

ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE
BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE MEETING

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 | 12:00 PM
Essex County College
303 University Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07102
Smith Hall

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

Dr. Arnold A. Lewis
Chair
Essex County College Board of Trustees

Mr. Joseph S. Zarra
Treasurer
Essex County College Board of Trustees

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 2027 Operating Budget Request
- Fiscal Year 2027 Chapter XII Budget Request
- Chapter XII Reallocation for Minor Capital and other Capital Improvement Projects

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 2027**

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 2026-2027.

Item	Total Request	Aid from State and Other Sources	County Aid Required
College	59,396,294	42,696,294	16,700,000

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.

The Honorable Leonard M. Luciano
Commissioner

The Honorable Romaine Sermons
Commissioner

The Honorable Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.
Essex County Executive

Dr. Arnold C. Lewis
Chair, Essex County College Board of Trustees

Joseph S. Zarra
Treasurer, Essex County College Board of Trustees

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
_____ day of February 2026

Shalia Story
Secretary to the
Board of School Estimate

Date

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE OF
ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE
FIXING AND DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY
NECESSARY FOR CAPITAL EXPENSES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2027**

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 Chapter XII Capital Renovation and Renewal (CRR) 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

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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 CHAPTER XII capital renovation and renewal expenses for fiscal year 2026-2027; AND

Item	Total Budget	State & Other Revenue	County Aid
Chapter XII Budget	\$4,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: That if the State is unable to provide the required matching funds, the College shall use the County matching funds of \$2,000,000 as additional minor capital for fiscal year 2027; AND

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE OF
ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE
FIXING AND DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO BE
REALLOCATED FOR MINOR CAPITAL AND CAPITAL EXPENSES**

- WHEREAS: On May 20, 2025, the Board of Trustees of Essex County College, resolved by resolution 3-2.1/05-2025, confirmed the completion of the West Essex Campus Academic Building project under budget, resulting in a documented surplus of \$3,100,000; AND
- WHEREAS: The Board of Trustees has recommended that surplus from Ordinance 0-2022-00003 be reallocated to urgent and ongoing Minor Capital projects at the Newark Main Campus; AND
- 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 Minor Capital 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 Minor capital expenses for fiscal year 2026-2027; AND

Item	Total Budget	County Aid
Minor Capital Projects	\$3,100,000	\$3,100,000

- 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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