

ROWAN UNIVERSITY/RUTGERS–CAMDEN

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

June 9, 2015

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Fred Graziano

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 June 9, 2015 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. With the exception of Resolution 2015-06-06, Mr. Collins presided as chair of the meeting. Mr. Console presided as the chair of the meeting for Resolution 2015-06-06.

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.

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. Topics discussed in Executive Session were real estate and finance matters. Legal matters were discussed in closed session, but they are also being addressed in open session today. 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 April 14, 2015. A motion was made, seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

RECUSALS

Ms. Robinson asked the Board if there were any recusals to be noted for the record. Recusals were noted specifically for Resolution 2015-06-06 which deals with the purchase of property from the Camden Redevelopment Agency. Mr. Bezich, Mr. Collins, and Mayor Redd, voting members of the Board, recused themselves from discussion about and voting on the resolution. Mr. Kolluri, a non-voting member of the Board, recused himself from discussion of the resolution.

CEO REPORT

Mr. Chairman, I want to focus my remarks on a significant development. As you know, the Joint Board applied for \$50 million to advance the Joint Health Sciences Center in Camden. The request was submitted to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority. I am pleased to report that just a few minutes ago, the Joint Board received preliminary approval from the EDA.

The EDA's preliminary approval of the Joint Health Sciences Center [hereafter referred to as the Center] project marks a significant milestone in the development of the "Eds and Meds" district. This \$50 million project is a collaboration between Rutgers and Rowan Universities and is being built by the Joint Board.

The new Center will be approximately 65,000gsf distributed on four stories and rooftop equipment for maximum building height of less than eighty feet above grade. The Center will accommodate diverse programs including shared biomedical research, biomedical and biomechanical clinical, simulation laboratories and instructional spaces in support of a range of degree programs.

We have two objectives in developing this Center. The first is geared towards instruction and the second is geared towards research. With regards to instruction, we will: (1) train the next generation of healthcare workers; (2) provide continuing education and career ladder opportunities through certificate and degree programs for employees of South Jersey healthcare institutions; and (3) provide population health training to hospital and private sector employees using live patient data sets.

With regard to research, we will: (1) leverage the research institution status of Rowan and Rutgers Universities to develop a significant research footprint in Camden; and (2) develop translational research programs in conjunction with Coriell Institute and Rowan Medical School.

Ultimately, EDA's preliminary approval of this project is another step towards rebuilding this great city of Camden and putting it on a trajectory of sustained success. The Center is going to contribute directly to the economic well-being of the state. This \$51 million project could produce \$76.5 million in overall economic impact and create over 533 jobs, many within the construction industry.

To be more conservative, the Board also reviewed a recent economic modeling study commissioned by Rowan University to measure the impact of capital investments the institution has made. Using the study's output multiplier as a baseline, the Board projects that a \$51 million capital investment could create 425 jobs. Specifically, this investment could create 200 construction-related jobs, 64 professional (scientific and technology) jobs, 51 administrative and waste services jobs, 25 retail jobs, 25 health-related jobs, and 60 miscellaneous jobs.

The Board is also very cognizant that the Center is going to accommodate hundreds of students, researchers, and staff on an average weekday. In addition, the very purpose of

creating this Center is to attract new research dollars so that a permanent collaborative research hub can be established in Camden to create and sustain jobs.

I look forward to our continued partnership with the two universities, community stakeholders, and the Economic Development Authority to bring this project to fruition.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON
AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair Collins opened the floor to comments specifically related to the resolutions on the agenda from Ms. Sheila Davis of Lanning Square and the Crossing Over Community Development Corporation and from Ms. Sheila Roberts of Cooper Plaza and the Cooper Lanning Civic Association. As residents of Camden and community advocates, Ms. Davis and Ms. Roberts expressed “full support” and thanks from themselves and fellow residents for bringing the “much needed” Health Sciences Center to the Broadway Corridor. They indicated it will transform the area, provide Camden’s youth with educational and employment opportunities in science and medical careers, and challenge the educational system to strengthen the math and science curriculum.

Mr. Collins and Mayor Redd thanked Ms. Davis and Ms. Roberts for their “remarkable work” in the community and look forward to continued partnership with them.

There were no other public comments.

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

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

Resolution 2015-06-01

Resolution Authorizing the Award of Contract for Auditing Services. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution 2015-06-02

Resolution Authorizing the Award of Contract for Accounting Services. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution 2015-06-03

Resolution Authorizing Initial Funding of a Joint Research Program Between Rutgers–Camden and Rowan Universities. Mr. Kolluri indicated this resolution was tabled for future consideration.

Resolution 2015-06-04

Resolution Authorizing the Rowan University/Rutgers–Camden Board of Governors Board Meetings to Begin in Executive Session During the 2015-2016 Year. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution 2015-06-05

Resolution Consenting to the Actions Taken by the Camden County Improvement Authority Regarding the Joint Health Sciences Campus Pursuant to a Shared Services Memorandum of Understanding. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution 2015-06-06

Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Property from the Camden Redevelopment Agency.

Mr. Collins turned the meeting over to Mr. Console and Mr. Mortensen and asked Board members who recused themselves from the discussion and/or vote to hang up the phone (Mr. Bezich) or to leave the room (Mr. Collins, Mr. Kolluri, and Mayor Redd).

To the remaining Board members (Mr. Bruner, Ms. Davis (via teleconference) and Mr. Mortensen), Mr. Console identified the parcel of land for purchase (Block 181 in the City of Camden, a portion of which is owned by an entity affiliated with Cooper Hospital) and the reasons for recusal from voting and/or discussion by Mr. Bezich, Mr. Collins, Mr. Kolluri, and Mayor Redd (employment by Cooper Hospital, business affiliation with Cooper Hospital, previous legal representation of Cooper Hospital, and Mayor of Camden, respectively).

Recusal of three voting members and absence of a fourth due to travel making voting an impossibility even by teleconference (Mr. Graziano) resulted in the inability to meet the quorum requirement for a vote.

Mr. Console explained in circumstances where a board is paralyzed from taking action by lack of a quorum, New Jersey law allows a governing board to invoke the Doctrine of Necessity when the following conditions are met: inability to act without the conflicted board members taking part; pressing need for action such that the matter cannot be set aside until another date; and, the matter in question must represent an important public policy issue and there is no alternative forum by which such action can be taken.

As the Board's attorney, Mr. Console indicated that in his opinion, the prerequisites of the Doctrine of Necessity had been met and a vote could be taken on proposed Resolution 2015-06-06.

Acting as substitute for the chairman, Mr. Console asked for and received a motion and a second. He then asked Ms. Robinson to call the roll, and Resolution 2015-06-06 was approved by Mr. Bruner, Ms. Davis, and Mr. Mortensen.

Upon conclusion of the vote, Mr. Console asked Mr. Collins, Mr. Kolluri, and Mayor Redd to return to the room, and Mr. Bezich was called on the phone.

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. Chair Collins, Mr. Mortensen, and Mayor Redd communicated their excitement in receiving preliminary approval from the NJEDA for funding of 50 million dollars for construction of a Joint Health Sciences Campus. The project will provide educational and economic opportunities in the short- and long-term and contribute to positive transformation of the Broadway corridor. This work is a credit to the Rowan University/Rutgers-Camden Board of Governors, to Rowan University and Rutgers University-Camden, and to the support of the Governor and the New Jersey State Legislature.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Collins invited members of the audience to address the Board. No comments were offered.


CLOSING COMMENTS

Chair Collins opened the floor for any closing comments by members of the Board. 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 approved unanimously, whereupon Chair Collins adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

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