

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES
APRIL 9, 2026 MEETING MINUTES**

Barbara Blackwell opened the meeting by reading a statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975.

Roll Call was taken. The following Board Members were in attendance: Barbara Blackwell, Sandra Coleman, Suchitra Kamath, Eric Marozine, and Commissioner Koppel.

A motion was made by Mr. Marozine, seconded by Ms. Coleman, approving the Minutes of the previous meeting as distributed. The motion was adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Marozine, seconded by Ms. Kamath, ratifying transactions accomplished by direction and authority of the Director from March 13, 2026 to April 9, 2026. The motion was unanimously adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Marozine, seconded by Ms. Kamath, approving the Treasurer's Financial Report. The motion was unanimously adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Marozine, seconded by Ms. Kamath, authorizing the requisitioning of funds. The motion was unanimously adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Marozine, seconded by Ms. Kamath, approving the payment of bills as listed. The motion was unanimously adopted.

OLD BUSINESS

Staff reports on new applications in March 2026 showed 195 TANF applications; 451 GA applications, and 1,099 applications for SNAP. SNAP recertifications totaled 1,765 in March. In March, our receptionists assisted 3,201 individuals, with 359 of them visiting the Perth Amboy office. During the month, our call center answered 11,630 calls.

A copy of the Medicaid Redetermination Report for the month of March 2026 was submitted to the Board for review. The report shows a total caseload of 39,219 individuals. Approximately 9.4 percent of our redeterminations are overdue.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Mr. Marozine, seconded by Ms. Coleman to discuss personnel matters, the Workers' Compensation Report, and attorney-client privileged communications in closed session. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTIONS

#26-039 Approval of Payrolls from April 16, 2026 to April 30, 2026 and from May 1, 2026 to May 15, 2026

#26-040 Confirm Overtime Payroll from March 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026

#26-041 Accept proposal of Commercial Interiors Direct, Inc., 1 South Corporate Drive, Suite E, Riverdale, NJ 07457, to install flooring on the third floor at 181 How Lane, New Brunswick, at a cost not to exceed \$19,213.81 (Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Cooperative Purchasing Program)

#26-042 Amend the 2026 Operating Budget

#26-043 Approval to purchase 200 HP Laser Jet Ink Cartridges from WB Mason (State Contract)

#26-044 Approval of Personnel Report

REQUESTS FOR LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Tavera, Ana R.	Human Services Specialist 2, Bilingual, S/E	07/14/26 – 08/04/26
Reid, Nikisha	Clerk 2	03/24/26 – 04/27/26
Santiago, Luz	Security Guard	04/17/26 – 06/01/26

NEW HIRES

Moreano, Paola F.	Human Services Aide, Bilingual S/E, Temporary	\$49,300	03/20/26
Cladek, Sarah L.	Human Services Aide, Temporary	\$49,300	03/20/26
Figueroa, Nayara	Human Services Aide, Bilingual, S/E, Temporary	\$49,300	03/20/26
Kreindel, Jonathan M.	Human Services Aide, Temporary	\$49,300	04/21/26
Woodridge, Adia S.	Human Services Aide, Temporary	\$49,300	04/21/26
Camacho-Lozada, Ana C.	Human Services Aide, Bilingual, S/E Temporary	\$49,300	04/21/26

PERMANENT APPOINTMENTS

LeBlanc, Julianna M.	Human Services Aide	\$49,300	04/06/26
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PROMOTION, RECLASSIFICATION, TITLE, SALARY CHANGE

Matta, Phebe	Social Services Technician, Bilingual, Arabic/English	\$56,731	03/21/26
Severino, Bielka	Human Services Specialist 2, Bilingual, S/E, Provisional	\$72,916	03/21/26
Divine, Naima M.	Human Service Specialist 4, Provisional	\$106,595	04/06/26

RESIGNATIONS

Hernandez-Acosta, Nicole	Human Services Aide, Bilingual	03/23/26
Chaudhry, Momina J.	Human Services Aide	04/06/26
Colon Gonzalez, Aldo	Clerk 1	04/10/26

TERMINATIONS

Wimberley, Karoline	Human Services Aide, Bilingual S/E, Temporary	03/23/26
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Ms. Blackwell asked the Board members if they had questions on any Resolution. There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Marozine, seconded by Ms. Coleman, to adopt the Consent Agenda, consisting of Resolutions #26-039 through #26-044. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Marozine, seconded by Ms. Coleman. The motion was unanimously adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dara Harkay, Director

