

**ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
REORGANIZATION BOARD MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022
9:00 AM**

THIS MEETING IS CALLED PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF WHICH HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE NEWARK STAR LEDGER, A LOCAL NEWSPAPER AND SUCH NOTICE HAVING BEEN POSTED IN THE ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION.

- 1. ROLL CALL**
- 2. Reorganization*
- 3. Approve April 7, 2022 Board Minutes*
- 4. Approve Meeting Dates for the Coming Year*
- 5. Motion to approve all appeals including Tax Court Pending, Affirmances, Stipulations and Withdrawals up to May 2, 2022*
- 6. Approve 2022 Preliminary & Final Equalization Table*
- 7. Appoint Kenya Kourkoulis OPRA Custodian of Records for the Tax Board*
- 8. Update of Revaluations: 2023 Nutley & Roseland, 2024 Irvington, 2025 Newark & West Orange*
- 9. Revaluation Orders: Maplewood & South Orange*
- 10. Update of Deeds*
- 11. Update of Appeals*
- 12. Confirming Signature stamps acceptable on documents*
- 13. East Orange, North Caldwell & Orange Filing Deadline Today*
- 14. New Business*
- 15. Public Speakers*
- 16. Adjournment*

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT

ABSENT

MATARAZZO, JR., PRESIDENT	X	
DEFURIA	X	
GRODMAN	X	
JOHNSON	X	
O'BRIEN	X	
ADMIN. DURKIN	X	

Agenda can be amended at any time prior to meeting

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation was held on Monday, May 2, 2022, at 9:22 AM at its office located at 495 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd., Newark, New Jersey.

1. ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were President Matarazzo, Commissioners DeFuria, Grodman, Johnson, O'Brien, and Tax Administrator Durkin.

2. REORGANIZATION

A motion to approve James Matarazzo as President of the Essex County Tax Board was made by Commissioner O'Brien nominated James Matarazzo, Seconded by Commissioner DeFuria, all in favor motion approved.

3. APPROVE APRIL 7, 2022, BOARD MINUTES

A motion to approve the April 7, 2022, Board Minutes was made by Commissioner Grodman, Seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, (Commissioners DeFuria and Johnson abstained), President Matarazzo, Commissioners O'Brien and Grodman in favor motion approved.

4. APPROVE MEETING DATES FOR THE COMING YEAR

A motion to approve the meeting dates for the coming year was made by Commissioner Johnson, Seconded by Commissioner Grodman, all in favor motion approved.

5. MOTION TO APPROVE ALL APPEALS INCLUDING TAX COURT PENDING, AFFIRMANACES, STIPULATIONS AND WITHDRAWALS UP TO MAY 2, 2022

A motion to approve all appeals including Tax Court Pending, affirmances, stipulations, and withdrawals up to May 2, 2022, was made by Commissioner Grodman, Seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, all in favor motion approved.

6. APPROVE 2022 PRELIMINARY & FINAL EQUALIZATION TABLE

A motion to approve the 2022 Preliminary & Final Equalization Table was made by Commissioner Grodman, Seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, all in favor motion approved.

7. APPOINT KENYA KOURKOULIS OPRA CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS FOR THE TAX BOARD

A motion to appoint Kenya Kourkoulis OPRA Custodian of Records for the Tax Board was made by Commissioner O'Brien, Seconded by Commissioner Johnson, all in favor motion approved.

8. UPDATE OF REVALUATIONS: 2023 NUTLEY & ROSELAND, 2024 IRVINGTON, 2025 NEWARK & WEST ORANGE

2023 Nutley Tax Assessor Edmund Brown reported that inspections of Class 1 and 2 properties will be completed this week. Approximately 150 Class 4 properties were inspected, and analysis of value has begun. Two inspectors are working on commercial properties. Revaluation should be completed on time.

2023 Roseland Tax Assessor Kevin Esposito was not present at the meeting but reported that a letter stating that PPA would be starting inspections for revaluation was being prepared. Tax Administrator Durkin stated that Borough of Roseland officials will be invited to the June Tax Board Meeting to discuss the timeline for revaluation.

2024 Irvington Tax Assessor Silvia Forbes was not present at the meeting but reported that she had updated the timeline schedule for the Irvington revaluation. Tax Administrator Durkin stated that the Township of Irvington officials will be invited to the June Tax Board Meeting to discuss the timeline for revaluation.

2025 Newark Tax Assessor Aaron Wilson reported that the RFP has been finalized and a few sheets of the Newark City Tax Maps still need to be revised before submission to Trenton.

2025 West Orange Tax Assessor Kevin Dillon was not present at the meeting but reported that West Orange is continuing to update its Tax Maps.

9. REVALUATION ORDERS: MAPLEWOOD & SOUTH ORANGE

A motion to approve Revaluation Orders for Maplewood & South Orange for the tax year 2024 was made by President Matarazzo, Seconded by Commissioner DeFuria, (Commissioners Grodman and O'Brien abstained from voting on the Maplewood Order for Revaluation, however voted to approve the South Orange Order for Revaluation), all in favor motion approved.

10. UPDATE OF DEEDS

As of April 19, 2022, thirteen thousand four hundred and six (13,406) deeds have been processed that is approximately 500 more processed than this time last year.

11. UPDATE OF APPEALS

As of April 29, 2022, in East Orange 262 appeals have been filed, in North Caldwell 3 appeals have been filed and in Orange 92 appeals have been filed.

12. CONFIRMING SIGNATURE STAMPS ACCEPTABLE ON DOCUMENTS

A motion to use signature stamps on documents of the Essex County Tax Board Commissioners was made by Commissioner Johnson, Seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, all in favor motion approved.

13. EAST ORANGE, NORTH CALDWELL & ORANGE FILING DEADLINE TODAY

Availability dates from Commissioners are needed for hearing schedules for the month of June. All appeals and clean up dates will be scheduled to meet the June 30, 2022, deadline for Judgments.

14. NEW BUSINESS

An informative discussion on how Municipal Tax Rates are established along with submission of certain contributing budgets was led by Tax Administrator Durkin.

Tax Administrator Durkin reported that Essex County will be withdrawing its 2022 Tax List information from the NJACTB site due to Daniel's Law.

15. PUBLIC SPEAKERS

None

16. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 AM was made by Commissioner O'Brien, Seconded by Commissioner Johnson, all in favor motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted
Joan Codey Durkin, CTA
Tax Administrator

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