

**ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**AGENDA**

**Friday, January 10, 2025**  
**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 November 7, 2024 Minutes & December 17, 2024 Minutes
3. File 2025 Tax List
4. Approve Overrides: East Orange & Fairfield, Millburn
5. Request for Extension of 2025 Tax List Filing: Newark
6. Update of Revaluations: 2025 Irvington & West Orange, 2026 Cedar Grove, Fairfield, Glen Ridge & Verona, 2027 Caldwell, Newark & West Caldwell, 2028 Belleville, Bloomfield & Montclair
7. Update of Deeds
8. Administrative Debits & Credits
9. Public Speakers
10. New Business
11. Adjournment

**COMMISSIONERS**

**PRESENT**

**ABSENT**

***Johnson, President***

***X***

***DeFuria***

***X***

***Grodman***

***X***

***Matarazzo***

***X***

***O'Brien***

***X***

***Weller-Demming***

***X***

***Administrator Durkin***

***X***

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

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation was held on Friday, January 10, 2025, at 9:15 AM at its office located at 495 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd., Newark, New Jersey.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Present at today's meeting were Commissioners Grodman, Matarazzo, O'Brien, Weller-Demming and Tax Administrator Durkin. Absent were President Johnson and Commissioner DeFuria.

**2. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 7, 2024, MINUTES & DECEMBER 17, 2024 MINUTES**

A motion to approve the Minutes of November 7, 2024 was made by Commissioner Grodman, Seconded by Commissioner Weller-Demming, all in favor motion approved. A motion to approve the Minutes of December 17, 2024 was made by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Weller-Demming, all in favor motion approved.

**3. FILE 2025 TAX LIST**

Filing the 2025 Tax List were: Belleville, Bloomfield, Caldwell, Cedar Grove, East Orange, Essex Fells, Fairfield, Glen Ridge, Livingston, Maplewood, Millburn, Montclair, North Caldwell, Nutley, Orange, Roseland, South Orange, Verona, and West Caldwell. The Towns not filing were Irvington, Newark & West Orange.

**4. APPROVE OVERRIDES: EAST ORANGE, FAIRFIELD & MILLBURN**

A motion to approve the overrides for East Orange, Fairfield & Millburn was made by Commissioner Grodman, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, all in favor motion approved.

**5. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF 2025 TAX LIST FILING: NEWARK**

A motion to approve the request for the extension of 2025 Tax List filing for Newark until January 31, 2025, was made by Commissioner Weller-Demming, seconded by Commissioner Grodman, all in favor motion approved.

**6. UPDATE OF REVALUATIONS: 2025 IRVINGTON & WEST ORANGE, 2026 CEDAR GROVE, FAIRFIELD, GLEN RIDGE & VERONA, 2027 CALDWELL, NEWARK & WEST CALDWELL, 2028 BELLEVILLE, BLOOMFIELD & MONTCLAIR**

2025 Irvington Tax Assessor Silvia Forbes requested an extension until January 17, 2025, to file the 2025 Tax List. A motion to approve the request was made by

Commissioner Grodman, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, all in favor motion approved.

2025 West Orange Tax Assessor Jacob Nieman reported that the valuation letters will be mailed out by Monday, January 13, 2025. Taxpayer hearings will be held at the West Orange Library over the next two weeks during daytime, evening and Saturday scheduled hours. The 2025 Tax List will be filed on or before February 10, 2025.

2026 Cedar Grove Tax Assessor Richard Hamilton reported that the MOD IV changes to correspond with the Tax Map have been completed and the Tax Maps will be sent to the State. He also reported that he has changed some dates on the timeline regarding revaluation. Administrator Durkin asked if the inspections could be completed within six months, and he responded yes.

2026 Fairfield Tax Assessor Christopher Murray reported that he is revising the timeline for revaluation. He is awaiting a contract with Civil Solutions for the revisions of the Tax Maps.

2026 Glen Ridge Tax Assessor George Librizzi reported that the Tax Maps should be approved by the State next week and he is waiting for PPA to sign the revaluation contract.

2026 Verona Tax Assessor George Librizzi reported that he is waiting for the Director to sign off on revaluation.

2027 Caldwell Tax Assessor George Librizzi reported that he is having a conference call with the Business Administrator and Finance Director to schedule a Bonding Ordinance. The RFP should be awarded in February 2025 which is ahead of schedule and the Tax Maps are being revised.

2027 Newark Tax Assessor Frank Dallessio reported there will be a Web meeting on Thursday, January 16, 2025, with the Mayor, ASI and the citizens of Newark to explain the revaluation procedure. A South Ward taxpayer meeting to discuss the revaluation is scheduled for February 13, 2025. He will prepare a letter to the Mayor and the Business Administrator to explain the consequences if Newark delays the revaluation any further.

2027 West Caldwell Tax Assessor Richard Hamilton reported that he has amended the timeline for revaluation and spoke to the Town Administrator about the delay for the Tax Map proposal.

2028 Belleville Tax Assessor Kevin Esposito was not present at the meeting. His report was read stating that the revaluation is on schedule.

2028 Bloomfield Tax Assessor Justin Lamicella was not present at the meeting. His report was read and Tax Administrator Durkin stated that the timeline for revaluation needs to be amended regarding the RFP return date and awarding of a contract.

2028 Montclair Tax Assessor George Librizzi reported that the revaluation is on schedule.

**7. UPDATE OF DEEDS**

As of January 7, 2025, five thousand nine hundred twenty-three deeds have been processed, that is one hundred thirty more than the same time period of last year.

**8. ADMINISTRATIVE DEBITS & CREDITS**

There has been an update from the State on debits and credits for veterans and senior citizens that will be forwarded to all Assessors.

**9. PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

None

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

There has been an update as to advertising in a published printed newspaper. An extension to write a formal bill for how classified advertising will be posted is being prepared by the legislature.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 AM was made by Commissioner Weller-Demming, Seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, all in favor motion approved.

Respectfully submitted.  
Joan Codey Durkin, CTA  
Tax Administrator

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