

# ROWAN UNIVERSITY/RUTGERS–CAMDEN

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS

July 13, 2021

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

Lou Bezich, Vice-Chair  
Chad Bruner  
Frank Hundley  
George Loesch  
David Mayer

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Michellene Davis, Chair

**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 July 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 at 12:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Bezich, who served as *chair pro tempore* in Chair Davis’ absence.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS  
ACT STATEMENT**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

## **OPEN SESSION**

Vice Chair Bezich 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**

Vice Chair Bezich asked if there were any agenda changes. No agenda changes were noted.

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Vice Chair Bezich asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Board's previous meeting held on June 8, 2021. A motion was made and seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

## **RECUSALS**

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

## **CEO REPORT**

CEO Redd provided updates on new board members, the Health Sciences Campus, and the Joint Board's FY22 budget.

The Joint Board is delighted to welcome Mr. George Loesch and Mayor David Mayer as its newest members. Mr. Loesch, Vice President for Corporate Services and Marketing with Conner, Strong & Buckelew, currently serves on the Rowan University Board of Trustees and replaces outgoing member Mr. Fred Graziano. Mr. Mayer, mayor of Gloucester Township and Director of Government Affairs for New Jersey American Water, is the former State Assemblyman from the 4<sup>th</sup> Legislative District and fills the vacancy previously held by Speaker Jack Collins.

The campus planning process is progressing well. The Joint Board is reviewing preliminary conceptual plans for Block 1400 and its relationship to the Walter Rand Transportation Center. The plan is being refined through consultation with Ewing Cole, McKernan Associates, Pennoni, and Cozen O'Connor. The Joint Board continues to engage with community leaders and key stakeholders to gather ideas and explore how to activate space in surrounding vacant lots, making the area more attractive and inviting with retail establishments and other community amenities, such as public art. To gather information on revitalization projects in Chestnut Hill, Mt. Airy, and along Germantown Avenue, the Joint Board will host a delegation of elected officials,

planners, city government leaders, and residents on July 15 for a tour. Members of the Joint Board were invited to attend.

The Board will consider two budgets for approval today: the FY22 operating budget for the Rowan University/Rutgers–Camden Board of Governors and the FY22 operating budget for the Joint Health Sciences Center. The FY22 operating budget for the Rowan University/Rutgers–Camden Board of Governors, totaling \$25.4M, includes \$2M in state funding for new health initiatives and anticipates statutory payments from Rowan University and Rutgers University. Significant furtherance of campus expansion and academic and research programs is anticipated. The FY22 operating budget of the Joint Health Sciences Center totals \$1.88M, which is slightly lower than the FY21 operating budget. Under the leadership of Mr. Dean D’Astuto, Director of Planning, Construction, and Facilities for the Rowan University/Rutgers–Camden Board of Governors, the Joint Board continues to serve as facility manager of the Joint Health Sciences Center. Budgets were reviewed with Camden County College, Rowan University, and Rutgers University, and assessments will go out in mid-August. CEO Redd thanked Mr. Steven Williams and the Joint Board team for preparing the budget and supplemental materials.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON  
AGENDA ITEMS**

Vice Chair Bezich opened the floor to comment from the public on matters specifically related to the resolutions on the agenda. No comment was offered.

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

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

**Resolution 2021-07-01**

Resolution authorizing adoption of the FY22 Rowan University/Rutgers–Camden Board of Governors Operating Budget. The resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

**Resolution 2021-07-02**

Resolution authorizing the submission of invoices for FY22 to Rowan University and Rutgers University–Camden pursuant to the New Jersey Medical and Health Sciences Education Restructuring Act. The resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

**Resolution 2021-07-03**

Resolution authorizing action by the Joint Board as manager of the Joint Health Sciences Center to adopt an operating budget for FY22. The resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Vice Chair Bezich opened the floor for any closing comments by the public. Dr. Joanne Connor, Chief of Staff at Rowan University and Liaison to the Rowan University Board of Trustees, thanked the Joint Board for their work and extended a special welcome to Mr. Loesch who, along with Mr. Chad Bruner, serves on the Joint Board on behalf of the Rowan University Board of Trustees.

**CLOSING COMMENTS**

Vice Chair Bezich opened the floor for any closing comments. Members of the Board welcomed Mr. Loesch and Mr. Mayer and said they look forward to working with them.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Vice Chair Bezich entertained a motion for adjournment. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously, whereupon Vice Chair Bezich adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.



Louis S. Bezich, Vice Chair  
Rowan University/Rutgers-Camden Board of Governor