

**ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**AGENDA**  
**Thursday, June 2, 2022**

**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. *Approval of May 2022 Board Minutes*
3. *Commissioner Everett Johnson*
4. *Motion to approve Judgments Rendered in May including and up to June 2<sup>nd</sup> (Including TCP, Stips & withdrawals)*
5. *Update of Revaluations: 2023 Nutley, 2025 Newark & West Orange*
6. *Irvington 2024 Revaluation Update – Municipal Officials Invited*
7. *Roseland 2023 Revaluation Update – Municipal Officials Invited*
8. *Maplewood & South Orange 2024 Revaluation Orders Approved by State*
9. *Municipal Budgets*
10. *Status of Deeds*
11. *Status of Appeals*
12. *June 27, 2022 Conference Call to Approve June Judgments*
13. *East Orange – Romal Bullock Resignation*
14. *Daniel’s Law ( OIP)*
15. *New Business*
16. *Public Speakers*
17. *Adjournment*

**COMMISSIONERS**

**PRESENT**

**ABSENT**

**MATARAZZO, 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 Thursday, June 2, 2022, at 9:15 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 Grodman, Johnson and O'Brien and Tax Administrator Durkin. Commissioner DeFuria was absent from the meeting.

**2. APPROVAL OF MAY 2022 BOARD MINUTES**

A motion to approve the May 2022 Board minutes was made by Commissioner Grodman, Seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, all in favor motion approved.

**3. COMMISSIONER EVERETT JOHNSON**

Congratulations to Commissioner Everett M. Johnson who was named as among NJBIZ's 2022 Leaders in Law Honorees. We are proud to have you as an Essex County Board member.

**4. MOTION TO APPROVE JUDGMENTS RENDERED IN MAY INCLUDING AND UP TO JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> (INCLUDING TCP, STIPS & WITHDRAWALS)**

A motion to approve the Judgments rendered in May including and up to June 2<sup>nd</sup> (Including TCP, Stips & Withdrawals) was made by Commissioner Grodman, Seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, all in favor motion approved.

**5. UPDATE OF REVALUATIONS: 2023 NUTLEY, 2025 NEWARK & WEST ORANGE**

2023 Nutley report was read by Administrator Durkin stating that residential and vacant land inspections are complete. Four hundred and fifty of Five hundred and fifty-one commercial inspections are complete and Two hundred and four out of Two hundred and forty-five exempt property inspections have been completed. Analysis of these properties are ongoing.

2025 Newark Frank Dalessio, Chief Assistant Assessor appeared before the Board and reported that the Tax Maps for the City of Newark are ready to be sent to Trenton. Administrator Durkin stated that the letter immediately forwarding the maps needs to be sent to the Tax Board along with a written monthly report from Assessor Aaron Wilson. Administrator Durkin also stated that the status of the contract for revaluation must be reported to her immediately.

2025 West Orange report was read by Administrator Durkin stating that West Orange is continuing work on their tax maps and are following the consent agreement timeline.

**6. IRVINGTON 2024 REVALUATION UPDATE – MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS INVITED**

2024 Irvington Revenue and Finance Director Faheem Ra'Oof appeared along with Assessor Silvia Forbes to report that a revised schedule had been submitted to the Tax Board and a Bonding Ordinance for the revaluation is in place. The revaluation contract will be advertised on June 15, 2022, with bids to be received by July 15, 2022, and approval of a contract to be presented to the Irvington Municipal Council on August 8, 2022. A letter from the Municipal Attorney has been sent to Casey & Keller, Inc. regarding Irvington's tax maps and Civil Solutions will be updating the maps. Administrator Durkin reminded Assessor Forbes to update the timeline for revaluation accordingly.

**7. ROSELAND 2023 REVALUATION UPDATE – MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS INVITED**

2023 Roseland Assessor Kevin Esposito and Tax Attorney James Esposito appeared before the Board to request an extension to complete the revaluation in the year 2024. Among the reasons stated were the change in market conditions, including foreclosures, and new/rehabilitated developments scheduled in the Borough for the upcoming year. Administrator Durkin stated she is concerned because of the time lapse since the last revaluation. She advised that the issue would be discussed on June 27, 2022, during a telephone conference with the Tax Board Commissioner's and that a Resolution from the Borough officials requesting the extension is required for the telephone conference to address the matter.

**8. MAPLEWOOD & SOUTH ORANGE 2024 REVALUATION ORDERS APPROVED BY STATE**

Administrator Durkin reported that a letter had been sent to both Maplewood and South Orange Officials explaining in detail the requirements for the 2024 revaluation of both towns.

**9. MUNICIPAL BUDGETS**

Administrator Durkin explained the importance of receiving Municipal Budgets in a timely manner. The Tax Board must receive Municipal and School Budgets as soon as approval is given for the Tax Board to establish the Municipal Tax Rates. She urged the Assessors to be aware of the passage of these budgets. Letters have been sent to the CFOs to remind them to send a copy of the budgets to our new address either by FedEx or hand delivered.

**10. STATUS OF DEEDS**

As of May 26, 2022, Fifteen thousand three hundred deeds have been processed, that is Five hundred more than last year at this time.

**11. STATUS OF APPEALS**

All appeals have been scheduled including the clean-up for East Orange on June 27, 2022. All appeals and clean-ups will be complete as of above stated date.

**12. JUNE 27, 2022, CONFERENCE CALL TO APPROVE JUNE JUDGMENTS**

The June 27, 2022, conference call to approve June Judgments may be changed from 10:00 AM to a later time in the day due to East Orange appeal hearings scheduled for that day.

**13. EAST ORANGE – ROMAL BULLOCK RESIGNATION**

Assessor Romal Bullock addressed the Tax Board stating that he is in negotiations with City Officials to remain in the position of Tax Assessor on a part-time basis, and would remain in that position until October 1, 2022, or until they find an appropriate replacement for the position.

**14. DANIEL'S LAW (OIP)**

As of July 15, 2022, the Division of OIP and a portal will be created in the Department of Community Affairs headed by Christine Campbell for Daniel's Law Compliance. Daniel's Law becomes effective in January 2023.

**15. NEW BUSINESS**

The Cape May Conference is scheduled for August 29 – September 2, 2022, be advised that registration and hotel prices have increased.

**16. PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

None

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 AM was made by Commissioner Grodman, Seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, all in favor motion approved.