



Essex County College Board of School Estimate

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

11:00 AM

Smith Hall

**303 University Ave
Newark, NJ 07102**

ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE
BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE MEETING

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303 University Avenue
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AGENDA

Call to Order The Honorable Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.
Essex County Executive
Essex County, New Jersey

Roll Call

Comments Dr. Augustine A. Boakye
President
Essex County College

Ms. Marion A. Bolden
Chair
Essex County College Board of Trustees

Mr. Joseph S. Zarra
Treasurer
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The Honorable Romaine Sermons
Commissioner
Essex County Board of County Commissioners

The Honorable Leonard M. Luciano
Commissioner
Essex County Board of County Commissioners

The Honorable Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.

Roll Call Vote on Resolutions:

Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget Request

Fiscal Year 2026 Chapter XII Budget Request

Fiscal Year 2025 Revised Chapter XII Budget Request

Public Comments

Adjournment

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE OF
ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE
FIXING AND DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY
NECESSARY FOR OPERATING EXPENSES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS: The Board of Trustees of Essex County College in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-17 has duly prepared and delivered to each member of the Board of School Estimate an itemized statement of the amount of money estimated to be necessary for the operating expenses for the ensuing year; AND

WHEREAS: The Board of Trustees of Essex County College in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-17 did fix a date, place, and time for the holding of a public hearing by the Board of School Estimate with respect to said itemized statement; AND

WHEREAS: Notice of said meeting has been duly established in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-17 and a copy of said publication and affidavit of same are attached hereto and made a part thereof of Exhibit A; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Board of School Estimate of Essex County College does hereby fix and determine the amount of money set forth and itemized in the following budget as necessary for the operating expenses for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Item	Total Request	Aid from State and Other Sources	County Aid Required
College	55,866,567	39,666,567	16,200,000

BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED:

That the secretary be authorized and directed to prepare three (3) certified copies of this resolution, as certificates required by law; one shall be served upon the Commission of Higher Education of the State of New Jersey, and one shall be delivered to the Board of Commissioners of the County of Essex.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this
_____ day of February 2025

Shalia Story
Secretary to the
Board of School Estimate

Date

Christine A. Soto, Esq.
Attorney at Law
Law License No. 015052007

Essex County College Projected Total Revenue for FY 2026

Description	FY26	2026-01		2026-02		2026-03		2026-04		FULL YEAR	
	Cost per Credit Hour	Revenue	Credit Hours/Courses	Revenue	Credit Hours/Courses	Revenue	Credit Hours/Courses	Revenue	Credit Hours/Courses	Revenue	Credit Hours/Courses
In-County Tuition	\$ 139.66	\$ 887,176	6,352	\$ 8,998,088	64,427	\$ 7,872,200	56,366	\$ 1,706,990	12,222	\$ 19,464,455	139,367
Out-of-County & State Tuition	\$ 279.34	\$ 90,531	324	\$ 1,276,076	4,568	\$ 1,163,787	4,166	\$ 173,979	623	\$ 2,704,373	9,681
Distance Learning	\$ 195.53	\$ 9,025	46	\$ 151,476	775	\$ 172,242	881	\$ 41,241	211	\$ 373,985	1,913
General Service Fees (per Credit)	\$ 34.49	\$ 231,859	6,722	\$ 2,406,363	69,770	\$ 2,118,122	61,413	\$ 450,299	13,056	\$ 5,206,642	150,961
Total Fund 10 per credit hour income:		\$ 1,218,592	6,722	\$ 12,832,003	69,770	\$ 11,326,352	61,413	\$ 2,372,509	13,056	\$ 27,749,455	150,961
Technology Fees (per Course)	\$ 15.00	\$ 28,811	1,921	\$ 299,014	19,934	\$ 263,197	17,546	\$ 55,954	3,730	\$ 646,975	43,132
Lab Fees		\$ 54,540		\$ 566,045		\$ 498,243		\$ 105,923		\$ 1,224,750	
Other Student Fees:		\$ 30,501		\$ 316,558		\$ 278,640		\$ 59,237		\$ 684,936	
Tuition Waiver:		\$ (171,435)		\$ (1,779,249)		\$ (1,566,126)		\$ (332,948)		\$ (3,849,758)	
Uncollectible Tuition & fees		\$ (58,907)		\$ (611,369)		\$ (538,138)		\$ (114,404)		\$ (1,322,818)	
Total Revenue from Tuition and Fees:		\$ 1,102,102		\$ 11,623,001		\$ 10,262,168		\$ 2,146,271		\$ 25,133,541	

Total FY 2026 Revenue/Expense Forecast		
Revenue Source	Amount	% of Total
Tuition & Fees	\$ 25,133,541	45.0%
State Appropriations	\$ 10,956,800	19.6%
County Appropriations	\$ 16,200,000	29.0%
Investment Income	\$ 941,260	1.7%
Other Income	\$ 2,634,965	4.7%
Total FY 2026 Revenue Forecast	\$ 55,866,567	100.0%

Expense Type	Amount	% of Total
Salaries, Wages & Benefits	\$ 46,927,916	84%
Other Expenses	\$ 8,938,651	16%
Total FY 2026 Expense Forecast:	\$ 55,866,567	100%

Assumptions
*Total credit hours = 150,961
*Projecting enrollment increase/ (decrease) from FY25 to FY26 by 0%
*Tuition increased by 2% in FY26 and student activity fees increased by 5.88% in FY26
*2026-01 credit hours = 4% of the total credit hours
*2026-02 credit hours = 46% of the total credit hours
*2026-03 credit hours = 41% of the total credit hours
*2026-04 credit hours = 9% of the total credit hours
*Estimated Full year Tuition Waiver = \$3,849,758
*Estimated Other Student Fees = \$1,909,686
*Estimated Uncollectible Tuition and Fees 5% of total budgeted Tuition and Fees net of waivers
*Total Expenses = Total Revenue
*Salaries, Wages & Benefits = 84% of Total Expenses
*Other Expenses = 16% of Total Expenses

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Chapter XII Budget	\$3,900,000	1,950,000	1,950,000

BE IT FURTHER

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**FY2026 Chapter 12 Preliminary Allocations
(State/County Combined)**

College	FY2024 FTEs		Allocation by Category		Allocation
			25% FTEs	75% equal shares	
	#	%			
Atlantic Cape	2,967	3.4%	\$612,511	\$2,830,342	\$3,442,853
Bergen	8,971	10.3%	\$1,851,984	\$2,830,342	\$4,682,327
Brookdale	6,878	7.9%	\$1,419,903	\$2,830,342	\$4,250,245
Camden	6,364	7.3%	\$1,313,792	\$2,830,342	\$4,144,134
Essex	5,070	5.8%	\$1,046,657	\$2,830,342	\$3,876,999
Hudson	5,348	6.2%	\$1,104,048	\$2,830,342	\$3,934,390
Mercer	4,039	4.7%	\$833,816	\$2,830,342	\$3,664,158
Middlesex	7,873	9.1%	\$1,625,312	\$2,830,342	\$4,455,654
Morris	4,400	5.1%	\$908,341	\$2,830,342	\$3,738,684
Ocean	5,584	6.4%	\$1,152,768	\$2,830,342	\$3,983,110
Passaic	3,544	4.1%	\$731,628	\$2,830,342	\$3,561,970
Raritan Valley	4,463	5.1%	\$921,347	\$2,830,342	\$3,751,689
RCBC	5,522	6.4%	\$1,139,969	\$2,830,342	\$3,970,311
RCSJ Cumberland	1,709	2.0%	\$352,808	\$2,830,342	\$3,183,150
RCSJ Gloucester	3,940	4.5%	\$813,379	\$2,830,342	\$3,643,721
Salem	981	1.1%	\$202,519	\$2,830,342	\$3,032,861
Sussex	1,690	1.9%	\$348,886	\$2,830,342	\$3,179,228
UCNJ	6,335	7.3%	\$1,307,805	\$2,830,342	\$4,138,147
Warren	1,153	1.3%	\$238,027	\$2,830,342	\$3,068,369
Total	86,831	100.0%	\$17,925,500	\$53,776,500	\$71,702,000

25% FTEs	75% Equal Shares	Total
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**REVISED RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE OF
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- WHEREAS:** The State of New Jersey has reduced the allocation to the county colleges, resulting in a reduction in funding and the county of Essex has agreed to support the adjusted funding amount; NOW THEREFORE BE IT
- RESOLVED:** That the Board of School Estimate of Essex County College does hereby fix and determine the amount of money set forth and itemized in the following revised budget as necessary for the CHAPTER XII capital renovation and renewal expenses for fiscal year 2024-2025; AND

Item	Total Budget	State & Other Revenue	County Aid
Chapter XII Budget	\$3,100,000	\$1,550,000	\$1,550,000

BE IT FURTHER

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Final FY2025 Chapter 12 Allocations
(State/County Combined)
June 11, 2024

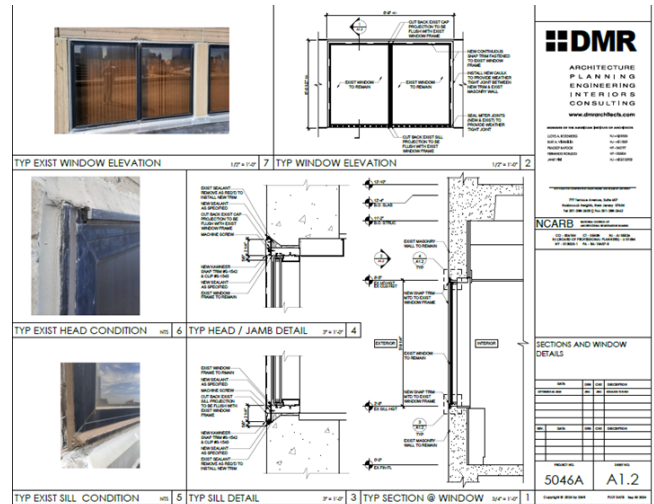
COLLEGE	INITIAL ALLOCATION	FINAL ALLOCATION (Includes reallocation of unused funds)
Atlantic Cape	\$2,629,193	\$2,820,126
Bergen	\$3,534,695	\$3,787,386
Brookdale	\$3,208,837	\$3,439,303
Camden	\$3,112,740	\$3,336,653
Essex	\$2,939,411	\$3,151,502
Hudson	\$2,943,442	\$3,155,808
Mercer	\$2,727,869	\$2,925,533
Middlesex	\$3,331,376	\$3,570,200
Morris	\$2,805,585	\$3,008,549
Ocean	\$2,999,552	\$3,215,745
Passaic	\$2,676,919	\$2,871,107
Raritan Valley	\$2,802,199	\$3,004,932
RCBC	\$2,868,629	\$3,075,892
RCSJ Cumberland	\$2,368,797	\$2,541,970
RCSJ Gloucester	\$2,743,026	\$2,941,723
Salem	\$2,276,408	\$2,443,281
Sussex*	\$2,394,272	\$1,150,000
Union	\$3,097,423	\$3,320,290
Warren	\$2,299,626	\$0
Total	\$53,760,000	\$53,760,000



Capital Projects

5th and 6th FLOORS WINDOWS REPAIRS (WATERPROOFING)

The work includes exterior masonry wall repairs, resealing of existing windows, and adding new aluminum trim.



5th and 6th FLOORS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

The design concept includes improved office space configuration, new flooring and ceiling finishes, collaboration spaces, conference room, designated storage, and new furnishings.



RENDERED VIEW OF COLLABORATION SPACE

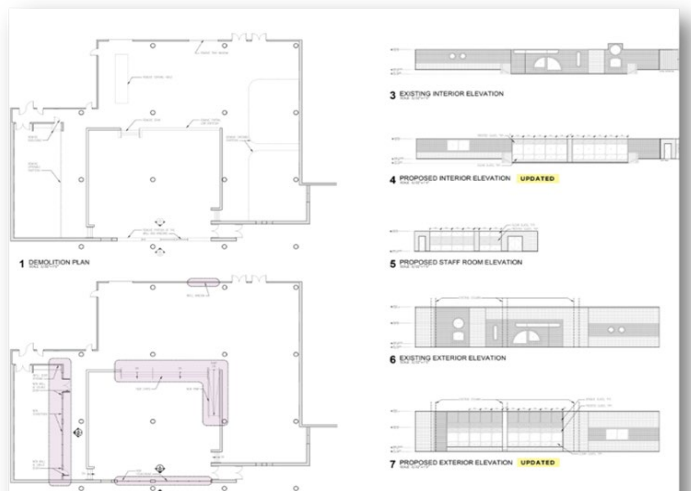


COLLABORATION SPACE



CAFETERIA DINING HALL

The renovation of 9,263 sf includes new floor and ceiling finishes, lighting, millwork, glazed interior storefronts, an ADA-compliant ramp in the pit area, an exterior curtainwall, and new furnishings.





CENTER FOR TECHNOLOGY

The work includes an exterior storefront design, reconstruction of existing clerestory "atrium," interior mezzanine floor structure infill, new floor and ceiling finishes, renovated restrooms, new furniture and instructional equipment.



EXTERIOR SIGNAGE NEWARK CAMPUS

The replacement project includes new signage for parking lots, directional signs, handicap signage, and illuminated letters and logos on both sides of the pedestrian bridge over Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd.



FIRE ALARM SYSTEM FORKLIFT NEWARK CAMPUS

The upgrade includes a system design that considers the layout, occupancy, and complexity of the buildings, new control panels and equipment, integration, and provides a fully addressable, intelligent system for reliable fire alarm operations.

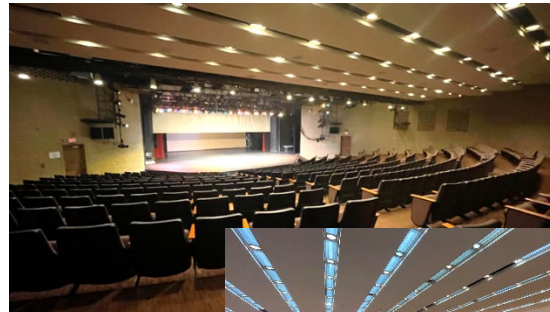
FIRST LEVEL RED AREA RENOVATION

The concept design renovates the space to house the Humanities and Math Departments, updating the aesthetics, and creating public and private zones to meet the operations and programming needs while focusing on efficiency and sustainability.



LECTURE HALLS & MARY BURCH THEATER REFRESHERS

The ongoing renovation work in the areas includes refinished hardwood flooring, painting, new audio and video systems, new carpeting and repairs, and seating reupholstery.



MAILROOM RENOVATION

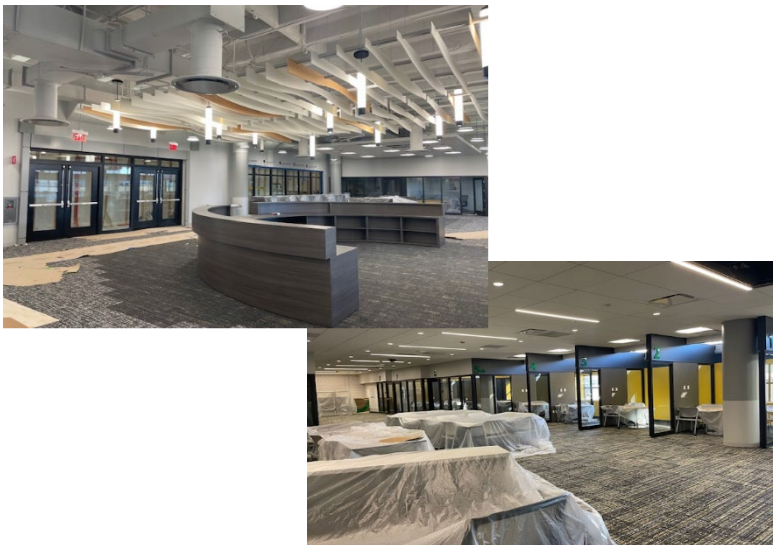
The mailroom space was opened for a more efficient workspace with an added large window, new flooring, paint, and ceiling tiles, upgraded office desk, cabinets, and new office Chairs.





MARQUEE RENOVATION NEWARK CAMPUS

The renovation of the marquee between West Market Street and MLK Blvd includes a new larger digital display with full integration, as well as masonry work and painting.



MLK LIBRARY & LEARNING CENTER RENOVATION

The construction completion date is set for late February. The reconfigured modernized space seamlessly joins the Library and Learning Center, providing collaborative areas, study spaces, new technology, and workstations to foster creativity, learning, and engagement.

Corridor View



OFFICE SUITE 4120 RENOVATION

The renovation concept design provides an open work area for different functions with enclosed offices and workstation defined by systems furniture, and a storefront appeal that opens the corridor walls.

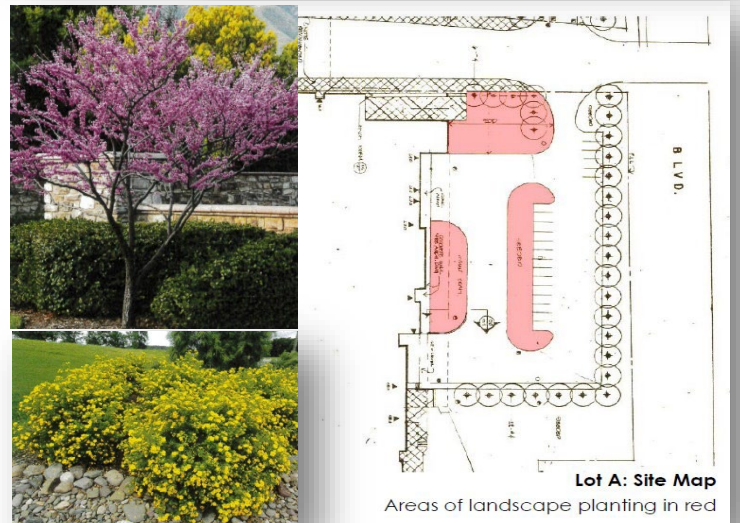
ONE STOP CENTER

The concept design features a comprehensive One Stop Center on the second level, which will house essential student services departments such as Enrollment Services, Counseling, Financial Aid, Bursar, and Testing.



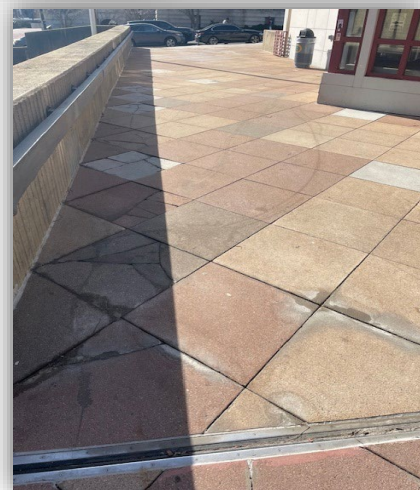
PARKING LOT A LANDSCAPE PLANTING

The vibrant design includes two retaining walls with railings on the upper wall, new trees, plant and flower beds targeting three essential areas, an irrigation system, and new hardscape.



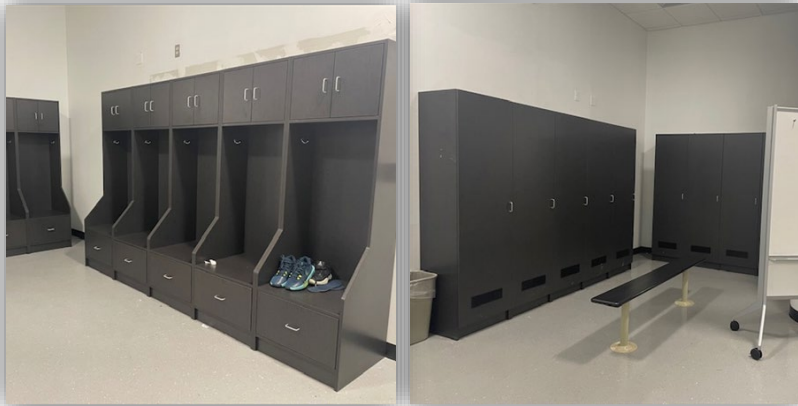
PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PAVER REPAIRS

The pedestrian bridge paver repairs require replacing the existing damaged pavers to enhance safety and prevent further damage.



CAPITAL PROJECTS

Academic Year 2025-2026



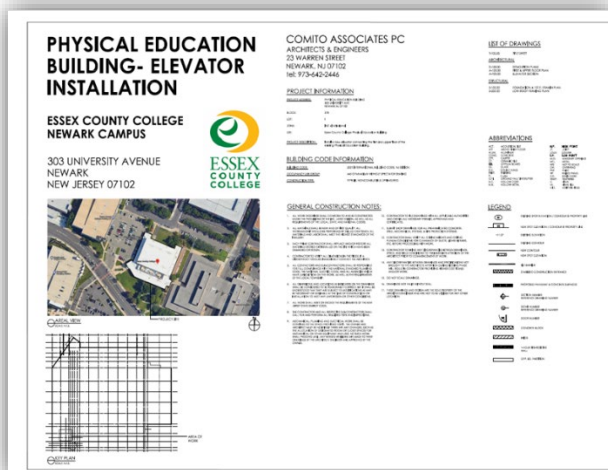
PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING NEW ATHLETIC LOCKERS

The home team shower/locker rooms are outfitted with collegial open locker units with top and bottom storage, and built-in benches. The visiting teams' rooms have tall units with doors and separate bench seating.



PEB HALL OF FAME WALL

The Hall of Fame wall prep work includes wood boards, and sheetrock laminate for a smooth wrap finish. The design also includes a floor digital display. The construction project is set to be completed by mid-March 2025.

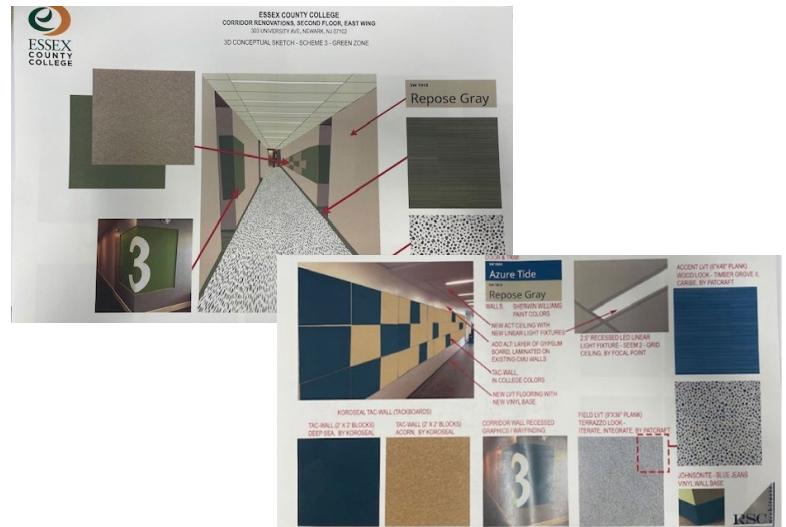


PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING NEW ELEVATOR

The project plan includes installing a new single elevator to enhance mobility and access, connecting the lower level, which houses the Child Development Center and the main level in the Physical Education Building.

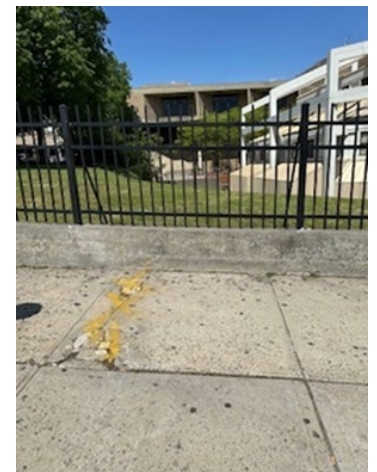
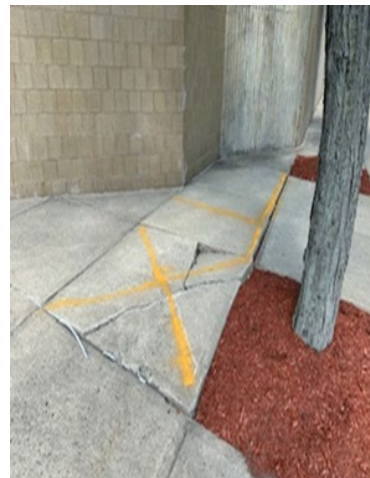
SECOND LEVEL CORRIDORS RENOVATIONS

The design concept features new flooring, ceilings, lighting, gypsum board laminated walls, updated finishes on existing doors and CMU, and directional signage to identify color-coded campus zones.



SIDEWALKS & PEDESTRIAN CONCRETE REPAIRS

Repairs are needed due to aging and tree root damage. The plan includes removing and replacing damaged paving, removing problematic trees, enlarging some tree wells, and replacing damaged paving with soil and ground cover plants.



UPCOMING RENOVATION PROJECTS

- Elevators Upgrades
- Fourth Level MPRAND Board of Trustees Meeting Space
- Hardscape and Landscape Plan: Student Plaza Vision
- Student Athlete Housing



Legal Notice

LEGAL NOTICE

A Public Meeting has been scheduled in the J. Harry Smith Lecture Hall at Essex County College, 303 University Avenue, Newark, New Jersey on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 11:00 AM at which time and place the Board of School Estimate of Essex County College will meet for the purpose of adopting and duly certifying the following 2025-2026 Budget for Essex County College in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A-64A:17 et seq.:

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<u>Capital CH XII</u>			
Renovations and expansion projects	3,900,000	1,950,000	1,950,000
Grand Total	<u>60,106,087</u>	<u>42,456,087</u>	<u>17,650,000</u>

At the Public Meeting, objections to said budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 may be presented by taxpayers and other interested parties: 1) in person, 2) by emailing publiccomments@essex.edu, or 3) by contacting Shalia Story, Liaison to the President/Board of Trustees at 973-877-3068 before 4:30 PM on Friday, February 7, 2025. Comments received by email will be read into the record during the meeting. Please include your name and contact information.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for review on the College website and may be accessed via the College's main page www.essex.edu. It may also be examined at the College in the office of the Senior Comptroller, Room 6116, 303 University Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, Monday through Friday between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM until the date of the public hearing.

Kiswendsida Kaprou, Senior Comptroller

Re: Essex County College - Board of School Estimate Legal Ad

From Story, Shalia <sstory@essex.edu>

Date Thu 1/30/2025 9:24 AM

To legals@recordernewspapers.com <legals@recordernewspapers.com>

Cc Boakye, Augustine <aboakye@essex.edu>

Good morning Daniela,

Thank you!

Shalia Story

From: legals@recordernewspapers.com <legals@recordernewspapers.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2025 9:22 AM

To: Story, Shalia <sstory@essex.edu>

Subject: RE: Essex County College - Board of School Estimate Legal Ad

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Good morning,

Confirming one ad to be published in the Caldwell progress on Feb 6th

Thank you
Daniela

-----Original Message-----

From: "Story, Shalia" <sstory@essex.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 5:15pm

To: "legals@recordernewspapers.com" <legals@recordernewspapers.com>

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Liaison to the President/Board of Trustees

Office of the President

Office: 973-877-3068

Essex County College

303 University Ave., Newark, NJ 07102

Main Office: (973) 877-4462





Essex County College Board of Trustees Board of School Estimate Approved Resolutions



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

Subject:	Finance: Operating Budget Request Fiscal Year 2025-2026
Contact:	Kiswendsida Kaprou, Senior Comptroller/ CFO
Meeting Date:	January 28, 2025
Agenda Item No.:	3-2.3/Jan-2025

WHEREAS: State Statute 18A-64A-16 requires the Administration of the College to adopt a balanced budget; and

WHEREAS: The Budget Planning Committee developed a FY 2026 credit hours projection based on a linear trend line from the two most recent post-pandemic fiscal years; and

WHEREAS: Those considerations and other pertinent metrics were analyzed and utilized by the budget committee to present a balanced budget; and

WHEREAS: The College's operating budget is funded through tuition and fees, governmental appropriations, and other income sources;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Essex County College Board of Trustees as follows:

1. The Essex County College Board of Trustees approves the College Operating Budget in the amount of \$55,866,567 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

EXECUTIVE RESPONSIBLE FOR RECOMMENDATION Dr. Augustine Boakye, President	FINAL DISPOSITION APPROVED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BOARD APPROVAL DATE January 28, 2025	



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

Subject:	Finance: Chapter XII Budget Request Fiscal Year 2025-2026
Contact:	Kiswendsida Kaprou, Senior Comptroller/ CFO
Meeting Date:	January 28, 2025
Agenda Item No.:	3-2.4/Jan-2025

WHEREAS: The State of New Jersey provides funding for major capital renewal and replacement (CRR) programs known as Chapter XII and Essex County College has received a minimum allocation of \$3,900,000; and

WHEREAS: Essex County College is requesting its full allocation of \$3,900,000 for the fiscal year 2025-2026 to commence on July 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The County is a funding partner and is required to share 50% of the CRR cost approved by the State for the College and at this date, Chapter XII capital funds are included in the Governor's budget; and

WHEREAS: The County is expected to appropriate a minimum amount of \$1,950,000 for the College's fiscal year 2025-2026 Chapter XII request; and

WHEREAS: The College will use its fiscal year 2025-2026 Chapter XII allocation to complete infrastructure projects as outlined in the College's redeveloped facilities master plan; and

WHEREAS: The College's Chapter XII Capital Fund Budget request of a minimum allocation of \$3,900,000 will be submitted to the Board of School Estimate for approval at its next meeting; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Essex County College Board of Trustees as follows:

1. The Essex County College Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the College's Chapter XII Capital Funds request in a minimum amount of \$3,900,000 for the fiscal year 2025-2026 to commence on July 1, 2025.

EXECUTIVE RESPONSIBLE FOR RECOMMENDATION Dr. Augustine A. Boakye, President	FINAL DISPOSITION APPROVED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BOARD APPROVAL DATE January 28, 2025	



BOARD OF TRUSTEES REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

Subject:	Finance: Chapter XII Budget Request Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (Revised)
Contact:	Dr. Augustine Boakye, President
Meeting Date:	January 28, 2025
Agenda Item No.:	3-2.4/Jan-2024

WHEREAS: The State of New Jersey provides funding for major capital renewal and replacement (CRR) programs known as Chapter 12 and Essex County College has received a minimum allocation of \$3,100,000 (revised from \$3,900,000 approved on January 23, 2024) to ; and

WHEREAS: Essex County College is requesting its full allocation of \$3,100,000 for the fiscal year 2024-2025 to commence on July 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS: The County of Essex is a funding partner and is required to share in 50% of the CRR cost approved by the State for the College and at this date, Chapter 12 capital funds are included in the Governor's budget; and

WHEREAS: The County of Essex is expected to appropriate a minimum amount of \$1,550,000 for the College's fiscal year 2024-2025 Chapter 12 request; and

WHEREAS: The College will use its fiscal year 2024-2025 Chapter 12 allocation to complete infrastructure projects as outlined in the College's redeveloped facilities master plan; and

WHEREAS: The College's Chapter 12 Capital Fund Budget request of a minimum allocation of \$3,100,000 will be submitted to the Board of School Estimate for approval at its next meeting; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Essex County College Board of Trustees as follows:

1. The Essex County College Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the revised College's Chapter 12 Capital Funds request from \$3,900,000 to a minimum amount of \$3,100,000 for the fiscal year 2024-2025 to commence on July 1, 2024.

EXECUTIVE RESPONSIBLE FOR RECOMMENDATION Dr. Augustine A. Boakye, President	FINAL DISPOSITION APPROVED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BOARD APPROVAL DATE January 23, 2024	

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

Subject:	Resolution Fixing Date for Board of School Estimate Public Hearing
Contact:	Dr. Augustine A. Boakye, President
Meeting Date:	January 28, 2025
Agenda Item No.:	3-2.3/Jan-2025

WHEREAS: N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-17 requires Essex County College to prepare and deliver to each member of the Board of School Estimate an itemized statement of the amount of money estimated to be necessary for the operation and capital outlay expenses for the ensuing year and that, at the same time, fix a date, place, and time for the holding of a public hearing by the Board of School Estimate with respect to said itemized statement; and

WHEREAS: The Board of Trustees of Essex County College has approved a budget including an itemized statement of the amount of money estimated to be necessary for the operation and capital outlay expenses for the fiscal year ending 2026.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Essex County College Board of Trustees as follows:

1. The President of Essex County College shall ensure that a copy of the itemized statement of the amount of money estimated to be necessary for the operation and capital outlay expenses for the fiscal year ending 2026 be delivered to each member of the Board of School Estimate as soon as practicable;
2. The President of Essex County College shall ensure that appropriate notice of a public hearing by the Board of School Estimate be provided;
3. A copy of the itemized statement shall be placed on file and open to examination of the public on the College's website: www.essex.edu.
4. The Essex County College Board of School Estimate shall hold a virtual public hearing with respect to the itemized statements on (tentatively) February 11, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in Smith Hall, 303 University Avenue, Newark, New Jersey.

EXECUTIVE RESPONSIBLE FOR RECOMMENDATION Dr. Augustine A. Boakye, President	FINAL DISPOSITION APPROVED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BOARD APPROVAL DATE January 28, 2025	



Essex County College Highlights

TWO ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE STUDENTS NAMED TO ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM



Laela Lawal



Towela Mwale

Laela Lawal and **Towela Mwale** are Essex County College's 2025 representatives on the **All USA-New Jersey Community College Academic Team**. These excellent students are also in the running for the **All USA National Academic Team**.

Laela and Towela are members of the College's Alpha Theta Theta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK). The All USA honor is offered through PTK. Laela is a Biology, Pe-Medicine major from Newark who has a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Towela, who lives in Oranges, is also a Biology, Pre-Medicine major who has earned a 3.70 average.

"I filled out my application for the award literally at the last minute. So, I was shocked and surprised to find out I received it. This honor is so unexpected, and I am so honored to receive it," said Laela. She is Vice President of Service in the Honor Society Chapter. Last year she was Student Government Association Parliamentarian.

Towela admitted she hesitated in applying for the All-USA award. "But I decided to do it anyway. Of course, it certainly felt good when I got it," she added with a smile. "I made the right choice starting my higher education career at ECC. It's affordable and close to my home," Towela said, who is Secretary of the PTK Chapter.

"Both Laela and Towela are great examples of student leadership. They are active, not only in activities and events of Alpha Theta Theta, but other groups and organizations on campus. I see nothing but great things ahead for them," said **Professor Lynn Wilson**, co-advisor of the ECC PTK chapter.

"Laela and Towela are outstanding students. Congratulations to both of you. We are proud of you. And thank you to our PTK advisors," said ECC's President, **Dr. Augustine A. Boakye**.

Laela's career goal is to become a neuro scientist. She is considering Johns Hopkins University and Rutgers University-New Brunswick after she graduates from ECC. "I've always enjoyed the sciences," she stated.

Her interest in the medical field is leading Towela toward becoming a neurosurgeon. She said she is going through a list of colleges as transfer possibilities.

They will represent Essex County College in Trenton in May of 2025, where they will be recognized alongside other New Jersey community college nominees by State officials.



**Articulation between
ECC & NJCU**



**Business Division Advisory
Board Meeting**



**Grant for NJ State
via ASW Morales**



**ECC at Caldwell
Street Festival**

**LPN Pinning
Ceremony**



**President with SGA
Leadership**

**Hispanic Heritage
Month at WEC**

