

A meeting of the Executive Board of the TCTANJ was held on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Center, Toms River. President Effie Pressley called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. The flag salute and the invocation was done by Paula Ferreira, Chaplain. Jodi DeMaio did a roll call and a quorum check, and we did have an enough votes for a quorum.

Executive Board:

President	Effie Pressley	P	X
1 st Vice President	Paul Lesniak	P	X
2 nd Vice President	Maureen Cosgrove	P	X
3 rd Vice President	Bonnie Fleming	P	X
Treasurer	Elizabeth Villano	P	X
Assistant Treasurer	Chris Assenheimer	A	
Corresponding Secretary	Sonia Shulman	A	
Recording Secretary	Jodi DeMaio	P	X
Sergeant-at Arms	Tracey Gregoire	A	
Chaplain/Good & Welfare	Paula Ferreira	P	X
Legal Counsel	Keith Bonchi	P	
Executive Director/Past President	Vincent Belluscio	P	
Membership Services Director	Rita Carr	P	

Regional Representatives:

Regional Rep – Region #1	Trisha Greco	P	X
Regional Rep – Region #2	Daryn Cashin	A	
Regional Rep – Region #3	Constane Ludden	A	
Regional Rep – Region #3	Lisa M. Truppa (alt)	A	
Regional Rep – Region #4	Louis Palazzo	P	X
Regional Rep – Region #5	Mark Godfrey	P	X
Regional Rep – Region #6	Renee DeSalvo	P	X

County Presidents

County President – Atlantic	Jessica Snyder	A	
County President – Bergen	Conchita Parker	A	sub L. Canavan X
County President – Burlington	Julia Edmondson	A	
County President – Camden	Vacant		
County President – Cumberland	Tracey Gregoire	A	
County President – Salem	Vacant		
County President – Gloucester	Mark Godfrey	A	
County President – Cape May	Deborah Lindholm	P	X
County President – Essex	Annmarie Corbitt	A	
County President – Hudson	Telma Duda	A	
County President – Passaic	Rita De Nivo	A	
County President – Union	Stacey L. Carron	P	X
County President – Middlesex	Becky Cuthbert	A	
County President – Middlesex	Sean Nolan (alt)	A	
County President – Mercer	Abelardo Conesa	A	
County President – Hunterdon	Kristine Boxwell	A	
County President – Somerset	Lisa M. Truppa	A	
County President – Somerset	Rossana Gutierrez (alt)	A	
County President – Monmouth	Colleen Lapp	A	- sub Adeline Schmidt X
County President – Monmouth	Maureen Cosgrove	P	
County President – Morris	Mary Ann Murphy	A	
County President – Sussex	Theresa Schlosser	A	

County President – Warren Christine M. Rolef A

Past Presidents:

2022 -2021	Carl Dileo	P	X
2019-2020	Linda Canavan	P	X
2017-2018	Michele Adams	A	
2015-2016	Kammie Verdolina	P	X
2013-2014	Jo Anne Lambusta	A	
2011-2012	Mary L. Testori	A	
2010-2011	Ron Zilinski	A	
2006-2007	Randy Bahr	A	
2005	Adeline Schmidt	P	
2001	Gerald Vitarello	P	
1998	Josephine Prisco	A	

Liasons:

Division of Local Gov. Services	Margaret Saharic	P
Division of Local Gov. Services	Fran Iliadis	P
Associate Business President	Joseph Piesecki	A
Associate Business Members	Darren Lowe	P
Center for Gov. Services	Pam Morley-Chappelle	P
GFOA	John Antonides	A

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the 12/8/2022 meeting were approved on a motion from Liz Villano, seconded by Maureen Cosgrove, and 1 abstain vote with a correction regarding a misspelled name.

Treasurer’s Report:

Treasurer’s report was accepted as presented on a motion by Carl DiLeo, seconded by Maureen Cosgrove.

Budget:

Year-end report – on the income basis we did not meet some of the revenue expectations for membership and spring conference but the webinars did subsidize the short falls. We collected 96.84% of what was anticipated. The expense side we budgeted \$295,800 but only spent 86.16% of that. The spring conference brought in \$145,000 and only spent about 109,000, with some operating expenses which offset that. The net operations for the year on a cash basis started 2022 at \$108,740 and ended 2022 with \$117,245. There are about \$14,000 in expenses that will be applicable to December. The 2023 budget based on the numbers it doesn’t seem we will have to rely on any surplus as far as accounting for income side. A review of the 2022 line items will be done to see how they will fit in 2023. A draft copy was received of the 2021 Audit. There are 1 or 2 pieces missing but it should be draft to final status very soon.

1st Vice President – Paul Lesniak

Legislative – Vince read on behalf of Marc Pfeiffer

Two notable bills that have been introduced are:

A888 - Authorizes proportional property tax exemption for honorably discharged veterans having a service-connected permanent disability and proclaims that the State shall reimburse municipalities for costs of exemption.

ACR163/SCR133 - Proposes constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities, by ordinance, to provide partial property tax exemption on primary residence of certain volunteer first responders

Of indirect association interest (because it's not your problem, this time!) is the ongoing efforts of the state to get people to file for ANCHOR relief, which as you know has gone back to sending out checks. The deadline is the end of this month. On December 30 the legislature approved an administration request for \$2 million for a media campaign to promote people filing. Hopefully you'll start seeing that this week. While there are still eligible homeowners who haven't filed, there are many, many renters who are newly eligible who have not filed.

The webpage for ANCHOR information and filing is here: www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/anchor (a printout of the page is also attached). There is value in collectors and municipalities to help the state promote eligibility to their residents, especially since renters are new and income limits for homeowners have increased.

S-3380 is the bill from Senator Sarlo that provides exemptions from the *appropriation cap* (not levy cap). The exceptions are:

- rr. Expenditures related to gasoline and diesel fuel;
- ss. Amounts expended for the purpose of collection and disposal of solid waste and recycling, including amounts expended for the purpose of collection and disposal of yard waste;
- tt. Amounts appropriated for cyber insurance;
- uu. Amounts appropriated for liability insurance;
- vv. Amounts appropriated for worker's compensation insurance;
- ww. Amounts appropriated for property insurance.

It was reported out of committee but has not been scheduled for a floor vote. Committee members of both parties expressed great reluctance to take actions that would be perceived as allowing property tax increases. The potential use of surplus, cap bank and LFB action to offset the increased costs was seen as the "out" that covered those senators that voted for it. Its potential for passage at this point is doubtful.

In the area of new laws, there are 3 new laws of interest to municipalities generally:

- c. 139 - Provides for expedited construction inspections
- c. 122 - Requires public schools and nonpublic schools to submit critical incident mapping data to local law enforcement.
- c. 121 - Requires certain public venues and places of worship to submit emergency plans to law enforcement agencies for purpose of preparing for mass casualty and active shooter events.

Finally, the issue of impact of the increases in SHBP rates continues to be a focus of the League of Municipalities and there are ongoing discussions between the administration, legislative leadership, the League, and public employee unions. There has been some chatter that a proposal will be confirmed sometime this week.

Resolution/By-laws – Carl DiLeo, no report.

Technical Review – Carl DiLeo, no report.

Spring Conference –Paul Lesniak

The sessions are just about finalized and the next step is working on the applications for the CEUs.

2nd Vice President – Maureen Cosgrove

Atlantic City Conference – Jodi DeMaio

Meeting will be held next week to start reaching out to find speakers.

ABM Liaison – No report.

Newsletter/Public Relations - Paula Ferreira, no report.

PERS - no report

Scholarship – information will be in the Criterion and there are no applications to date

3rd Vice President- Bonnie Fleming

Calendar/Meetings/Facilities – dates for the meetings are on the website and will be held at the Clarion in Toms River.

Good & Welfare - No Report

Northeast Regional TCTA – Adeline Schmidt

A webinar was done for the first time on Fraud Prevention and it went very well and hopefully will do more. The Board will be holding a meeting on 3/4/23. The conference (9/24 -9/27) will be held in Rehoboth, DE. Looking to members for topics for future webinars and to increase membership.

CEU Chair - CEUs have been archived, in case anyone has missing certificates.

Saul Wittes Seminar – No Report.

County President's Reports

Atlantic – held a Christmas meeting with donations made to Toys for Tots

Bergen – Executive meeting is scheduled for 1/19 at the Suburban Diner and the meetings have all be scheduled with Seasons Catering.

Burlington – No report

Camden/Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem - Meetings and speakers have been set for March, June, September, and December.

Essex/Hudson/Passaic/Union – December meeting was held. The committee will be the same slate for the year 2023 and meetings will be set up in the future.

Monmouth/Ocean – meeting was held last night to review the by-laws and membership committee was formed. The next meeting will be on 3/10 and Jeanette Larrison will be the speaker

Morris - meeting will be on 3/15 at the Black bull Steakhouse and Vince Belluscio will be the speaker.

Sussex/Warren – no report

Cape May County - meeting is scheduled with a speakers in regards to Daniel's Law.

President's Report – Effie Pressley, thanked everyone for being patience as we establish responsibilities amongst the committees. Request that we have civility amongst everyone whether it is by phone, text, or email as we do not want to offend anyone that is volunteering their services. If you are a voting member and will not be attending, we ask that you email and inform who you will be giving your proxy vote to. County Presidents please send a representative if you will not be attending along with your report as we do need a quorum to conduct business.

Executive Director's Report – Vince Belluscio

We have not received a signed contract from the Hard Rock for the 2025 Spring Conference. Asked for County Presidents to provide the meeting dates, location, and CEU via email so the information can be put on the website. In regards to the PERS and the fact that we are trying to establish our own board, it seems the negotiation are moving and expect to see something in the next couple of months as far as legislation being introduced to permit it.

Counsel's Report – Keith Bonchi

Discussed issues in respect to Daniel's Law and title/search companies. He will be reaching out to the state to see if there is a way to put in the portal a list of official search companies. If we do not receive any guidance, will possibly right an opinion with a list of recognized companies so as the Collector has something to go buy not to run into a problem.

Membership Services Director – Rita Carr

Right now 17 members and in March if membership is down it was agreed to send a paper application out.

Division of Local Government Services – Fran Iliadis

S3333 – synopsis that prohibits water utility from taking action if the utility company fails to participate in the LYWAP program

S378 – synopsis allows Municipalities to adjust deadlines to apply for short term exemptions or abatements for dwelling which requires provisions of notice to purchase of areas in need and rehabilitation under certain circumstances

Rutgers's Report – Classes have started and there will be a meeting in April for instructors.

New Business – None

Professionals were asked to leave to room as to discuss their contracts. Contracts were discussed and the votes were as followed:

Contract for Executive Director was approved on a motion by, Carl DiLeo, seconded Paul Lesniak.

Contract for Webmaster was approved on a motion by Adeline Schmidt, seconded Linda Canavan.

Contract for Membership Services Director was approved on a motion by Bonnie Fleming, seconded Kammie Verdolina.

Contract for TCTA Counsel was approved on a motion by Carl DiLeo, seconded Maureen Cosgrove.

Contract for Legislative Representative was approved by Paul Lesniak, seconded Liz Villano

Contract for Executive Assistant Director was approved by Louis Palazzo, seconded Kammie Verdolina.

Margaret Saharic was appointed to the position of Executive Assistant Director on a motion by Carl DiLeo, seconded by Adeline Schmidt.

Meeting Adjourned

**Respectfully Submitted,
Jodi DeMaio**