

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD
PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

I. ROLL CALL

7:00 P.M. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2012

PRESIDENT TO ANNOUNCE

CITY HALL LIBRARY
515 WATCHUNG AVENUE
PLAINFIELD, NJ

THE NOTICE REQUIREMENT PROVIDED FOR THE "OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW" HAS BEEN SATISFIED. NOTICE WAS PROPERLY GIVEN, SAID NOTICE HAVING BEEN TRANSMITTED TO THE COURIER-NEWS AND THE STAR LEDGER ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2012 AS WELL AS POSTING ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN CITY HALL.

COUNCILWOMAN VERA GREAVES
COUNCILWOMAN ANNIE C. MCWILLIAMS
COUNCILWOMAN BRIDGET RIVERS
COUNCILMAN CORY STORCH
COUNCILWOMAN REBECCA WILLIAMS
CHAIRMAN WILLIAM REID
COUNCIL PRESIDENT ADRIAN O. MAPP

II. PRESIDENT TO REQUEST CLERK
TO READ "THE CALL" FOR THE MEETING:

III. CLERK READS "THE CALL":

IV. RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS:

R 044-12 COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE
NON-CONSENT PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION AS THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY
IN NOVEMBER. -CITY CLERK.

V. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD. A TOTAL OF SIXTY (60) MINUTES HAS BEEN ALLOCATED TO ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS TO BE PRESENTED. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, GIVE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS TO THE CLERK FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION ON ANY SINGLE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, WILL BE LIMITED TO FIVE (5) MINUTES.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS
OF THE PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION AS THE FIRST
TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER**

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 authorizes changing the election date of school board members from the third Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (the General Election); and

WHEREAS, such action requires the adoption of a resolution by a school district or the municipality or municipalities constituting such district, as set forth in P.L.2011, c. 202; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 requires that the change to a November election remain in effect for four years; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 eliminates the annual voter referendum on the proposed general fund tax levy (i.e., the base budget which is at or below the statutory tax levy cap) in school districts where board of education members are elected at the General Election; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 requires that an additional general fund tax levy proposal (i.e., for an expenditure in excess of the tax levy cap) be presented to voters as a separate question at the General Election; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Plainfield believes that the financial interest of its constituents is safeguarded by the state's tax levy cap and the thorough review of the proposed school budget by the Executive County Superintendent and the Executive County School Business Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Plainfield believes that more citizens will participate in the selection of school board members at the General Election than on the third Tuesday in April and that the higher level of participation will foster positive interest in our public schools; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Plainfield is committed to the non-partisan status of school board membership and the non-partisan conduct of school elections, and believes this principle will not be compromised by conducting board member elections in November; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202, the City Council of the City of Plainfield changes the annual election date for school board members from the third Tuesday in April to the November General Election, beginning in 2012; be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202, the annual organization meeting of the Plainfield Board of Education will take place in the first week of January following the November General Election and that the board of education's next organization meeting will take place in the first week of January 2013; be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202, members of the Plainfield Board of Education whose terms would have expired by May 2012 will continue to serve in office until the January 2013 organization meeting; be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be transmitted to the Union County Clerk; the Union County Board of Elections and/or Superintendent of Elections; the Plainfield municipal clerk and school board secretary or secretaries; the Department of State, Division of Elections; the Department of Education's Executive County Superintendent; and the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services; be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution also be provided to the New Jersey School Boards Association and New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

Adopted by the City Council

February 13, 2012

Abubakar Jalloh, City Clerk

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