

ESSEX COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, August 17, 2023

2:00PM - Via ZOOM

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86929236346>

Attendees: **Hon. Philip Degnan**, Co-Chairman of the Essex County Youth Services Commission – Family Part of the Superior Court , **Kenneth James** - Family Division, **Nkechi Onwudinjo**, Probation Officer, **Anthony Higgins** – County Prosecutor Office, **Michelle Callari** – County Public Defender, **David Sims**, **Aileen Journett**, Lenora Humphrey – County DCP&P District, **Anibal Ramos Jr.**, Co-Chairman of the Essex County Youth Services Commission - County Human Services Director, **Jessica Torres**,– Youth Shelter, **Director Rev. Dennis Hughes**, Todd Barcliff – Youth Detention Center, **Tyrone Tucker** – Juvenile Family Crisis Intervention Unit, **Lt. John Henriquez** – Law enforcement representative who works with youth/Police, **Colette DeGrazia** – County Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, **Apryl Caldwell** – Workforce Investment Board Representative, **Dr. Adejobi Odeneye**,– Business Representative, **Shelton Thurman**- Community Youth, **Jasmine Joseph-Forman** - Education Sector, **LaQuanda Williams** - victims’ rights groups, **Rev. Bernard Wilkes** – Clergy, **Michele Richards**, The Minority Concerns Vicinage Advisory Committee of the AOC, **Amy Godfrey** – Other interested persons who deal with children, **Reggie Bledsoe**, Other interested persons who deal with children, Jason Martinez - Administrator of Youth Services Commission, **Amanda Compton**, – Court Liaison of Juvenile Justice Commission, Robert Frasciti, Substance Alicia Holman,

This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 -10:4-21. Notice of this meeting has been provided on the Essex County Website.

Action Items: Superior Court of NJ Essex Vicinage/Probation - Probation Youth Engagement Program

Proposal in the amount of \$7,500.00

Nkechi Onwudinjo, Superior Court of NJ Essex Vicinage/Probation presented the proposal for Probation’s Youth Engagement Program.

- ✓ *Administrator Martinez asked for a motion on the Probation Youth Engagement Program Proposal for \$7,500.00. Anthony Higgins moved and Lt. Henriques 2nd the motion. This vote was passed with 18 yes and 2 abstention.*

The Public and Commissioner Announcements:

David Sims, thanked the Youth Services Commission, shared that he will be officially retiring effective 9/1/23 from DCF/DCPP, *and will no longer represent as the Essex DCPP Youth Service Commission Member.*

Juvenile Justice Commission Announcements:

Amanda Compton Dover announced the NOAF for the Comprehensive Plan and Application has been released and is on Office of the Attorney General website.

Adjournment: Director Ramos thanked everyone for attending and asked if there were any further questions or comments. With no further announcements, *motion was made by Dennis Hughes & second by April Caldwell to adjourn the meeting.*