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WARREN COMMISSIONER JAMES R. KERN III TO LEAD NJAC IN 2026

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(Trenton, NJ) The New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) is pleased to announce that it will inaugurate Warren County Commissioner James R. Kern III as the Association's 85th President at 11:00 a.m. on January 23, 2026 in the Senate Chambers of the State House in Trenton. *"I look forward to leading this exceptional organization as it continues to serve as a steadfast advocate and trusted resource for county governments across the State, with a unified, solution-driven, and nonpartisan approach to solving critical issues such as the diversion of 911 fees, homelessness, health benefits reform, and much more," Commissioner Kern said.*

The Honorable Douglas Steinhardt will administer the oath of office to Commissioner Kern. NJAC also will swear in its board of directors and slate of executive officers, which include Union County Commissioner Alexander Mirabella as 1st Vice President, Monmouth County Commissioner Dominick DiRocco as 2nd Vice President, Bergen County Commissioner Tracy Zur as Secretary Treasurer, and Somerset County Commissioner Shanel Y. Robison as Immediate Past President. Following the reorganization meeting, all guests are welcome to join NJAC for a luncheon celebration at the historic Masonic Temple.

"As Garden State residents continue to struggle with paying the highest property taxes in the nation, county governments are uniquely positioned to deliver essential services to those in need in a more cost-effective manner, and I look forward to working with the Association's outstanding executive team and board members to alleviate this overwhelming burden," stated Kern. NJAC is committed to advocating for legislation, regulations, and policy directives that empower county governments to operate more efficiently and effectively. As a nonpartisan organization that represents the only true regional form of government in the State with a proactive and unified voice, NJAC is dedicated to enhancing the level of service provided and saving valuable taxpayer dollars. Please contact John Donnadio at (609) 394-3467 or Jdonnadio@njac.org with any questions or concerns. You may also visit our website at www.njac.org for additional details about county government and NJAC.

NJAC REORGANIZATION MEETING AGENDA

11:00 a.m. January 23, 2026

Senate Chambers of the New Jersey State House
125 West State Street, Trenton, NJ

1. CALL TO ORDER
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Moment of Silence
 - C. National Anthem *by the Union County Vocational Technical Schools*
 - D. Roll Call
2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION
 - A. Recognition of Special Guests
 - B. Recognition of Outgoing County Officials
 - C. Recognition of 2025 NJAC President *Somerset County Commissioner Shanel Robinson*
3. OATH OF OFFICE - 2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS & EXECUTIVE OFFICERS *by Commissioner Robinson*
 - A. NJAC Board of Directors
 - B. NJAC Executive Officers
4. OATH OF OFFICE – 2026 NJAC PRESIDENT *by Senator Douglas Steinhardt*
5. REMARKS – 2026 NJAC PRESIDENT *Warren County Commissioner James R. Kern III*
6. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
 - A. Resolution approving 2026 Annual Budget
 - B. Resolution approving 2026 Annual County Dues
 - C. Resolution approving 2024 Annual Audit
 - D. Resolution approving 2026 Board Meeting Dates
 - E. Resolution approving 2026 Labor Relations Counsel
 - F. Resolution approving 2026 Accountant/Auditor
7. COUNTY VO-TECH COOK-OFF CHALLENGE DRAWING
8. CONGRATULATIONS FROM WARREN COUNTY *by Senator Steinhardt*
9. ADJOURNMENT TO THE MASONIC TEMPLE FOR LUNCHEON @ NOON