

Call to Order

The April 24, 2025, meeting of the Somerset County Film Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. This meeting was held as a virtual meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance**Open Public Meetings Statement**

Chair Daryl Eisenberg, reported that the meeting had been duly advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act as follows:

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et. Seq., adequate notice of this meeting was provided. The date, time and virtual meeting information for this meeting was published in The Star Ledger and the Courier News. The agenda and the virtual meeting information was also posted on the Film Commission website.

ATTENDANCE**Present:**

- Daryl Eisenberg, Chair
- Angela Miele, Vice Chair
- Monica Weeks
- Jonathan Kalafer
- Sara Nichols
- Ben Nanna, Film Sector Lead
- Shanel Robinson, County Commissioner Director

Public

- No members of the public were present.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes: January 23, 2025

Chair Daryl Eisenberg called for a motion to approve the minutes of January 23, 2025, Film Commission meeting. A voice vote was called, and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION & PRESENTATION: Staff Liaison Report provided by Ben Nanna**Projects & Inquiries:** Scouted, Active, Completed

- **Night Agent** (*one of my favorite shows on Netflix!*)
Watchung, 4/2 – 4/4
 - Filming in private home
- **The Whisper Man** (*Robert DeNiro, Adam Scott, Michelle Monaghan*)
North Plainfield, 4/2 – 4/15
 - Filming: 4/7 + 4/11
 - Visited set
 - Anticipated local spend \$300k; theatre upgrades
- **Untitled Musical Comedy** (*Jesse Eisenberg, Julianne Moore, Emma Stone, Paul Giamatti*)
Bound Brook, 3/24 – May 2
 - Filming: 4/3 – 4/29

Updates:**Bus Tour (ongoing)**

- 1 ALM from bus tour working on Whisper Man
- 1 ALM returned to county for Whisper Man (from A Complete Unknown)

Film Ready (ongoing)

- All 21 towns have completed at least 1 of the 5 steps
- South Bound Brook + Watchung are due for recertification
- Towns: Bedminster, Bernards, Bernardsville, Bound Brook, Bridgewater, Montgomery, North Plainfield, P&G, Somerville, Warren

Working with Film Ready to:

- Make their database more user friendly
- Establish a role for towns that have already hosted a film

RVCC: Film Fest + Garden State Film Festival (new)**PA Bootcamp (new)**

Janice, David, and I welcomed them Saturday morning. Then David and I went back Sunday morning, and I went back Sunday night.

- 23 attended (*27 attended last year; got 4 of them jobs*)
- This year's group of students has been more impressive so far.
 - Students have been [posting on LinkedIn](#) / connecting
 - I got 5 students their first PA jobs
 - 6 have followed up with me already
 - 5 sent me their resumes to revise too (finished 3)
- Will do a follow-up email with resources once I have their grades from the trainers.
 - Invoice - \$8,071.78 (*\$400 less than last year*)

Additional + Upcoming:

- Film Expo, May 1
- Diane Raver visiting theater in Bernardsville
- Film Academy: Beauty Programs, ShowFab
- Cooped Up entered to Cannes

Public Comments

No members of the public were present.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, Chair Daryl Eisenberg asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Angela Miele and seconded by Jonathan Kalafer. A voice vote was called, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:26am.

Next Meeting Date – December 11, 2025, Regular Meeting (virtual)