

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, September 9, 2020
AT 4:50 p.m., E.S.T.

Board called to order by Chairman Allen.

Roll call was taken. PRESENT – Eric Connolly, Alan Grattidge, Philip C. Barrett, Jonathon Schopf, Richard Lucia, Preston Allen, Jean Raymond, Michael Smith, Daniel Pemrick, Arthur M. Wright, Kevin Tollisen, Darren O'Connor, Thomas Richardson, Benny Zlotnick, Theodore Kusnierz, Willard H. Peck, Sandra Winney, Tara Gaston, Matthew E. Veitch, Edward D. Kinowski, John Lawler, John Lant - 22. ABSENT - Thomas N. Wood, III – 1.

On a motion by Mr. Pemrick, seconded by Mr. Veitch, the special meeting was ratified by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Kusnierz said, for the record, all the Board members received correspondence from Hinkley Allen who is representing the County Administrator. In that September 2nd, 2020 correspondence there was in the last paragraph of the first page of that letter there was the verbiage “during the August 21st Committee meeting, however, it was announced that Supervisor Kusnierz was recusing himself from the Committee due to an undisclosed conflict of interest, and Supervisor Kinowski recused himself to avoid the appearance of a conflict because his son is employed by the County HR Department”. He said that is inaccurate and would like the record to reflect before action is taken on today’s proceedings which are occurring as a result of his resignation that at the beginning of the meeting Supervisor Connolly made the following comment on the record, he said for the public’s benefit: “Supervisor Kusnierz has withdrawn from the committee. We will replace him eventually but we can’t do so until the Board of Supervisors meets”. He did go on but it was not in reference to his resignation,. He would like to provide for the record, an email he sent dated August 25th and it read “Dear Chairman Allen: Thank you for appointing me as a member of the External Report Review Committee. In an effort to ensure that committee discussions and decisions do not have the appearance of bias as a result of my participation, I informed Chairperson Connolly prior to convening the first meeting of the committee, that I would step down effective immediately. As a result, please consider this correspondence as my official resignation from the committee.” Mr. Kusnierz said nowhere in there did he say that he had a conflict of interest nor an undisclosed conflict of interest. He would ask that the record reflect that.

On a motion by Mr. Connolly, seconded by Mr. Pemrick Resolution No. 181 was adopted by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION 181 - 2020

Introduced by Chairman Allen

AMENDING RESOLUTION 180-2020

WHEREAS, Supervisors Edward Kinowski and Theodore Kusnierz have submitted their resignations from the special committee created pursuant to Resolution 180-2020; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution 180-2020 is hereby amended to add the following members to fill the vacancies on the special committee created by the resignations of Supervisors Edward Kinowski and Theodore Kusnierz:

Supervisor Kevin Tollisen
Supervisor Thomas Richardson

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No budget impact.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Veitch the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Wright, Clerk of the Board