NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON SCIENCE, INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

May 13, 2022

This meeting was held in-person and via Microsoft Teams teleconference.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Members of the Commission present: Public Voting Members: Debbie Hart, BioNJ, Vice Chair; David Pascrell, Gibbons, Treasurer; Charlene Brown, AT&T, Retired; Dr. Alain Kornhauser, Princeton University Dr. Joel Bloom, President, NJIT, Cuneyt Erdogan, Clarus Engineering; Ex-Officio Voting Members: Dr. Karen Bussey for Dr. Brian Bridges, Secretary of Higher Education; Kathleen Coviello for Tim Sullivan, CEO of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority; and Ralph Hoag for Angelica McMillan, Commissioner, DOE.

Members of the Commission present: (Non-Voting) Legislative Members: Senator Robert Singer, Assemblyman Christopher DePhillips; and Assemblyman Christopher Tully.

Members of the Commission absent: (Non-Voting): Legislative Members - Senator Paul Sarlo, and; University Members - Dr. Nariman Farvardin, President, Stevens Institute of Technology and Dr. Jonathan Holloway, President, Rutgers University.

Also present: Greg Townsend for Stevens Institute of Technology; Vince Smeraglia, for Rutgers University; Raymond Cottiers from Assemblyman DePhillips' office; Judith Sheft, Executive Director, CSIT; Elizabeth Marshall, Deputy Attorney General; Jamera Sirmans, Governor's Authorities Unit; EDA Staff: Danielle Esser, Director; Mahako Etta, Program Manager; Fatou Jobe, Project Officer; Frances Keel, Program Officer, Hector Serrano, Governance Officer; and Muneerah Sanders, Board Liaison.

Per the Vice Chair's request, Muneerah Sanders read the Open Public Meetings announcement and performed the roll call of the Commission.

Prior to commencing the meeting, Vice Chair Hart asked Ms. Esser to read aloud a statement regarding the process for public comment at the board meeting for any members of the public on the call. No members of the public presented themselves at this time.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The first item was the approval of the April 1, 2022, meeting minutes.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Ms. Brown

SECOND: Mr. Erdogan

AYES: 7

Dr. Bloom abstained because he was not present for the meeting.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY: The next item was the presentation of the Vice Chair's Report to the Commission.

Senator Singer left the meeting at this time.

Ms. Hart thanked Gunjan Doshi, founding CSIT Chair who was present via conference call, for his contributions and his pivotal role in the establishment in the Commission. She remarked that Governor Murphy had written a letter of appreciation for his service. Ms. Hart also remarked that although Senator Zwicker was unable to attend, there was a letter from the Governor thanking him for his contributions as well.

Mr. Doshi addressed the Commission, stating that he was proud of the accomplishments so far, and that he stepped down in order to start a second business.

Assemblyman Tully joined the meeting, at this time.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY: The next item was the presentation of the Executive Director's Report to the Commission.

Ms. Sheft introduced Ms. Frances Keel to the board, who provided a brief summary of her work experience.

Ms. Etta presented the next item before the Board:

Item: Approval of EDA funding of \$250,000 to CSIT for the launch of the Maternal and Infant Health R&D Grant Program

Request: To approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the New Jersey Economic Development Authority and the New Jersey Commission on Science Innovation and Technology to allocate funding of \$250,000 to CSIT to deploy The Maternal and Infant Health R&D Grant Program.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Dr. Bloom SECOND: Mr. Pascrell AYES: 7

RESOLUTION ATTACHED AND MARKED EXHIBIT: 1

Ms. Coviello abstained from voting due to her role at the EDA.

Ms. Etta presented the next item before the Board:

Item: Approval of The Maternal and Infant Health R&D Grant Program

Request: To approve:

- i. The launch of the \$750,000 Maternal and Infant Health R&D Grant Program, a competitive grant program supporting innovative technological solutions to maternal and infant health challenges.
- ii. Grant delegated authority to the Executive Director to:
 - a. Decline and issue declination letters to applicants with Applications that are deemed incomplete following the resubmission deadline
 - b. Decline and issue declination letters to applicants that become ineligible based on non-discretionary reasons at any point during the application process up to the board approval.
 - c. Appoint a Hearing Officer for appeals, if necessary
 - d. Establish dates for opening and closing of grant submissions prior to publication of the Notice of Funding

MOTION TO APPROVE: Dr. Bloom SECOND: Mr. Hoag AYES: 8 RESOLUTION ATTACHED AND MARKED EXHIBIT: 2

Ms. Sheft presented the next item before the Board:

Item: NJ Commission on Science, Innovation and Technology Provision of \$125K Match to the Federal FAST Application by Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, and the NJ Small Business Development Center.

Request: To approve:

- 1. a \$125,000 payment to Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey's NJ Small Business Development Center. These funds will be used by Rutgers on behalf of the NJSBDC to meet the cash match requirement for their 2022 submission to the federal Small Business Administration for a FAST Partnership Program. If awarded, the FAST grant will provide technical assistance to NJ entrepreneurs that have applied to or are considering an application to the federal SBIR/STTR program.
- 2. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between CSIT and Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

MOTION TO APPROVE: Dr. Bloom SECOND: Ms. Brown AYES: 8
RESOLUTION ATTACHED AND MARKED EXHIBIT: 3

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Ms. Sheft presented the next item before the Board:

Item: Fourth Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the New Jersey Commission on Science, Innovation and Technology and the NJ Economic Development Authority.

Request: To approve a Fourth Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the New Jersey Commission on Science, Innovation and Technology and the New Jersey Economic Development Authority.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Mr. Pascrell SECOND: Dr. Bloom AYES: 8 RESOLUTION ATTACHED AND MARKED EXHIBIT: 4

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, on a motion by Ms. Brown, and seconded by Mr. Pascrell, the meeting was adjourned at 10:52 AM.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting date for the Commission on Science, Innovation and Technology is scheduled for July 15, 2022, at 10:00 am, in person and virtually.

CERTIFICATION:

The foregoing and attachments represent a true and complete summary of the actions taken by the Commission on Science, Innovation, and Technology at its Meeting on May 13, 2022.

Judith Sheft, Executive Director Secretary

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