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General Membership Meeting

October 10, 2025

Forsgate Country Club

10:00AM

Recorder: Dr. Christine Vespe

1. **Call to Order:** Dr. Laurie W. Newell
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Membership
3. **Introductions:** Executive Committee and Past President
4. **Presentation of Past President Clock to Mr. Ken Figs**
5. **Introduction of Sponsor:** Dr. Craig Wigley
Effective Schools Solutions - Dan Lemond and Aaron Winik
6. **Report of the Secretary:** Dr. Christine Vespe
 - a. Minutes of the General Membership Meeting-April 11, 2025
 - b. Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting-August 12, 2025
7. **Report of the Treasurer:** Dr. Michael Gorman
 - a. Audit of 2024-2025
 - b. Proposed Budget: 2025-2026
 - c. Treasurer's Report: October 2025
8. **Necrology Report**—Dr. Aaron Graham
 - a. Moment of Silence
9. **NJCOE Website/Social Media Report:** Dr. Vincent Przybylinski
10. **Report of the Historian** – Dr. Alease Griffith
11. **Report of the Awards Chair:** Dr. Jay Dugan

12. Report of the Membership Chair — Dr. Cheryl Simone/Carole Butler

a. Induction of New Members: Dr. Cheryl Simone/Carole Butler

- Ashanti Holley
- Steve Linzenbold
- Christopher Waack

13. Report of Program Co-Chairs – Dr. George Rafferty and Dr. Judy Rattner

14. Report of Continuity Co-Chairs – Dr. Dolores (Dee) Szymanski and Ms. Dana Lawrence

15. Report of Liaisons – Dr. Ken King and Mrs. Pat Wright

16. Introduction of Speaker -- Dr. Judy Rattner

“The Changing Dynamics of Leadership”

Dr. Scott Rocco

Superintendent of Schools - Hamilton Township Schools

17. Future NJCOE Meeting Dates 2025-2026:

General Membership Meeting Dates:

- April 17, 2026

Executive Committee Meeting Dates:

- November 14, 2025
- January 15, 2026

18. Open Forum/ Adjournment/Lunch