

**ROWAN UNIVERSITY/RUTGERS-CAMDEN  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING**

**OCTOBER 14, 2014**

**BOARD MEMBERS  
IN ATTENDANCE**

Chad Bruner  
Lou Bezich (Vice-Chair)  
Jack Collins (Chair)  
Michellene Davis (via teleconference)  
Robert Mortensen

**BOARD MEMBERS  
ABSENT**

Dana Redd  
Fred Graziano

**BOARD REPRESENTATIVES  
PRESENT**

Joanne Connor, Executive Assistant to the President,  
Rowan University  
Kris Kolluri, CEO, Rowan University/Rutgers-Camden  
Board of Governors  
Yanellis Fernandez, Executive Assistant, Rowan  
University/Rutgers-Camden Board of Governors  
Raymond G. Console, Esq., Legal Counsel for the  
Rowan University/Rutgers-Camden Board of  
Governors

**OTHERS**

Members of the Press  
Members of the public

**CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Rowan University/Rutgers-Camden  
Board of Governors was held on October 14, 2014 at  
the Riverfront Technology Center, 200 Federal Street,  
Camden, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order  
by Mr. Collins at 12:00 noon. Mr. Collins presided as  
Chair of the meeting.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS  
ACT STATEMENT**

Dr. Connor read the Open Public Meetings Act  
Statement of Compliance.

**ROLL CALL**

At the direction of Chair Collins, Dr. Connor took  
attendance by calling the roll.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Collins asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of  
Allegiance.

**OPEN SESSION**

Chair Collins stated that, in accordance with Board  
Resolution No. 2014.08.04, adopted on August 12,

2014, today's meeting was started in Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. Topic discussed in Executive Session were personnel actions and real estate matters. Personnel actions taken in closed session are also being addressed in open session today. No formal action was taken in Executive Session. At that point, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to move into open session.

## **CEO REPORT**

Mr. Kolluri presented his CEO report.

Mr. Kolluri noted that at the September Board meeting the Board authorized him to advertise for architectural services and property appraisal services. Mr. Kolluri announced that the Capital, Finance and Executive Committees have endorsed HOK as architects for the Camden Health Sciences Building Project and this recommendation will be presented to the Board for approval today.

Pending Board approval of the architect, Mr. Kolluri has scheduled meetings with Camden County College, Rutgers University and Rowan Universities to develop program concepts and associated drawings. This step is critical to determining building size, budgets and timeline. Mr. Kolluri expressed appreciation for the efforts of the Board members who worked diligently with him over the last month to review the various architectural proposals.

Mr. Kolluri said it is equally important to evaluate site options for the Project. As an instrumentality of the state, it is a time-consuming process for the Board to acquire property. Unfortunately, no property appraisers responded to the Board's request for proposals. Therefore, Mr. Kolluri announced that he will be asking the Board today to authorize him to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Camden County Improvement Authority in order to select a property appraisal firm from its list of approved vendors.

Mr. Kolluri stated that it is critical that the Board have the technical expertise on staff to advance the Project. He will be recommending that the Board hire Mr. Dean D'Astuto as Project Manager. Mr. D'Astuto has over 15 years of experience in the construction field. He has worked as a project engineer, cost estimator and served

as a direct supervisor of Project Managers on multiple facilities projects. Mr. D'Astuto holds a civil engineering degree from Drexel University.

Mr. Kolluri reported that the Board in undertaking a new program to educate and train high school students from Camden as Medical Assistants. The Legislature created the Board with the vision that it would leverage existing education, research and medical assets in Camden to create and sustain a pipeline of educational and employment opportunities for residents of Camden and the surrounding areas. The Board has an affirmative duty to develop programs that will augment a broader effort to prepare a new generation of health care providers in southern New Jersey and the region. Camden is at an inflection point. Crime rates are down, the City's finances are improving and there is a tremendous push to build physical infrastructure in the City. We have an obligation to build human infrastructure as well. "Eds and meds" support 86,000 jobs in the Camden metropolitan area and outperform other sectors with the exception of transportation, utilities and trade. Health care employment in the eight southern counties is projected to experience growth of more than 17 percent from 2008 through 2018—adding nearly 50,000 new positions in the health care and social assistance and education and health services employment sectors. This program will be implemented in partnership with Camden School Board of Education ("BOE"), Camden County College ("CCC"), Rutgers - Camden, Rowan University, the Camden Coalition of Health Care Providers ("Coalition") and area healthcare organizations.

Mr. Kolluri recognized the attendance of Camden City School District Superintendent Paymon Rouhanifard, Raymond Yannuzzi, President of Camden County College and Jared Susco from the Camden Coalition of Health Care providers. These three organizations will work with the Board, Rutgers- Camden and Rowan University to develop and implement the program. Without meaningful opportunities and established pathways, we cannot reverse the educational trends of the City of Camden. The Board's involvement in facilitating and developing a Medical Assistants training program for high school students is a gateway to not only provide employment opportunities, but to

incentivize a generation of Camden residents to pursue higher education.

Mr. Kolluri also recognized the attendance of Bernadette Shanahan, who runs the Boys and Girls Clubs in Camden. The Board has been working with her and her staff to develop a plan to introduce Kahn Academy into the Boys and Girls Clubs. Mr. Kolluir thanked her for her willingness to work with the Board and advance initiatives to ground students in in math and science through the after school program.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON  
AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair Collins opened the floor to comments from the public specifically related to the resolutions on the Agenda. Representatives from the Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers, NJEA and Dr. Ray Yannuzzi, President of Camden County College, and Paymon Rouhanifard, Superintendent of the Camden City School District, spoke in support of the entry level ambulatory care program.

**MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE  
CHAIR FOR ACTION  
CONSIDERATION**

Chair Collins introduced Mr. Kolluri to present the Resolutions listed in the Agenda. Each Resolution presented by Mr. Kolluri was moved, seconded and unanimously approved by roll call vote. The following Resolutions were adopted by the Board:

**Resolution 2014.10.01**

Resolution approving appointment of a project manager.

**Resolution 2014.10.02**

Resolution authorizing the award of architectural services contract.

**Resolution 2014.10.03**

Resolution authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a shared services agreement with the Camden County Improvement Authority.

**Resolution 2014.10.04**

Resolution approving an accounting policy.

**Resolution 2014.10.05**

Resolution approving the Chief Executive Officer to develop an employee handbook.

**Resolution 2014.10.06**

Resolution authorizing the initiation of an entry level ambulatory care education/training program.

The full text of each of these Resolutions is appended to these Minutes.

**COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Chair Collins invited members of the Board to offer comments. Mr. Bezich expressed congratulations to the parties who were instrumental in instituting the entry level ambulatory care employee education/training program.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair Collins invited members of the audience to address the Board. Ms. Bernadette Shanahan from the Boys and Girls Clubs of Camden discussed the incorporation of the Khan Academy free on-line educational programs as part of its after-school program.

**CLOSING COMMENTS**

Chair Collins opened the floor for any closing comments by Board Members. None were offered.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Chair Collins entertained a motion for adjournment. The motion for adjournment was seconded and unanimously approved, whereupon Chair Collins adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.



Jack Collins, Chair, Rowan University/  
Rutgers-Camden Board of Governors