

**ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION  
BOARD MEETING**

**AGENDA**

**Thursday, November 3, 2022**

**9:00 a.m.**

***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 October 3, 2022 Minutes
3. Approve Tax Rates: Caldwell
4. Update of Added/Omitted Appeals
5. 2022 Abstract of Ratables and Added Omitted Abstract
6. Appealing 2023 Ratio: Belleville, Irvington & Newark
7. Update of Revaluations: 2023 Nutley, 2024 Irvington, Maplewood, Roseland, South Orange, 2025 Newark & West Orange
8. Application for Chapter 251 Compliance Plan:
9. East Orange Tax Assessor Vacancy
10. Update of Deeds
11. Board Meeting Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 9:00 am & Added/Omitted Hearings at 10:00 am
12. Update Daniel's Law
13. Public Speakers
14. New Business
15. Adjournment

**COMMISSIONERS**

**PRESENT**

**ABSENT**

**MATARAZZO, PRESIDENT**

**X**

**DEFURIA**

**X**

**GRODMAN**

**X**

**JOHNSON**

**X**

**O'BRIEN**

**X**

**ADMN. DURKIN**

**X (via telephone)**

***\*AGENDA MAY BE AMENDED PRIOR TO BOARD MEETING\****

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation was held on Thursday, November 3, 2022, at 9:20 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, O'Brien, and Administrator Durkin (via telephone). Commissioner DeFuria was absent.

**2. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 3, 2022, MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of October 3, 2022 was made by Commissioner Grodman, Seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, all in favor motion approved.

**3. APPROVE TAX RATE: CALDWELL**

A motion to approve the Tax Rate for Caldwell was made by Commissioner Johnson, pending possible corrections by Auditor, Seconded by Commissioner Grodman, all in favor motion approved.

**4. UPDATE OF ADDED/OMITTED APPEALS**

As of November 2, 2022, seventeen (17) Appeals have been filed and fourteen (14) of those are Assessor Appeals.

**5. 2022 ABSTRACT OF RATABLES AND ADDED/OMITTED ABSTRACT**

The 2022 Abstract of Ratables has been printed. The 2022 Added/Omitted Abstract of Ratables will be printed today. The delay was due to an error in class codes on the Newark Added/Omitted Tax List.

**6. APPEALING 2023 RATIO: BELLEVILLE, IRVINGTON, NEWARK**

Newark's hearing on the Ratio case is scheduled for 2:00 PM today.

**7. UPDATE OF REVALUATIONS: 2023 NUTLEY, 2024 IRVINGTON, MAPLEWOOD, ROSELAND, SOUTH ORANGE, 2025 NEWARK & WEST ORANGE**

Nutley Tax Assessor Edmund Brown reported that the revaluation is on schedule. Four Hundred commercial values have been sent to the consultant for review and Edmund is reviewing the residential property values. Valuation letters should be mailed to taxpayers in early December.

Irvington Tax Assessor Silvia Forbes reported that the Bid to update Tax Maps has been advertised in the newspaper and bids are scheduled to be received by November 16, 2022.

Maplewood Tax Assessor Thomas DeKorte reported that the Revaluation contract has been signed by PPA and is awaiting the Mayor's signature today and will then be sent to the Division of Taxation. Tax Maps are almost complete.

Roseland Tax Assessor Kevin Esposito was not present at the meeting. Kenya Kourkoulis reported that the Division of Taxation has signed the resolution for the extension of the Roseland Revaluation to 2024.

South Orange Tax Assessor Ellen Malgieri was not present at the meeting and her written report stated that Tax Map changes are being completed.

Newark Tax Assessor Aaron Wilson reported that the Tax Maps are being printed and will be sent to Trenton for review. One bid was received for the revaluation; however, he is considering to re-bid the contract.

West Orange Tax Assessor Kevin Dillon was not present at the meeting and his written report stated that he is complying with the timeline. Draft specs are being reviewed and West Orange is preparing to advertise the bid for revaluation in early 2023.

**8. APPLICATION FOR CHAPTER 251 COMPLIANCE PLAN**

None.

**9. EAST ORANGE TAX ASSESSOR VACANCY**

Ms. Monica Reed, East Orange Human Resource Director, appeared to report that they have a potential candidate for the position of Tax Assessor who will be interviewed by the Mayor. President Matarazzo reminded Ms. Reed that if no one is appointed to the position the Governor will make an appointment.

**10. UPDATE OF DEEDS**

As of October 21, 2022 four thousand nine hundred and five (4,905) deeds have been processed which amount is approximately 900 less than last year at this time.

**11. BOARD MEETING, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022, AT 9:00 AM & ADDED/OMITTED HEARINGS AT 10:00 AM**

Added/Omitted Tax Appeals will be heard by the full Tax Board.

**12. UPDATE DANIEL'S LAW**

The State of New Jersey has an official website for Daniel's Law that is up and running. Please direct anyone who wishes their names to be redacted from the records of the Tax Board to visit [danielslaw.nj.gov](http://danielslaw.nj.gov)

**13. PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

Commissioner O'Brien thanked the staff at the Essex County Tax Board for all their hard work.

**14. NEW BUSINESS**

A Housing Report Card by Otteau.com was given to the Commissioners for their information and review.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 AM was made by Commissioner Johnson, Seconded by Commissioner Grodman, all in favor motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Codey Durkin, Tax Administrator

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