elizabeth, New Jersey; John Surmay, Elizabeth, New Jersey; Larisa Hernandez, Plainfield, New Jersey; James Horne, Elizabeth, New Jersey; Andrea Spencer-Linzie, Elizabeth, New Jersey; Diane Litterer, Clark, New Jersey; Janice Williams, Paterson, New Jersey; Charles Jones, Elizabeth, New Jersey; Sharron Brown, Plainfield, New Jersey; and Kathy Wagner, Summit, New Jersey**; effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009.
- 2007-32 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, appointing the following to the **Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board**: **Vernell Wright, Union, New Jersey; Nickie Jurado, Rahway; and Phyllis Brociner, Mountainside, New Jersey** effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009.
- 2007-33 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, appointing the following to the **Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse**: **Ronald Ginsberg, Cranford, New**

Jersey; Anita Novy, Roselle Park, New Jersey and Sam McGee, Hillside, New Jersey effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009.

- 2007-34 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, appointing the following to the Advisory Board on the Disabled: Marshall Bond, Elizabeth, New Jersey; Leslie Fanelli-Pavone, New Providence, New Jersey; June Rojek, Clark, New Jersey; John Visicaro, Union, New Jersey and Mary Spillane, Union, New Jersey effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009.**
- 2007-35 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, appointing the following to the Senior Citizen and Disabled Transportation Advisory Board: Susan Spurr, MA, BSW, Springfield, New Jersey; and Frank Leahy, Elizabeth, New Jersey effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008.**
- 2007-36 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, appointing the following to Union County Public Health/Weapons of Mass Destruction Advisory Board: Raymond Lanza, Elizabeth, New Jersey and Terry McCarthy, Rahway, New Jersey effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008 and Nancy Ogonowski, Clark, New Jersey; John Surmay, Elizabeth, New Jersey; Harold Gibson, Westfield, New Jersey; Roberta Milano, Westfield, New Jersey; Ellen Shelly, Westfield, New Jersey Warren Hehl, Cranford, New Jersey and Daniel Iradi, Summit, New Jersey effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009.**
- 2007-37 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, appointing the following to the Advisory Board of the Status of Minorities: Linda Lewis, Union, New Jersey; Marie Pardo, Hillside, New Jersey; Ezzio Bustamante, Elizabeth, New Jersey and Tyrone Davis, Elizabeth, New Jersey effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009 and Christian Estevez, Plainfield, New Jersey effective January 1, 2005 expiring December 31, 2007.**
- 2007-38 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, appointing the following as Members to the Union County Mental Health Advisory Board: Scharlene Snowden, Linden, New Jersey; Linda Foreman, Linden, New Jersey; and Barbara James, Plainfield, New Jersey effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009.**
- 2007-39 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI, appointing the following as Members to the Union County Planning Board: William Malone, Elizabeth, New Jersey; Michael Timoni, Clark, New Jersey effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009 and Lawanda R. Gilbert, Hillside, New Jersey effective January 1, 2006 expiring December 31, 2008.**

- 2007-40 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, appointing the following to the **Commission on the Status of Women in Union County**: **Joan Abitante, Roselle, New Jersey; Carmella Colosimo, Kenilworth, New Jersey; Theresa Hale, Hillside, New Jersey; Jane O’Hara, Westfield, New Jersey; and Donna Brothers, Cranford, New Jersey** effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009.
- 2007-41 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, appointing the following as members of the **Shade Tree Advisory Board**: **Jim Nichadowicz, Cranford, New Jersey and Joe Lima, Union, New Jersey** effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009.
- 2007-42 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, appointing the following as member to the **Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Public Advisory Committee**: **Brenda Restivo, Union, New Jersey** effective January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2008.
- 2007-43 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, appointing the following to the **Union County Fire Advisory Board**: **Tom Murray, Summit, New Jersey; Lathy Wirkus, Elizabeth, New Jersey; Jay Rice, Linden, New Jersey; Fred Fretz, Union, New Jersey; Leonard Spina, Garwood, New Jersey; Ben Laganga, Westfield, New Jersey; William Severage, Garwood, New Jersey; David Mass, Springfield, New Jersey; and Joseph Signorello, Roselle Park, New Jersey** effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.
- 2007-44 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, appointing the following to the **Emergency Management Council**: **George W. Devanney, Elizabeth, New Jersey; Ben Laganga, Westfield, New Jersey; Chris Scaturo, Westfield, New Jersey; Harold Gibson, Westfield, New Jersey; Daniel Vaniska, Westfield, New Jersey; Richard McCutcheon, Westfield, New Jersey; Joe Graziano, Scotch Plains, New Jersey; Herbert Eldert, Westfield, New Jersey; Leonard Dolan, Cranford, New Jersey; Sebastian D’Elia, Elizabeth, New Jersey; Thomas Mineo, Scotch Plains, New Jersey; Theodore Romankow, Elizabeth, New Jersey; Joanne Gemenden, Elizabeth, New Jersey; Denise Santiago, Westfield, New Jersey; Ronald Kanterman, Westfield, New Jersey; Ralph Froehlich, Elizabeth, New Jersey; and Carmen Centuolo, Westfield, New Jersey** effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.
- 2007-45 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, appointing the following to the **Motion Picture and Television Advisory Board**: **Hasmulel Patel, Union, New Jersey; Sal Terrezza, Union, New Jersey; and Richard Samiec, Hillside, New Jersey; and Salonia Saxton, Hillside, New Jersey** effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008 and **Peter Corvelli, Jr., Kenilworth, New Jersey and Paul Santos, Scotch Plains, New Jersey** effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009.

- 2007-46 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, appointing the following to the **Runnells Specialized Hospital Advisory Board: Pamela Boright, Scotch Plains, New Jersey; Alfonso Vollero, Cranford, New Jersey; Willetta BaCote, Fanwood, New Jersey; Michel Bitritto, Summit, New Jersey; Kevin Glover, Scotch Plains, New Jersey** effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009.
- 2007-47 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, appointing the following to the **Union County Air Traffic Noise Advisory Board: Arthur Kobitz, Hillside, New Jersey; Elizabeth Geminder, Hillside, New Jersey; Warren Henderson, Union, New Jersey; William Entrien, Union, New Jersey; Jerome Feder, Westfield, New Jersey; and Rosemary Millet, Westfield, New Jersey** effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008.
- 2007-48 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, appointing the following to the **Union County Utilities Authority: James Kennedy, Rahway, New Jersey and Reni Erdos, Scotch Plains, New Jersey** effective February 1, 2007 through January 31, 2011.
- 2007-49 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, appointing the following to the **Union County Improvement Authority: Anthony Scutari, Linden, New Jersey and Joseph Miskiewicz, Hillside, New Jersey** effective February 1, 2007 through January 31, 2012.
- 2007-50 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, appointing the following to **Union County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board: Jerome Jewell, Hillside, New Jersey** to fill an expired term effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008 and **Joseph Fonte, Roselle Park, New Jersey; Al Walcoff, Roselle Park, New Jersey and Jeffrey Grob, New Providence, New Jersey** effective January 1, 2007 expiring December 31, 2009.
- 2007-51 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, approving individual deferrals for the **Early Retirement Incentive Program** for the following Departments: Finance, Human Services, Parks, Recreation and Facilities, County Clerk and the Prosecutor.
- 2007-52 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, amending **Resolution Number 2006-676**, a contract with **Continuum Voice and Data Systems, Syracuse, New York**, to reflect a contract termination date of June 30, 2011 to cover maintenance agreements and system implementations pursuant to the competitive contracting RFP issued for this project and to increase the contract amount by \$35,073 to reflect two additional years of software and hardware maintenance coverage. The additional funding is coming from PARIS Grant Funds, not County dollars.

- 2007-53 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, appointing **M. Elizabeth Genievich, Lawrence M. Caroselli and Frank Guzzo** as Commissioners to the Self-Insurance Fund Commission.
- 2007-54 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, extending a contract with **St. Barnabas, Toms River, New Jersey**, to provide the Employee Assistance Program for an additional 60 days.
- 2007-55 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI**, approving a list of pre-qualified facilities for the provision of providing Comprehensive Federal Government Relations and Lobbying Services.
- 2007-56 CHAIRWOMAN KOWALSKI AND THE ENTIRE BOARD**, acknowledging Monday, January 15, 2007 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in Union County in memory and recognition of his outstanding contributions to the welfare of mankind.

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**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMMENTING
ON ANY MATTER**

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION CONCLUDED

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ADJOURNMENT

UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE UNION COUNTY FREEHOLDER BOARD

Listed below is the schedule for upcoming Freeholders meetings. Meetings are generally held on Thursday at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room, Administration Building, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified.

AGENDA/WORK SESSIONS

7:00 P.M.

January 18*

February 8
February 22*

March 1
March 22

April 12
April 26 *

May 3
May 17

June 7

July 19

August 9

September 6*
September 20

October 4
October 18

November 8*
November 29*

December 6
December 20*

REGULAR/PUBLIC MEETINGS

7:00 P.M.

January 18*

February 15
February 22*

March 8
March 29

April 19
April 26*

May 10
May 24

June 21

July 26

August 23

September 6*
September 27

October 11
October 25

November 8*
November 29*

December 13
December 20*

*COMBINED AGENDA SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING