

ROWAN UNIVERSITY/RUTGERS–CAMDEN

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

January 12, 2018

**BOARD MEMBERS IN
ATTENDANCE**

Jack Collins, Chair

Lou Bezich, Vice-Chair (via conference call)

Chad Bruner (via conference call)

Michellene Davis (via conference call)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Fred Graziano

Dudley Rivers

**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 January 12, 2018 at the Governor James J. Florio Center for Public Services, 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. 2017-03-12, adopted on March 28, 2017, today’s meeting was started in Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. Topics discussed in Executive Session were legal, real estate, finance, and personnel 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 December 12, 2017. A motion was made, seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

CEO REPORT

Mr. Kolluri provided three brief updates.

Construction of the Joint Health Sciences Center is going very well. The foundation is done. Demolition of commercial property on the east side of Broadway will begin in two to three weeks after completion of asbestos abatement.

Today, the Board is considering the appointment of Ms. Dana Redd as CEO of the Rowan University/Rutgers–Camden Board of Governors. Mr. Kolluri wanted to take the opportunity to say that, if appointed, Ms. Redd is an excellent choice: “She is an exceptional person with the right credentials and experience and the right knowledge of the city of Camden and the ‘eds and meds’ corridor.”

Prior to consideration of the resolutions, Chair Collins took the opportunity to acknowledge the honor of having Phoebe Haddon, Chancellor of Rutgers University–Camden, in attendance at the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Collins opened the floor to comments specifically related to the resolutions on the agenda.

Chancellor Haddon indicated she was “thrilled to be in attendance at the meeting for the purpose of making the movement to a new CEO of the Rowan University/Rutgers–Camden Board of Governors.” She said “Kris Kolluri has been a tremendous asset, but Dana Redd will be a wonderful follow-up to him.”

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

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

Resolution 2018-1-01

Resolution consenting to expenditures by the Camden County Improvement Authority for the Joint Health Sciences Center and Campus projects. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution 2018-1-02

Resolution authorizing allocation of funds to Camden County College for the Alzheimer’s Journey Coordinator Program. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution 2018-1-03

Resolution authorizing a grant to the Camden County Metro Police Department for the “eds and meds” corridor security cameras. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution 2018-1-04

Resolution authorizing an amendment to Bowman & Company, LLP’s audit contract. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution 2018-1-05

Resolution authorizing personnel action. Prior to casting the last vote, Chair Collins thanked Mr. Kolluri for the spectacular job he did as CEO and wished him great success in his new endeavor as CEO of Cooper’s Ferry Partnership, which also serves to benefit the city of Camden and the area. A motion to approve the resolution was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by roll call vote. Chair Collins indicated that “as a talented and experienced individual who cares deeply about the city of Camden, Ms. Redd is well equipped to handle new challenges ahead.”

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 comments were made by members of the public.

**COMMENTS BY BOARD
MEMBER**

Chair Collins invited members of the Board to offer comments.

Mr. Bezich offered congratulations to Ms. Redd and “echoed Chair Collins’ comments regarding Ms. Redd as a perfect fit for the Board.”

Ms. Davis thanked Mr. Kolluri for his leadership of the Board and contributions to the renaissance of the city of Camden. She is excited for Ms. Redd to build on the firm foundation built by Mr. Kolluri. She concluded by thanking Chair Collins “for lending his talents to advancing the work of the Board and leading it to a bright future.”

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.



Jack Collins, Chair
Rowan University/Rutgers–Camden Board of Governor