PASSAIC COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES

October 26, 2023

The regular meeting of the Passaic County Board of Social Services was held on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 80 Hamilton Street, Paterson, New Jersey.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA MS TEAMS LIVE STREAM

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE the Passaic County Board of Social Services, has scheduled its regularly monthly meeting for October 2023 to occur on: Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 9:00AM. Pursuant to the State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency declared by New Jersey Governor Philip Murphy set forth in Executive Order No. 103, and further limitations on public gatherings set forth in Executive Order No.: 104, the Board shall hold the Regular Meeting at 9:00AM - as scheduled, with no members of the public physically present, as authorized under N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(a), and in accordance with Administrative Order No. 20-01 issued by the Passaic County Administrator closing County Buildings to non-essential personnel and the public effective March 18, 2020 at 8:30AM. If a member of the public wishes to place a public comment on the record, please email your comment to: info@PCBSS.org stating your name, address, and matter to be addressed by the Board by no later than October 26, 2023 @ 7:00AM. Then, the Clerk to the Board shall read same into the public record, during the public meeting. Moreover, some or all members of the Board and all members of the Public may participate in this meeting telephonically, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12-1, et seq., and Official action may be taken. The Board Meeting for this month will be held in separate formats via the MS TEAMS Platform. The first is via live video through MS TEAMS, with the call-in information being: https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/log-in with meeting ID of: 254 306 437 527 and passcode: 6A8fRY. The second will be via a call-in telephone number, which will be: 872-215-1406 with telephone conference ID of: 642 693 370#. The public will also have an opportunity to speak during the "public portion of this meeting," through both formats - as authorized by law.

If an Executive session is required, the Board will retire to a closed session- pursuant to $\underline{\text{N.J.S.A}}$. 10:4-6, and follow the procedures provided in this statute.

ALSO, pursuant to the issuance of Executive Order 107, this meeting will be conducted using communications equipment (i.e.: telephonic or internet streaming), which will be in compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 (the "Open Public Meetings Act"). This is also consistent with P.L. A-3855/S-2294, which was signed into law by Governor Murphy on Friday, March 20, 2020, directing that public meeting be conducted virtually during this pandemic, as well as recent Executive Orders by Governor Murphy numbered: 194 (11/10/20), 195 (11/12/20), and 196 (11/16/20).

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 A.M.

Present:

Commissioner Carol Cuadrado, Chairwoman

Commissioner Dr. Jabeen Ahmed, Vice Chairwoman Commissioner Rev. Douglas Maven, Secretary Treasurer

Commissioner Kathleen A. Donnelly, Assistant Secretary Treasurer

Commissioner Marilyn Frierson County Commissioner John Bartlett County Commissioner Bruce James

Also

Present:

Talisa Coleman, Executive Director April L. Carter, Executive Secretary Thania Melo, Human Resource Manager Albert Buglione, Special/Outside Counsel

Flavio Rivera, Fiscal Officer

Motion was made by Commissioner Kathleen Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Jabeen Ahmed that the minutes of the Board Meeting held September 28, 2023, be approved as submitted. Motion unanimously carried on roll call.

<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>

- Oirector's Financial Report including Administrative Bills, Medical Transportation and Childcare Payments: Motion to approve payments included in the Director's Financial Report as presented to the Board made by Commissioner Kathleen Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Marilyn Frierson. Motion unanimously carried on roll call.
- 6B Ratification of payments made for payrolls:

9/01/2023-9/15/2023 CK# 58592420-58592423 9/16/2023-9/30/2023 CK# 58509676-58609683

\$1,377,235.84 Payroll \$1,378,434.22 Payroll

Motion to ratify payrolls made by Commissioner Kathleen Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Marilyn Frierson. Motion unanimously carried on roll call.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kathleen Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Marilyn Frierson that Clearing Account transactions relating to the Food Stamp and Medicaid Programs as listed be approved. Motion unanimously carried on roll call.

ASSISTANCE

- Categorical Assistance: Motion was made by Commissioner Kathleen Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Rev. Douglas Maven, that the Board approved payment of categorical assistance for November 1, 2023, consisting of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, Refugee Assistance and Social Service Emergency Assistance. Motion unanimously carried on roll call.
- Funeral Grants: A motion was made by Commissioner Kathleen Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Rev. Douglas Maven, that the Board approve the payment of funeral grants as listed. A copy of this listing is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. Motion unanimously carried on roll call.

SUSPEND REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting up to the public made by Commissioner Rev. Douglas Maven, seconded by County Commissioner John Bartlett. Motion unanimously carried on roll call.

PUBLIC PORTION

None

RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion to resume the regular order of business and open the meeting up to the public made by County Commissioner John Bartlett , seconded by Commissioner Kathleen Donnelly. Motion unanimously carried on roll call.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Copies of the following informational program reports were provided to the Board and are attached hereto and made a part of these minutes:

- A. Abacus Department (Informational)
- B. Property & Resources Department (Informational)
- C. Training Department (Informational)
- D. <u>Child Support Department (Informational)</u>

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Commissioner Carol Cuadrado to approve the Executive Committee report, seconded by Commissioner Rev. Douglas Maven. Motion unanimously carried on roll call.

- 1. Case Statistics
- E.A. Service and Child Support, Training, and WFNJ Monthly Statistics September 2023 2.
- 3.
- DFD updates 4.
 - a.) Waiver Extensions
 - b.) OneTrac
- November 2023 Calendar of Events (Informational; see attached) 5.
- October 2023 Agency Newsletter: The Social Tid-Bit (Informational; see attached) 6.
- RFQ: General Counsel (Informational) 7.
- RFQ: Resolution Creating a Pool of Qualified Outside Legal Counsel, Labor, Litigation, 8. and Conflict (Approval Needed)

EDUCATIONAL LEAVE COMMITTEE

No Report

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Commissioner Carol Cuadrado to approve both the non-confidential and confidential Personnel Committee Reports, seconded by Commissioner Marilyn Frierson. Motion unanimously carried on roll call.

GOOD AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

No Report

WELFARE FRAUD AND ABUSE COMMITTEE

The monthly fraud department statistics were provided to all Board Members as part of the report of the Abacus Department (Agenda 11A).

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE (Approval Needed)

Motion was made by Commissioner Kathleen Donnelly to approve the Building and Grounds Committee Report, seconded by Commissioner Marilyn Frierson. Motion unanimously carried on roll call.

- 1. Watercoolers for Paterson Office (80 Hamilton Street)- Request to enter a 36-month contract with DS Business Life Simplified for 4 water coolers.
- 2. Security
- 3. Paterson Office Reception-Medicaid Line created.
- 4. Passaic Office (114 Prospect Street)- Completion of Cubicle Installation on 1st and 2nd Floors.

a.) Hours of Operation: Start Time change: 8:00AM

b.) Ticketing machine implemented for Income Maintenance area of the building.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Approval Needed)

Motion to approve the Finance Committee Report was made by Commissioner Rev. Douglas Maven, seconded by Commissioner Kathleen Donnelly. Motion unanimously carried on roll call.

I. Monthly Expenditures

All monthly expenditures are of a routine nature.

II. <u>Federal Share Fringe Benefits</u>, Allowance In Lieu of Rent and Indirect Costs for the <u>Quarter Ending June 30, 2023</u>

The form WFNJ-618 Cost allocation was received from the Division of Family Development for the quarter ending June 30, 2023. This was used to calculate the federal share of Fringe Benefits, Allowance in Lieu of Rent and Indirect Costs due to the County of Passaic.

Recommendation is to approve payment to the County of Passaic in the amount of \$2,947,221.07

III. Payment to "Treasurer State of New Jersey", for Data Processing and Electronic Benefits for the Quarter Ended 9/30/2023.

The data processing and electronic benefits transfer billing statement for the quarter ending September 30, 2023, is \$241,643.00.

Recommendation is to approve payment to the Treasurer State of New Jersey in the amount of \$241,643.00.

IV. The December 31, 2021 Independent Auditor's Report.

Our independent Auditors have finalized the December 31, 2021 audit of the Passaic County Board of Social Services. Copies of the audit have been received by our Board of Commissioners and action should be taken certifying that the audit has been reviewed and are familiar with, as a minimum, the sections of the Annual Audit Entitled "Comments and Recommendations".

V. <u>Renewing Property, Auto, Crime, Inland Marine, Excess Liability insurance from Nathan Lane in the amount of \$34,493.00</u>

Recommendation is to approve the renewal of insurance in the amount of \$34,493.00.

VI. Requesting approval to make the Supplemental Security Income Payment in the amount of \$182,000.00.

Recommendation is to approve payment to Treasurer State of NJ for the quarter ending September 30, 2023.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS (Informational)

1. October 07, 2023 Paterson Public Schools Welcome Kick Off John F. Kennedy High School

COUNSEL'S REPORT

A copy of the Counsel report as forwarded to all Board members (Informational). A copy is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

- 1. Legal Counsel Report-Hearings-September 1-September 30, 2023
 - a.) Child Support
 - b.) Institutional Medicaid Hearings

COMMUNICATIONS (None)

NEW BUSINESS- (None)

OLD BUSINESS- (None)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion for adjournment made by Commissioner Kathleen Donnelly, seconded by County Commissioner John Bartlett. Motion unanimously carried on roll call.

*****MEETING CONCLUDED - 9:39 A.M.****

Respectfully submitted

Rev. Douglas Maven Secretary Treasurer

Attested to: Talisa A. Coleman

Meeting began: A.M. 9:05AM

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	YES	COMM. AHMED		YES	AHMED 2nd			PRESENT	COMM. AHMED		AHMED
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	YES	COMM. BARTLETT		YES	COMM. BARTLETT			PRESENT	COMM. BARTLETT		COMM. BARTLETT
	YES	COMM. CUADRADO		YES	CUADRADO			PRESENT	COMM. CUADRADO		COMM. CUADRADO
	1st YES	COMM. DONNELLY		YES	COMM. DONNELLY 1st			PRESENT	COMM. DONNELLY		COMM. DONNELLY
	2nd YES	COMM. FRIERSON		YES	COMM. FRIERSON			PRESENT	COMM. FRIERSON		COMM. FRIERSON
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	YES	REV. MAVEN		YES	REV. MAVEN			PRESENT	REV. MAVEN		REV. MAVEN
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(Informational) A. Abacus Department B. Property and Resources Department C. Training Department D. Child Support Department	(Motion Required) County Commissioner John Bartlett Commissioner Kathleen Donnelly	(None)	Suspend Regular Order of Business (Motion Required) Commissioner Rev. Douglas Maven County Commissioner John Bartlett	B. Funeral Grants Commissioner Kathleen Donnelly Commissioner Rev. Douglas Maven	A. Motion to approve categorical assistance payments for November 1, 2023: Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, Refugee Assistance, and Social Service Emergency Assistance.	Commissioner Kathleen Donnelly Commissioner Marilyn Frierson Assistance
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COMM. CUADRADO	COMM. CUADRADO YES		COMM. CUADRADO YES		CUADRADO YES	
COMM. DONNELLY	COMM. DONNELLY 2nd YES		COMM. DONNELLY YES		DONNELLY 1st YES	
COMM. FRIERSON	COMM. FRIERSON YES		COMM. FRIERSON YES		FRIERSON YES	
COUNTY COMM JAMES	COUNTY COMM JAMES		COUNTY COMM JAMES YES		YES	
REV. MAVEN	REV. MAVEN YES		REV. MAVEN 1st YES		REV. MAVEN 2nd YES	
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Also Attending: Talisa A. Coleman, Director
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COMM. AHMED	YES	COMM AHMED	
COMM. ALSTON		COMM. ALSTON	
COMM. BARTLETT		COMM. BARTLETT	
COMM. CUADRADO	1st YES	COMM. CUADRADO	
COMM. DONNELLY	YES	COMM. DONNELLY	
COMM. FRIERSON	YES	COMM. FRIERSON	
COUNTY COMM JAMES	YES	COUNTY COMM JAMES	
REV. MAVEN	2nd YES	REV. MAVEN	
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		YES	COMM. AHMED	AHMED		AHMED		YES	COMM. AHMED
			COMM. ALSTON	COMM. ALSTON		COMM. ALSTON			COMM. ALSTON
		YES	COMM. BARTLETT	COMM. BARTLETT		COMM. BARTLETT		YES	COMM. BARTLETT
		YES	COMM. CUADRADO	COMM. CUADRADO		COMM. CUADRADO		YES	COMM. CUADRADO 1st
		YES	COMM. DONNELLY 1st	COMM. DONNELLY		COMM. DONNELLY		YES	COMM. DONNELLY
		YES	COMM. FRIERSON 2nd	COMM. FRIERSON		COMM. FRIERSON		YES	COMM. FRIERSON 2nd
		YES	COUNTY COMM JAMES	COUNTY COMM JAMES		COUNTY COMM JAMES		YES	COUNTY COMM JAMES
		YES	REV. MAVEN	REV. MAVEN		REV. MAVEN		YES	REV. MAVEN
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THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD PASSAIC COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023

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	YES			YES	YES	COMM. AHMED
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	YES			YES	YES	COMM. BARTLETT
	YES			YES	YES	COMM. CUADRADO
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	YES			YES	YES	COMM. FRIERSON
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Old Business (None)	New Business (No Report)	Communications – (No Keport)	(Informational) 1. Legal Counsel Report September 1-September 30, 2023 a.) Child Support Hearings b.) Institutional Medicaid Hearings	Community Relations Committee - (Informational) 1. October 07, 2023- Paterson Public Schools Welcome Kick Off John F. Kennedy High School
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Commission Kathleen Donnelly Commissioner John Bartlett Adjournment 9:39AM COMM. AHMED YES COMM. ALSTON COMM.
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EXECUTIVE/ CLOSED SESSION

Also Attending: Talisa A. Coleman, Director
Thania Melo, Human Resource Manager Flavio Rivera, Fiscal Officer April Carter, Executive Secretary Albert Buglione, Special Counsel/Outside Counsel

Passaic County Board of Social Services

Resolution No. 2023-10-00

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LEASE WITH DOCUMENT SOLUTIONS, LLC

WHEREAS the Passaic County Board of Social Services requires Water Coolers for the hydration of the agency staff; and

WHEREAS the Passaic County Board of Social Services has determined Document Solutions, LLC offers the best quality and costs for the lease terms; and

WHEREAS Document Solutions, LLC Lease includes Five (4) Coolers at a monthly amount of \$44.00 for a period of thirty-six (36) months; and

WHEREAS it is by the recommendation of the Executive Director that the Passaic County Board of Social Services enter into the Lease with Document Solutions LLC for the lease of Five (4) PHSI 3i-R water coolers as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto for reference, effective November 1, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Passaic County Board of Social Services hereby approves the Lease Agreement with Document Solutions, LLC as set forth herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract period is beginning November 1, 2023, and ending October 30, 2025; and

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that this is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Passaic County Board Services upon a roll call of all members of the Board of Directors eligible to vote at a regular meeting held on Thursday October 26, 2023.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Commissioner Rev. Douglas L. Maven Secretary-Treasurer Commissioner Carol Cuadrado Chairwoman

Passaic County Board of Social Services

Resolution No. 2023-10-02

A RESOLUTION CREATING A POOL OF QUALIFIED LABOR, LITIGATION AND CONFLICT COUNSEL.

WHEREAS the Passaic County Board of Social Services ("PCBSS") requires the services of legal counsel in the areas of labor, litigation, and conflict counsel; and

WHEREAS the Passaic County Board of Social Services ("PCBSS") published on September 26, 2023, in compliance with the public contracts law, a Request for Qualifications for Labor Counsel, Litigation Counsel and Conflict Counsel; and

WHEREAS The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was returnable on October 11, 2023; and

WHEREAS there were two (2) submissions each submitting qualifications for Labor, Litigation and Conflict Counsel, respectively, which were received and opened on the return date of October 11, 2023; and

WHEREAS based on the submissions and qualifications set forth therein, the PCBSS finds that both the Taylor Law Group, LLC and Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC are qualified to serve as outside counsel in the areas proposed; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Passaic County Board of Social Services hereby qualifies the law firms of the Taylor Law Group, LLC and Eric M. Bernstein, LLC, each as Labor, Litigation and Conflict Counsel, where applicable and as needed by the PCBSS from October 26, 2023 through October 25, 2024; and

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that this is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Passaic County Board Services upon a roll call of all members of the Board of Directors eligible to vote at its regular meeting held on Thursday October 26, 2023

ATTEST:

Commissioner Rev. Douglas L. Maven

Secretary-Treasurer

APPROVED:

Commissioner Carol Cuadrado

Chairwoman