

# ROWAN UNIVERSITY/RUTGERS–CAMDEN

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS

**March 23, 2018**

### **BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Jack Collins, Chair

Lou Bezich, Vice-Chair

Michellene Davis (via conference call)

Fred Graziano (via conference call)

### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Chad Bruner

Dudley Rivers

### **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

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 23, 2018 at the Governor James J. Florio Center for Public Services, 200 Federal Street, Camden, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Speaker. Collins at 12:45 p.m. Speakers 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. 2017-03-12, adopted on March 28, 2017, today’s meeting was started in Executive Session at 12:00 p.m. Topics discussed in Executive Session were legal, real estate, and finance matters. 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 January 12, 2018. A motion was made, seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**CEO REPORT**

Ms Redd provided updates on the Joint Health Sciences Center, an award received by the Board, and the Board’s academic programs.

Construction of the Joint Health Sciences Center is proceeding. Concrete slabs have been poured for both the “main building” and the “annex”, along with the installation stone at the building’s entrance along MLK Boulevard. The crane has arrived, and steel is being erected. A “topping off” ceremony is in the planning stages.

The Rowan University/Rutgers–Camden Board of Governors, along with its academic partners of Rowan University, Rutgers University–Camden, and Camden County College, was recognized recently by the Non-Profit Development Center of Southern New Jersey with the Best Collaborative Effort of the Year Award for 2017. The partners’ collaborative efforts were celebrated as one of outstanding contribution and as having “significant community impact” in our host city and surrounding region. Ms. Redd recognized her predecessor Mr. Kris Kolluri “for his effective leadership in developing the conceptual building plans, facilitating collaboration among our academic institutions, and securing funding commitments for the Joint Health Sciences Center.” She also recognized the effort of Dean D’Astuto, Capital Projects Director, and the entire project team.

Progress continues on both the Medical Assistants Program and the Alzheimer’s Journey Coordinators Program.

Sixteen students have been recruited for consideration for the third cohort of the Medical Assistants Program. After working with Hopeworks for the remainder of the academic year, 10 students will be selected for the third cohort. Upon successful completion of additional training by Hopeworks and internships this summer, the students will enter an accelerated CMA program at Camden County in September. Ms. Redd and Ms. Laura Jakimowicz, program and policy analyst for the Joint Board, continue to market the Medical Assistants Program to key stakeholders. Partnerships have been expanded to include Brimm Medical Arts High School and the Creative Arts Morgan Village Academy.

Final approval of the Alzheimer's Journey Coordinator Program to be offered at Camden County College is expected by mid-April. The potential to host fieldwork placements and provide post-graduation employment opportunities have been discussed with and received well by Cooper University, Community Medical Center, and the VA of Wilmington. The format of the program has been adjusted to part-time to meet the needs of potential candidates. A grant proposal to secure funding for the salaries and benefits of employed Alzheimer's Journey Coordinators is almost complete.

**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, NJ asked several questions regarding Resolution 2018.03.03 (the Board's potential approval of serving as the mediator for ten years for the settlement agreement for Camden Recovery Holdings, LLC with the Neighborhood Center in Camden, Inc., Joseph's House of Camden, LLC, the County of Camden, Camden County Police Department, and the City of Camden with respect to the development of the Atlantic Avenue property). Dr. Joslin asked for the terms of the agreement and expressed concern for pedestrian and public safety, particularly in light of the daytime homicide blocks away from the property on 3/5/18.

Ms. Redd indicated that the Board's role in the settlement agreement is to mediate any disputes that may arise during the ten-year period between the parties of the agreement. She outlined a number of the agreement terms regarding the purpose of the building, zoning approvals, employment, establishment of an advisory council, security, and pedestrian and public safety.

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

Chair Collins introduced Ms. Redd to present the resolutions listed in the agenda

**Resolution 2018-03-01**

Resolution authorizing the approval for Camden County Improvement Authority to award an engineering contract for pedestrian improvements at the intersection of Broadway and Martin Luther King Boulevard. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

**Resolution 2018-03-02**

Resolution authorizing payment for relocation assistance. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

**Resolution 2018-03-03**

Resolution approving a settlement agreement. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

**Resolution 2018-03-04**

Resolution authorizing an amendment to the architectural contract for cost estimating services. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

**Resolution 2018-03-05**

Resolution authorizing contract extension with Rowan University for grant-writer services. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

**Resolution 2018-03-06**

Resolution consenting to expenditures by the Camden County Improvement Authority for Block 1400 Lots 2-11. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

**Resolution 2018-03-07**

Resolution ratifying sponsorship for Cooper's Ferry Partnership's annual meeting. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

**Resolution 2018-03-08**

Resolution consenting to expenditures by the Camden County Improvement Authority Block 181 in conjunction with the Joint Health Sciences Center. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

**Resolution 2018-03-09**

Resolution authorizing a change order to building construction associated with the Joint Health Sciences Center. 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.

Dr. Sarah Joslin of Cherry Hill, NJ asked for the status of a transportation plan for Rutgers University–Camden and Rowan University. She expressed concern regarding a recent study that showed decreased use of mass transit and increased use of car services, including Uber and Lyft. Increased numbers of vehicles in the city of Camden created by development and increased student enrollment will increase congestion and pollution. As a sustainable city, Camden and its universities should promote decreasing emissions to lessen the city’s carbon footprint and to improve air quality, particularly for residents.

Ms. Redd indicated that the “good problem” of increased public and private investment in the city also drives other issues, such as parking and transportation. As CEO of the Joint Board, she is interested in taking a comprehensive approach to public health and to revitalizing the city in a way that will benefit residents.

**COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBER**

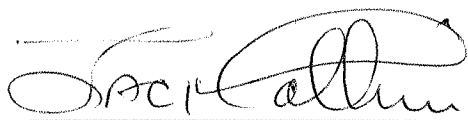
Chair Collins invited members of the Board to offer comments. There were no further comments by Board members.

**CLOSING COMMENTS**

Chair Collins opened the floor for any closing comment 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 1:10 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 Governor