

ROWAN UNIVERSITY/RUTGERS–CAMDEN

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

June 8, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

(meeting held virtually via Zoom)

Michellene Davis, Chair
Lou Bezich, Vice-Chair
Chad Bruner
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 June 8, 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 negotiations, appraisals, and acquisitions. 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. CEO Redd added Resolution 2021-06-09 [Amendment to Contract for Urban Planning and Economic Development Services] to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Chair Davis asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Board's previous meeting held on April 13, 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 a recent award received by the Joint Health Sciences Center, conducting a NJ American Jobs Plan Roundtable, general operations, the planning for Block 1400, the South Jersey Institute for Population Health, and the hire of a new staff member.

The New Jersey Business & Industry Association awarded the Joint Health Sciences Center with a New Good Neighbor Award which recognizes outstanding construction projects that have improved the economy and landscape of New Jersey. One of 14 projects to gain this statewide recognition, the Joint Health Sciences Center will be featured in the July 2021 issue of New Jersey Business Magazine along with the other honorees.

On June 2, the Joint Health Sciences Center was the site of the NJ American Jobs Plan Roundtable. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Marcia Fudge and Congressman Donald Norcross participated and listened to key stakeholders' views on jobs, housing, infrastructure, neighborhood revitalization, and the proposed American Jobs Plan. In addition, they learned about how the American Jobs Plan could potentially provide a boost to economic development and community revitalization efforts in Camden.

With increasing rates of vaccination, more faculty and students are returning to the Joint Health Sciences Center. Currently following COVID-19 policy established by the Joint Board, Rowan University, Rutgers University, and Camden County College, Dean D'Astuto, Director of Planning, Construction, and Facilities for the Joint Board, is working with Rowan University and Rutgers University regarding changes in protocol.

Facility use requests for space at the Joint Health Sciences Center have also increased. Room A-100 (formerly the café space) has been completed and is set up to observe COVID-19 protocols. Once those are no longer necessary, the space will accommodate 25 people for conferences, classes, and lunch meetings.

The facility manager has transitioned to springtime/summer maintenance projects including landscaping and testing of essential building systems. Installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in the parking lot are being investigated.

On May 20, the Joint Board, along with Ewing Cole, Pennoni and McKernan, hosted a community outreach meeting for the Eds, Meds, and Research corridor. Held virtually and in-person, the team explained the Joint Board's intention for updating the health sciences campus plan including the next phase on Block 1400. Facilitators focused on ascertaining attendees' highest priorities in public spaces and neighborhood retail. Public input is also being gathered through the online and mobile survey for the Camden Eds, Meds, and Research Corridor. The survey, available in English and Spanish, has been widely distributed throughout the Cooper Plaza, Lanning Square, and Camden Downtown neighborhoods and will remain open through mid-June. In addition, a peer-to-peer learning exchange to visit marketplace examples in the region is being planned where redevelopment possibilities will be visioned with residents and other key stakeholders.

The South Jersey Institute for Population Health is now a legal entity, having been signed off by Rowan University and Rutgers University and filed with legal counsel. On April 15, the Institute announced its inaugural funding initiative for 2021 that involves collaborative partnerships between Rutgers University and Rowan University and includes community-based organizations in Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Cumberland, Salem, Atlantic, and Cape May counties. Grants will be made of up to \$20,000. Great interest has been

expressed in the Call for Proposals. Thirty-five letters of intent were received by the June 4 deadline and will be reviewed by a committee comprised of representatives from Rowan University, Rutgers University, and community stakeholders. Additional funding for the Institute is being sought.

On June 1, the Joint Board welcomed Corey Hoffman to the staff. Mr. Hoffman will serve as Coordinator of Academic Programs. In this role, he will design, implement, and manage academic and workforce development training programs focusing on the health sciences. He will work to strengthen existing collaborations with Rowan University, Rutgers University–Camden, and Camden County College. He will also work to leverage partnerships with other anchor institutions in the Camden Eds, Meds, and Research Corridor.

CEO Redd concluded her report by thanking Mr. Fred Graziano and Mr. Sandy Stewart for their dedicated service to the Joint Board. As an inaugural member of the Joint Board, Mr. Graziano has served since 2014. During that time, he chaired the Finance Committee and served on the Academic Committee, lending expertise in finance. Mr. Stewart, who has served on the Joint Board for the past year, served on the Executive, Capital, and Health Sciences Campus Steering Committees, lending expertise in launching innovation hubs and managing research funded projects.

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 2021-06-01

Resolution authorizing personnel action for Coordinator of Academic Programs.

Resolution 2021-06-02

Resolution authorizing amendment to the Agreement with Camden County College for the Alzheimer's Journey Coordinator Certificate Program.

Resolution 2021-06-03	Resolution authorizing amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement for Block 1410 with the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency and the Camden County Improvement Authority.
Resolution 2021-06-04	Resolution authorizing procurement of auditing services.
Resolution 2021-06-05	Resolution recognizing Fred Graziano for service to the Joint Board.
Resolution 2021-06-06	Resolution recognizing Sandy Stewart for service to the Joint Board.
Resolution 2021-06-07	Resolution designating a public agency compliance officer.
Resolution 2021-06-08	Resolution designating an ethics liaison officer.
Resolution 2021-06-09	Resolution authorizing amendment to Contract for Urban Planning and Economic Development Services.
VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS	By consent agenda, Resolutions 2021-06-01 through 2021-06-09 were moved, seconded, and approved unanimously.
PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS	Chair Davis opened the floor for any closing comments by the public. Dr. Michael Palis, Provost of Rutgers University–Camden thanked the Joint Board for their support of the initiatives of the South Jersey Institute for Population Health. He said that “the initiative signals the strength of the collaboration between Rowan University and Rutgers University–Camden.” He is “thankful for Ms. Redd’s leadership and looks forward to further collaborations with the Joint Board on population health and other issues of importance to the Camden community.”
CLOSING COMMENTS	Chair Davis opened the floor for any closing comments by members of the Board. Members of the Board enthusiastically thanked Mr. Graziano and Mr. Stewart for their contributions and service to the Joint Board and their dedication to the city of Camden.
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

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