

ROWAN UNIVERSITY/RUTGERS–CAMDEN

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

April 13, 2021

**BOARD MEMBERS IN
ATTENDANCE**
(meeting held virtually via Zoom)

Michellene Davis, Chair
Lou Bezich, Vice-Chair
Chad Bruner
Fred Graziano
Frank Hundley
Sandy Stewart

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

No members absent

**BOARD REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT**

Dana Redd, CEO, Rowan University/Rutgers–Camden Board of Governors
Raymond G. Console, Esq., Legal Counsel for the Rowan University/Rutgers–Camden Board of Governors
Dean D’Astuto, Director of Planning, Construction, and Facilities, Rowan University/Rutgers–Camden Board of Governors
Michele Robinson, Secretary, Rowan University/Rutgers–Camden Board of Governors

OTHERS

Members of the Public

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Rowan University/Rutgers–Camden Board of Governors was held on April 13, 2021 at the Joint Health Sciences Center, 201 South Broadway, Camden, New Jersey. Full virtual board and public participation was provided via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Chair Davis at 12:00 p.m.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS
ACT STATEMENT**

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

ROLL CALL

At the direction of Chair Davis, Ms. Robinson took attendance by calling the roll.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

In lieu of the Pledge of Allegiance, Chair Davis asked participants to observe a moment of silence.

OPEN SESSION

Chair Davis stated that in accordance with Resolution 2021-02-03, which was adopted on February 3, 2021, today’s meeting was started in Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. Topics discussed in Executive Session were acquisitions, negotiations, and appraisals. These matters were also discussed in open session. At that point, a motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to move into open session.

AGENDA CHANGES

Chair Davis asked if there were any agenda changes. A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote to amend the agenda to consider the resolutions by consent agenda.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Chair Davis asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Board’s previous meeting held on February 9, 2021. A motion was made, seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

RECUSALS

Chair Davis asked if there were any recusals to be noted for the record. None were noted.

CEO REPORT

CEO Redd provided updates on the planning and development process for Block 1400, on the plan to distribute South Jersey Population Health Research Institute research funds, and on the FY20 audits.

The Joint Board has been meeting regularly with Mr. Mark Hebden of Ewing Cole to guide and inform the planning and development process for Block 1400. The kick-off meeting of the Joint Health Sciences Campus Steering Committee was held on February 25. During the month of March, Ewing Cole conducted interviews with key stakeholders and influencers in the “eds and meds” corridor. The interviews were held to gather input and gain understanding of key urban, community, and development issues affecting Block 1400 and future phases of the Health Sciences Campus. Where appropriate, interviews with stakeholders sought to understand potential interest and involvement in Phase III. Remaining interviews are being conducted, bringing the initial information gathering segment to a conclusion. The first public outreach meeting is being planned, and the Joint Board will be invited to attend.

CEO Redd welcomed Dr. Michael Palis, Provost of Rutgers University–Camden, Dr. Sarah Allred, Associate Professor in Psychology at Rutgers University–Camden, and Dr. Nicole Vaughn, Assistant Professor in Community Health at Rowan University, who attended the meeting on behalf of the South Jersey Institute for Population Health (SJIPH). As the co-leads of SJIPH, Dr. Allred and Dr. Vaughn have convened meetings of the oversight committee to develop a process for soliciting and submitting proposals for collaborative research focused on population health challenges in urban and rural communities in southern New Jersey. They have created an online submission portal (scheduled to open on April 15), and a website for the institute (www.sjiph.org). If approved today, Resolution 04-05-2021 will authorize CEO Redd to work with Rutgers University–Camden and Rowan University to formalize the SJIPH as a collaborative entity that can drive research and funding to advance population health, focusing on issues in rural and urban communities in southern New Jersey. Currently lacking a coordinated effort focused on health equity and population health, the SJIPH will help fill this gap by bringing together the research institutions in southern New Jersey, in partnership with community stakeholders, in a unique collaborative venture. The final agreement developed with the two institutions will be brought before the Joint Board for approval.

CEO Redd invited Provost Palis, SJIPH co-leads Dr. Allred and Dr. Vaughn, and Vice Chair Bezich and Chair Davis, both healthcare executive administrators, to comment on the SJIPH.

Provost Palis said “the Joint Board is a critical part of the SJIPH, and the collaborative research grant program is a fitting first initiative because the two institutions will bring the goal of the institute to fruition by connecting faculty, researchers, students, community leaders, and stakeholders to study the distribution and causes of health disparity in Southern New Jersey and also to design interventions that will directly address these health disparities.” Provost Palis thanked Dr. Allred and Dr. Vaughn for their leadership and commitment to ensuring the projects funded will impact the community.

Dr. Allred echoed Provost Palis’ remarks and added that the institute advances the goal of fostering collaboration between Rutgers University–Camden and Rowan University and provides an opportunity for the institutions to work through ways to function effectively together. She is “excited about the context of the projects that have near-term, practical benefit for residents in southern New Jersey and also

contribute to long-term infrastructure that can support health and equity in southern New Jersey in the years to come.”

Dr. Vaughn added that as a community researcher for twenty years, she looks forward to continuing to advance health equity in the region, combining the efforts of the two universities and many stakeholders to spur innovation and promote current interest in the work.

Vice Chair Bezich said that the SJIPH allows South Jersey “to set up its own shop to support people in the area.” He added that “there is unbelievable opportunity for learning and growth and as one of the area’s leading health care institutions, Cooper University Health Care is excited about it.”

Chair Davis said that she, too, is glad to see South Jersey catching up with the movement in population health. Although population health is defined in many ways, Chair Davis said that as a health care professional interested in political and social determinants of health for over twenty years, she favors the collective impact methodology embraced by the SJIPH. She thanked the leadership for advancing the institute to this point and expressed excitement for the future. She said the Board is committed to advancing this collaborative initiative.

CEO Redd concluded her report by indicating that FY20 audits for the Joint Board and the Joint Health Sciences Condominium Association, which the agency manages on behalf of running the Joint Health Sciences campus at Broadway and MLK Boulevard, were clean with no findings or exceptions noted. She thanked Mr. Steve Williams, Comptroller for the Joint Board, Mr. Dean D’Astuto, Director of Planning, Construction, and Facilities for the Joint Board, Ms. Sandy McAndrew, Executive Assistant for the Joint Board, and Mr. Joshua Thornton, Administrative Assistant for the Joint Board, for their dedication and business procedures that make the audit process run smoothly.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON
AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair Davis opened the floor to comment from the public on matters specifically related to the resolution on the agenda. No comment was offered.

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

Chair Davis introduced CEO Redd to present the resolutions listed in the agenda.

Resolution 2021-04-01	Resolution authorizing Community Use and Access Agreement by and among Rutgers University–Camden, County of Camden, and Rowan University/Rutgers–Camden Board of Governors for the Rutgers–Camden Athletic Fields.
Resolution 2021-04-02	Resolution accepting the amended Plan to Distribute PHRI Research Funds.
Resolution 2021-04-03	Resolution authorizing supportive services contract with Rowan University for Plan to Distribute PHRI Research Funds.
Resolution 2021-04-04	Resolution amending supportive services contract with Rutgers University–Camden for Plan to Distribute PHRI Research Funds.
Resolution 2021-04-05	Resolution authorizing the CEO to take necessary steps for the creation of the South Jersey Institute for Population Health.
Resolution 2021-04-06	Resolution authorizing the receipt of FY20 audit for the Rowan University/Rutgers–Camden Board of Governors (RURCBOG).
Resolution 2021-04-07	Resolution authorizing action by the Joint Board as manager of the Resolution authorizing the receipt of FY20 audit for the Joint Health Sciences Condominium Association, Inc. (JHSCA).
Resolution 2021-04-08	Resolution authorizing Cooper’s Ferry Partnership Executive Membership.
Resolution 2021-04-09	Resolution consenting to expenditures incurred by Camden County Improvement Authority for the Joint Health Sciences Center (Block 181, Phases I and II).
Resolution 2021-04-10	Resolution authorizing action by the Joint Board as Manager of the Joint Health Sciences Center to award Service and Maintenance Agreements for the operation of the Joint Health Sciences Center.
VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS	By consent agenda, Resolutions 2021-04-01 through 2021-04-10 were moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.
PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS	Chair Davis opened the floor for any closing comments by the public. No closing comments were offered.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Chair Davis opened the floor for any closing comments by members of the Board. No closing comments were offered.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Chair Davis entertained a motion for adjournment. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously, whereupon Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Michellene Davis, Chair
Rowan University/Rutgers–Camden Board of Governors