

# ROWAN UNIVERSITY/RUTGERS–CAMDEN

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS

April 12, 2016

### BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Dana Redd

### 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 April 12, 2016 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.

**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, personnel, and finance matters pertaining to the new Joint Health Sciences Campus. Some real estate 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 March 8, 2016. A motion was made, seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**CEO REPORT**

Mr. Kolluri provided a brief update on the Joint Health Sciences Center project with respect to the site, construction schedule, and the building’s design.

With respect to the site, the Board now owns all of Block 181, situated at the intersection of MLK Boulevard and Broadway. All properties are currently vacant, and a construction fence encloses the block. Demolition is expected to begin in several weeks. The project is in the design phase, and construction of the four-story, 65 ft<sup>2</sup> building is anticipated to begin in early 2017.

The building has been designed thoughtfully to fit into the neighborhood, the “Eds and Meds” corridor, and the city. Parking is an issue in Camden, so provisions have been made for secure parking behind the building. In sensitivity to the urban environment, substantial green space fronts Broadway and Stevens Street. The green space, lobby, and a multi-purpose conference room may also be used by building occupants and institutional partners for events. A café on the ground floor will be open to the public, encouraging interaction between the building’s occupants and pedestrians.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair Collins opened the floor to comments specifically related to the resolutions on the agenda. There were no public comments.

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

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

**Resolution 2016-04-01**

Resolution approving award of contracts by the Camden County Improvement Authority regarding the Joint Health Sciences Campus as agent to the Board 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 2016-04-02**

Resolution authorizing the appointment of an economic analysis consultant. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

**Resolution 2016-04-03**

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.

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. No public comments were offered.

**COMMENTS BY BOARD  
MEMBERS**

Chair Collins invited members of the Board to offer comments.

Mr. Bezich complimented the design of the Joint Health Sciences Center and offered a comment on Mr. Kolluri's presentation. Mr. Bezich asked that it be noted for the record that consistent with other major construction projects in downtown Camden (e.g. Cooper Medical School of Rowan University and the KIPP Cooper Norcross Academy), significant effort will be made to employ local Camden residents in the construction phase of building. The template used successfully by the other institutions will be used to reach out to unions and the Camden community to get as many people trained and ready for employment as possible. Mr. Bezich indicated he expects this policy to be equally successful in this project.

Mr. Kolluri agreed that this is a good policy and will incorporate it into the construction documents, assure there is active monitoring of all local hires, and report back to the Board and the city.

Mr. Mortensen commented that a similar policy is in place at Rutgers University's Nursing and Science Building, currently under construction near the site of the Joint Health Sciences Center. Mr. Mortensen continued that making significant effort to employ Camden residents in construction is a policy of both Rutgers and Rowan Universities and has now been stated formally that the Rowan University/Rutgers-Camden Board of Governors will follow suit.

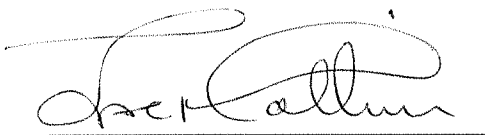
There were no further comments from members of the Board.

#### **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 12:15 p.m.

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

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