

ROWAN UNIVERSITY/RUTGERS–CAMDEN

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

March 28, 2017

**BOARD MEMBERS IN
ATTENDANCE**

Jack Collins, Chair
Lou Bezich, Vice-Chair
Chad Bruner (via teleconference)
Fred Graziano (via teleconference)
Dana Redd (via teleconference)
Dudley Rivers

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Michellene Davis

**BOARD REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT**

Kris Kolluri, CEO, Rowan University/Rutgers–Camden
Board of Governors
Raymond G. Console, Esq., Legal Counsel for the Rowan
University/Rutgers–Camden Board of Governors
Michele Robinson, Secretary, 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 March 28, 2017 at the Waterfront Technology Center, 200 Federal Street, Camden, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Collins at 12:00 p.m. Mr. Collins presided as chair of the meeting.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS
ACT STATEMENT**

Ms. Robinson read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement of Compliance.

ROLL CALL

At the direction of the Chair, Ms. Robinson took attendance by calling the roll and asked if there were any recusals to be noted for the record. No recusals were noted. Mr. Kolluri asked if there were any changes to the agenda. None were noted.

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. 2015-06-04, adopted on June 9, 2015, today's meeting was started in Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. Topics discussed in Executive Session were legal, real estate, and finance matters pertaining to the Joint Health Sciences Campus. These matters were also discussed in open session. At that point, a motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to move into open session.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Chair Collins asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Board's previous meeting held on December 13, 2016. A motion was made, seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

CEO REPORT

Mr. Kolluri gave a brief update on the Joint Health Sciences Campus. Construction on Phases I and II is expected to begin in late spring or early summer. Property on Block 1400 in Camden is expected to have been acquired by mid-May. Acquisition of Block 1400 is important because it allows extension of the Joint Health Sciences Campus. It builds on the Board's progress over the last three years in developing the Campus for the benefit of Rowan and Rutgers Universities and other entities, and it is an important continuation of the Board's mission.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Collins opened the floor to comments specifically related to the resolutions on the agenda.

Dr. Sarah Joslin of Cherry Hill addressed the Board about the Board's purchase of the property at 424-436 Market Street in Camden and the subsequent relocation of the Urban Treatment Center to Sixth Street and Atlantic Avenue. Representing The Neighborhood Center and Bergen Square residents, Dr. Joslin expressed concern about locating the Urban Treatment Center in close proximity to homes and The Neighborhood Center and schools which serve children in a variety of capacities throughout the day and evening. Dr. Joslin indicated that the treatment center will serve 1000 clients a day, 60% of whom are from outside Camden. Since the new location is a mile from the Walter Rand

Transportation public transit hub and people may not want to wait for transportation, “a stream of people will be entering the neighborhood, possibly by foot.” Close to public transit, Dr. Joslin indicated that the current location is convenient. Dr. Joslin concluded by saying that The Neighborhood Center and Bergen Square residents are concerned for the safety of the children. They wanted to make the Board aware of their concerns and of a community meeting to be held on March 30, 2017 at The Neighborhood Center. They also would appreciate information on the timing and plan for relocation.

Chair Collins responded that the Board is aware of the interests of The Neighborhood Center and the Bergen Square residents. In all decisions, the Board tries for balance. Chair Collins asked Mr. Kolluri to address the individual concerns.

Although Mr. Kolluri indicated that the Board’s position had been reported by the press, he addressed concerns expressed by Dr. Joslin about the population being served and the location of the current and future sites of the Urban Treatment Center.

Instead of viewing the population being served as “people,” Mr. Kolluri respectfully requested that they be viewed as patients with a disease requiring treatment. As with any disease such as cancer or diabetes, addiction should be viewed as a disease rather than a taboo. This is the prevailing opinion of medical professionals and the governor. “‘Breaking the cycle of poverty’ is The Neighborhood Center’s mission.” Treating addiction, by analogy, is breaking the cycle of dependence. As practical and policy matters, the role of the Board is “strictly to make sure that the 300 residents of Camden who are patients of the clinic have a place to continue receiving treatment.”

The proposed location where the owner of the Urban Treatment Center has chosen to go was recommended to him by the City of Camden in 1999. At the proposed site, the owner plans to build a secure, safe, and accessible facility where patients will receive treatment. The new location is close to Route 676 and is served by hundreds of buses per day, so it is unlikely that patients will be walking there. Moreover, unlike the current facility, patients will be able to wait indoors for treatment.

Finally, as a practical matter, the Urban Treatment Center’s current location in the downtown corridor at Fifth and Market Streets is the exact location for a business school for Rutgers

University because both Rutgers University and Rowan University sit within that corridor.

There were no other comments made by the public.

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

Chair Collins introduced Mr. Kolluri to present the resolutions listed in the agenda.

Resolution 2017-03-01

Resolution authorizing relocation expenditures associated with Block 1400. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution 2017-03-02

Resolution authorizing the purchase of property located at 424-436 Market Street, Camden, New Jersey. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution 2017-03-03

Resolution authorizing the purchase of property from the Camden Redevelopment Authority located at Block 1410, Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 24, 25, and 26, Camden, New Jersey. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved by roll call vote by all Board members except Mayor Redd, who recused herself from the vote.

Resolution 2017-03-04

Resolution designating a compliance officer for the Rowan University/Rutgers–Camden Board of Governors. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution 2017-03-05

Resolution authorizing the purchase of property located at Block 1410, Lot 5, Camden, New Jersey. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution 2017-03-06

Resolution consenting to actions taken by the Camden County Improvement Authority to procure and award a pile foundation contract associated with the Joint Health Sciences Center. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution 2017-03-07

Resolution authorizing the acquisition of properties located on Block 1400. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

- Resolution 2017-03-08** Resolution consenting to the submission of reimbursement invoices to Camden County College associated with the development of the Joint Health Sciences Campus. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.
- Resolution 2017-03-09** Resolution consenting to the submission of reimbursement invoices to Rowan University associated with the development of the Joint Health Sciences Campus. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.
- Resolution 2017-03-10** Resolution authorizing expenditures associated with the Medical Assistant Program. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.
- Resolution 2017-03-11** Resolution amending the bylaws and establishing a meeting schedule for the 2017-2018 calendar year. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.
- Resolution 2017-03-12** Resolution authorizing the Rowan University/Rutgers–Camden Board of Governors meetings to begin in Executive Session during the 2017-2018 year. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.
- Resolution 2017-03-13** Resolution authorizing amendments to the procurement policy. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.
- Resolution 2017-03-14** Resolution authorizing an amendment to HOK Architects Inc.’s design service contract. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.
- Resolution 2017-03-15** Resolution amending the operating authority of the Chief Executive Officer. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution 2017-03-16

Resolution authorizing an internship program for Summer 2017. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution 2017-03-17

Resolution authorizing the Rowan University/Rutgers--Camden Board of Governors to serve as the fiscal agent and participant in a Camden housing study. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

The full text of each of these resolutions is appended to these minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Collins invited members of the public to address the Board.

As a member of the Camden Collaborative Initiative on Environmental Education, Dr. Joslin expressed concern about global warming and recommended that the Board choose properties above the flood plain. She also encouraged the Board to attend the Camden Environmental Summit to be held on June 14. Lastly, Dr. Joslin expressed concern about the high incidence of asthma in children in Camden and its possible aggravation created by increased traffic and idling vans which will be used more frequently for transport.

There were no further comments by the public.

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

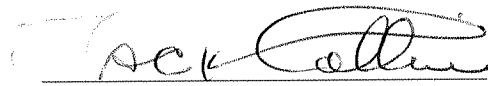
Chair Collins invited members of the Board to offer comments. There were no further comments by Board members.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Chair Collins opened the floor for any closing comments by members of the Board and the public. There were no further comments.

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 approved unanimously, whereupon Chair Collins adjourned the meeting at 12:27 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Collins", is written over a horizontal line.

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