

## Joint Rowan Rutgers-Camden board names CEO

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Blackwood native Kris Kolluri has been tapped to oversee operations of the newly formed Rutgers-Camden Rowan University Board of Governors.

Kolluri, a former cabinet member during the Corzine administration, was named chief executive officer Friday during the joint board's second official meeting.

The board also approved a resolution to formally solicit proposals from Rowan and Rutgers-Camden for a collaborative instructional and research initiative.

"With so many high priorities facing the board – from developing an initial budget to creating a strategic plan for the future – we needed someone with the skills that Kris has in running efficient public agencies to direct our day-to-day operations and ensure our long-term success," said the Jack Collins, chair of the Board of Governors.

"Kris had been in discussions with Rutgers officials for a position at the University and through their cooperation we were able to secure him as our CEO."

Kolluri, 45, of West Windsor previously served as commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) in 2006 and later oversaw the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in 2008.

He officially begins his new post July 1 and will make \$275,000 annually.

The former Parker McCay attorney will oversee capital projects, run the day to day operations of joint programs between Rutgers-Camden and Rowan, and help drive community involvement.

"This is a start-up and there is a lot of excitement in the challenge of the unknown and unmet opportunities, but I know the board is fully committed and I'm excited, frankly I'm honored, to be a part of this," Kolluri said.

The creation of the Rutgers-Camden Rowan University Board of Governors is the final step of a 2012 law aimed at restructuring higher education in New Jersey. The board provides oversight for any new health science programs created by Rowan or Rutgers-Camden or by a collaboration of the two schools.

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