

**ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION  
REORGANIZATION BOARD MEETING AGENDA  
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023  
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 4, 2023 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 1, 2023*
- 6. Approve 2023 Final Equalization Table*
- 7. Appoint Kenya Kourkoulis OPRA Custodian of Records for the Tax Board*
- 8. Newark Tax Assessor Update*
- 9. Update of Revaluations: 2024 Irvington, Maplewood, Roseland & South Orange, 2025 Newark & West Orange*
- 10. Update of Deeds*
- 11. Update of Appeals*
- 12. Confirming Signature stamps acceptable on documents*
- 13. Nutley 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 1, 2023, at 9:15 AM at its office located at 495 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd., Newark, New Jersey.

1. **ROLL CALL**

President Matarazzo, Commissioners DeFuria, Grodman, O'Brien and Tax Administrator Durkin were present at the meeting. Commissioner Johnson was absent.

2. **REORGANIZATION**

Commissioner O'Brien nominated James Matarazzo, Jr. to be President of the Essex County Board of Taxation, Seconded by Commissioner DeFuria, all in favor appointment approved.

3. **APPROVE APRIL 4, 2023, BOARD MINUTES**

A motion to approve the April 4, 2023 Board Minutes was made by Commissioner Grodman, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, all 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 DeFuria, Seconded by Commissioner Grodman, all in favor motion approved.

5. **MOTION TO APPROVE ALL APPEALS INCLUDING TAX COURT PENDING, AFFIRMANCES, STIPULATIONS AND WITHDRAWALS UP TO MAY 1, 2023.**

A motion to approve all appeals including Tax Court Pending, Affirmances, Stipulations and Withdrawals up to May 1, 2023 was made by Commissioner O'Brien, Seconded by Commissioner Grodman, all in favor motion approved.

6. **APPROVE 2023 FINAL EQUALIZATION TABLE**

A motion to approve the 2023 Final Equalization Table was made by Commissioner DeFuria, 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 Grodman, all in favor motion approved.

8. **NEWARK TAX ASSESSOR UPDATE**

A Resolution by the Newark Municipal Council that will be voted on May 4, 2023 will appoint Frank Dallessio to the position of Tax Assessor for the City of Newark.

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

Irvington Tax Assessor Silvia Forbes reported that Irvington's Tax Maps have been approved by the State and a contract for Revaluation will be approved by the Irvington Town Council at their next meeting in May.

Maplewood Tax Assessor Thomas DeKorte reported that the Revaluation is moving along and 1,000 residential properties have been inspected.

Roseland Tax Assessor Kevin Esposito was not present at the meeting. His report states that notifications have not yet been sent to taxpayers and there has been no approval to start inspections.

South Orange Tax Assessor Ellen Malgieri was not present at the meeting. The monthly report from PPA reported that all residential and commercial properties have been inspected and all 2<sup>nd</sup> attempts for inspection have been completed. Third attempt for inspection letters will be sent shortly.

Newark Chief Assistant Assessor Frank Dallesio reported that he is trying to obtain a copy of the Revaluation contract that was created for the revaluation of Newark from the administration. Tax Administration Durkin said she would place a call to the Business Administrator to set up a meeting to discuss the revaluation.

West Orange Tax Assessor Jacob Nieman was not present at the meeting whose report stated that the Township has voted to approve the bond necessary for the revaluation, as well as received and accepted a bid from PPA to conduct the revaluation. PPA was the sole bidder.

**10. UPDATE OF DEEDS**

As of April 26, 2023, ten-thousand three hundred sixty-one deeds have been processed which is 3,000 less than this time last year.

**11. UPDATE OF APPEALS**

As of today, May 1, 2023, one-thousand six hundred sixteen Tax Appeals have been filed. Today is the last filing day for the Nutley appeals. Appeal hearings will be scheduled for May 15th and 22<sup>nd</sup>. June 1<sup>st</sup> hearings have been scheduled as of this date with additional dates for adjourned cases to be determined.

**12. CONFIRMING SIGNATURE STAMPS ACCEPTABLE ON DOCUMENTS**

A motion to confirm the signature stamps acceptable on documents was made by Commissioner O'Brien, Seconded by Commissioner DeFuria, all in favor motion approved.

**13. NUTLEY FILING DEADLINE TODAY**

May 1, 2023, at 4:00 PM is the filing deadline for Nutley tax appeals.

**14. NEW BUSINESS**

The Municipal Revaluation Statistics suggest that the towns to be considered for revaluations are Caldwell, Glen Ridge, Montclair, Verona, and West Caldwell since all of their ratios are below 85%. These towns along with Belleville and Bloomfield will be discussed at the June meeting.

**15. PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

None

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 AM was made by Commissioner DeFuria, Seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, all in favor motion approved.