



SOMERSET COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Dedicated to our Friend and Founding Chairman Thomas R. Everett

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"Committed to Preserving Farmland & Enhancing the Industry of Agriculture in Somerset County"

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Tuesday, December 15, 2025, at 8:15am

Somerset County Commissioner Meeting Room, 3rd Floor

Somerset County Administration Building
20 Grove Street, Somerville

MEETING AGENDA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

ROLL CALL

Mark W. Kirby, Chair	Debbie Norz, Vice Chair
Laura DePrado, Secretary	Jimmy Abma
John Lima	Joanne Powell
Robert Schultz	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SCADB Regular Meeting – November 24, 2025

PUBLIC COMMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

**Please note, public comment is limited to five minutes per person unless extended by the Chair*.*

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. SADC Meeting – Update
2. County/State Boards of Agriculture – Update
3. Staff Comments

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Axcel Farm – Hillsborough Twp.
2. Naturally Nurturing – Hillsborough Twp.
3. Kafka Farms - Watchung
4. Monitoring 2025
5. 2026 Committee Assignments
6. 2026 Board Roster
7. Closed Session
8. Results and Actions from Closed Session
9. Adjournment

Next SCADB Meeting is January 26, 2026 at 8:15am.

****This meeting will be the yearly re-organization meeting****

CLOSED SESSION

1. Attorney Guidance/Potential Litigation:
2. Current/Potential Negotiations:
3. Potential & Current DOE Violations:
 - a. Axcel Farm – Hillsborough Twp.
 - b. Naturally Nurturing – Hillsborough Twp.
 - c. Monitoring 2025
4. Right to Farm:
5. Requests Before the Board:
6. Closed Session Minutes: