

ESSEX COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, February 16, 2023
2:00PM - Via Zoom

Quorum was not met.

YSC Administrator's Report:

Wednesday, February 1, 2023 an award notice for the RTJ pilot program was presented to the Board of Commissioners and a public meeting on the RTJ pilot program was held at Newark's Weequahic Park the Feldman Middleton Jr. Community Center.

The YSC Administrator thanked the panelist who presented at the public meeting as well as guest speaker Essex County Prosecutor Theodore N. Stephens II.

- ✓ Anibal Ramos Jr, Citizen Services Director, County of Essex
- ✓ Safiya Baker, Manager Juvenile Justice Commission Office of Local Programs and Services YSC Grants Management Unit
- ✓ Kelly Mulligan, MA Director, New Jersey Programs Center for Court Innovation
- ✓ Anthony R. Higgins, Assistant Prosecutor Director – Juvenile Unit Essex County Prosecutor Office
- ✓ Michelle B. Callari, Esq. First Assistant Deputy Public Defender - Defender Office of the Public Defender
- ✓ Jessica Valle Rosario, of Small Business Development and Affirmative Action, County of Essex

Then, the administrator named the community based organizations that attended the public meeting.

- ✓ Aspria Inc,
- ✓ Boys & Girls Club of Newark
- ✓ Brick City Peace Collective
- ✓ Center for Family Services
- ✓ Changing Paths
- ✓ Leaders For Life
- ✓ New Community Corporation
- ✓ Newark Community Street Team
- ✓ Newark Opportunity Youth Network
- ✓ United Community Corporation
- ✓ Weequahic Park Sports Authority
- ✓ Youth Advocate Program

Also, the administrator provided an estimate schedule of the when the Competitive Contract Proposal will be made public, proposals to be reviewed & scored, voted on by the YSC and presented to the Board of Commissioners. Moreover, the administrator emphasized who may participate along with the proposal committee to review RTJ proposals which may include those from the education sector, law enforcement, family court, Children's System of Care (CSOC) within the Department of Children and Families, or other appropriate party, for youth who are aging out of or not eligible for CSOC. Any person/organization that has apply for the grant, partake with the proposal or consider to be hire as a consultant may be disqualified due to conflict of interest.