



# County of Lackawanna

Lackawanna County  
Administration Building  
200 Adams Avenue  
Scranton, Pennsylvania  
18503

## Meeting Minutes

### Board of Commissioners

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Tuesday, January 2, 2018

10:00 AM

Commissioner's Conference Room

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#### Reorganization

##### Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 10:05am.

**Present** 3 - Patrick M. O'Malley, Jerry Notarianni and Laureen A. Cummings

##### Reading and Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Patrick O'Malley, seconded by Commissioner Laureen Cummings, to Dispense with the Reading and Approve as Prepared. The motion carried by the following vote.

**Aye:** 3 - Patrick O'Malley, Jerry Notarianni and Laureen Cummings

##### Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board (Agenda Items Only)

No Comments

##### Motions

##### 18-0001

Motion to elect a Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2018.

A motion was made by Commissioner Laureen Cummings to elect Patrick O'Malley as Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Patrick O'Malley, that this Motion be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote.

Commissioner Patrick O'Malley: I will be abstaining from the vote, due to the fact that the Chairman receives a \$2,800 stipend in excess.

**Aye:** 2 - Jerry Notarianni and Laureen Cummings

**Abstain:** 1 - Patrick O'Malley

##### 18-0002

Motion to elect a Vice Chair of the Board of Commissioners for 2018.

A motion was made by Commissioner Patrick O'Malley that Laureen Cummings be Vice-Chair, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Notarianni, that this Motion be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote.

**Aye:** 3 - Patrick O'Malley, Jerry Notarianni and Laureen Cummings

18-0003

Motion to follow Robert's Rules of Order for conducting the Board of Commissioner's meetings.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Laureen Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Notarianni, that this Motion be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye:** 3 - Patrick O'Malley, Jerry Notarianni and Laureen Cummings

18-0004

Motion to set the meeting days of the Board of Commissioners, to be held bi-monthly on Wednesday of each month at 10:00am in the Commissioner's Conference Room, unless otherwise specified, and also quarterly meetings outside of the Commissioners' office at night.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Patrick O'Malley, seconded by Commissioner Laureen Cummings, that this Motion be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Commissioner Patrick O'Malley:** these meetings at night are so great for the community, and I thank Commissioner Cummings for those.

**Aye:** 3 - Patrick O'Malley, Jerry Notarianni and Laureen Cummings

### Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board

Joan Hodawanitz, Scranton: Bitter cold weather/ welfare of the homeless; furnace issues.

### Commissioners' Other Business

Commissioner Laureen Cummings: Homeless shelters; offer stipends to the Human Services offices, in case people need a hotel for the night; community resources available. For shelters, they need volunteers, and have certain regulations to be declared a shelter.

Commissioner Jerry Notarianni: I think the Mayor is involved now; Red Cross organizations; shelters.

Commissioner Patrick O'Malley: let's have some shelter organizations come in to a meeting. I hope everyone has a great 2018! And have a happy and safe new year.

### Adjournment

**A motion was made by Commissioner Laureen Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Notarianni, that this be Adjourned at 10:14am. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye:** 3 - Patrick O'Malley, Jerry Notarianni and Laureen Cummings