



# County of Lackawanna

Lackawanna County  
Government Center  
at The Globe  
123 Wyoming Ave  
Scranton, Pennsylvania  
18503

## Meeting Minutes

### Board of Commissioners

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Monday, January 7, 2019

10:00 AM

Commissioner's Conference Room

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#### Reorganization

##### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:03am.

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

##### Reading and Approval of Minutes

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

Commissioner Patrick O'Malley- happy to be here- a lot of work that went into this- a lot of work still needs to be done. One stop government shop. Savings, no millage increase- thank you to everyone that was on board from the beginning.

Commissioner Laureen Cummings- I am thrilled to be here- thank you for everyone who got us here- on time and on budget and worked hard, on the weekends to get us here. Building is beautiful. Thrilled to be able to consolidate. So great to consolidate and save people time, and thank you for everyone's hard work. And efforts. The three of us have worked on separate issues, and this is the county working for the good of the residents and the good of the people.

Commissioner Jerry Notarianni- just moved in on Friday- beautiful conference room, hope to continue going in the right direction and save the taxpayers money

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

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

No comments

##### Motions

[19-0001](#)

Motion to elect a Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2019.

A motion was made by Commissioner Laureen Cummings, for Patrick O'Malley to be Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Patrick O'Malley, that this Motion

be Failed. The motion failed by the following vote.

**Commissioner Patrick O'Malley-I am abstaining due to the fact that the chairman receives a \$2,800 financial difference in pay.**

**Aye:** 1 - Laureen Cummings

**Nay:** 1 - Jerry Notarianni

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Laureen Cummings, for Patrick O'Malley to be Chairman, 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

#### 19-0002

Motion to elect a Vice Chair of the Board of Commissioners for 2019.

**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

#### 19-0003

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

#### 19-0004

Motion to set the meeting days of the Board of Commissioners, to be held bi-monthly on Wednesdays 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 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

### **Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board**

Joan Hodawanitz, Scranton-use loud voices. You need signage in this brand new building; In front of all the offices and in all the hallways. What are current costs expended from the 17 million globe loan? Prison costs? City council drafted a code of ethics for the city- they didn't draft a whistle blower hotline- how much did your hotline save the county?

### **Commissioners' Other Business**

**Commissioner Laureen Cummings -we just moved this weekend; and the**

courts still have to move.

Commissioner Patrick O'Malley- Happy Russian Christmas! Tomorrow is the ribbon cutting for the globe! Very happy to be sitting here today. Dream come true.

### Adjournment

Adjourned at 10:23pm.