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*“A WEEK THAT SHAPES THE FUTURE”*

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## **Austin Meo Elected Governor at 69<sup>th</sup> Session of Jersey Boys State**

*Running mate Brendan Miccio Elected Lieutenant Governor*

*Sen. Cory Booker Read the Oath of Office to Governor Meo and Lt. Gov. Miccio*

LAWRENCEVILLE, NJ – On Thursday, June 26, 2014, the American Legion Jersey Boys State (ALJBS) Board of Elections announced Austin Meo (Cranbury – Post 76) and Brendan Miccio (Franklin Lakes – Post 369) will serve as Governor and Lieutenant Governor, respectively, for the 69<sup>th</sup> session of American Legion Jersey Boys State (ALJBS).

National candidates Meo and Miccio bested Federal candidates Andrew Chen and Dimitri Henry in a race to the highest elected positions at Jersey Boys State. For the first time in Jersey Boys State history, both gubernatorial candidates hailed from the same American Legion Post—Post #76 in Princeton, NJ.

Among the chief duties of the Governor, he recommended and reviewed bills sent by the Jersey Boys State Legislature and is expected to represent his state at the highest level at various events. Governor Meo delivered the annual state of the state address Friday, June 27, and announced gubernatorial appointments.

The Governor and Lieutenant Governor were sworn-in by Senator Cory Booker.

On Wednesday, June 25, Meo competed in the National Party primary among many candidates. Meo selected Miccio as his running mate to serve as Lieutenant Governor Wednesday night.

The hands-on approach for teaching civics and government in action at the local, county and state level allows each statesmen to run for many offices from Athletic Director—to Mayor—to County Freeholder—and to Boys Nation Senator – among many others. This year's 924 statesmen hail from more than 325 communities across New Jersey.

### **About American Legion Jersey Boys State (ALJBS)**

In its 69<sup>th</sup> year, ALJBS is a week-long experience that educates and motivates New Jersey's youth so that each statesman may become a citizen leader dedicated to service, respect, and Americanism. Together, the delegates form the mythical “51st” state of the union each year, where they elect their own local, state, and national representatives. Activities at ALJBS include legislative sessions, general assemblies, court proceedings, athletics, band, and career seminars, among many others. All expenses associated with attending ALJBS are typically donated by a sponsoring American Legion Post, a local business, or a community-based organization. To learn more, please visit [aljbs.org](http://aljbs.org).

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