

# NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON SCIENCE, INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

**February 19, 2021**

*This meeting was held via Microsoft Teams teleconference.*

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

Members of the Commission present: Public Voting Members: Gunjan Doshi, InRhythm, Chairman; Debbie Hart, BioNJ, Vice Chair; David Pascrell, Gibbons, Treasurer; and Dr. Alain Kornhauser, Princeton University.

Ex-Officio Voting Members: Brian Bridges, Acting Secretary of Higher Education; Brian Sabina for Tim Sullivan, CEO of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority; and Ralph Hoag for Angelica McMillan, Commissioner, DOE.

University Members - Non-Voting: Vince Smeraglia for Rutgers University; Dr. Farvardin for Stevens Institute of Technology; and Dr. Fadi Deek for NJIT.

Members of the Commission absent: Public Voting Members: Dr. Joel Bloom, President, NJIT; and Charlene Brown, former President AT&T, retired; Legislative Members - Non-Voting: Assemblyman DePhillips, Assemblyman Zwicker, Senator Paul Sarlo, and Senator Singer.

Also present: Judith Sheft, Executive Director, CSIT; Deputy Attorney General Elizabeth Tillou; Jamera Sirmans, Governor's Authorities Unit; Governor's Office: Jeffrey Oakman, and Daniel Davidow; Diana Gonzalez, Deputy Secretary, OSHE; Raymond Cottiers, Assemblyman DePhillips office; Petra Gaskins, Assemblyman Zwicker's office; Kai Feder, NJ Office of Innovation; EDA: Kathleen Coviello, Executive Vice President; Danielle Esser, Director; Fatou Jobe, Project Officer; Pallavi Madakasira, Director; DeAnna Croner, Project Officer; and Muneerah Sanders, Executive Assistant.

Chairman Doshi called the meeting to order at 10:00 am with a quorum of the Commission present, including nine voting members and five non-voting members.

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

Prior to commencing the meeting, Chairman Doshi 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 January 8, 2021 meeting minutes.

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** Ms. Hart

**SECOND:** Mr. Sabina

**AYES:** 7

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY:** The next item was the presentation of the Chairman’s Remarks to the Commission.

Chairman Doshi greeted everyone present, and stated that there were three initiatives being presented for the Commission’s consideration today.

Chairman Doshi also acknowledged a meeting which was jointly hosted by CSIT and OSHE to discuss commercialization and entrepreneurship at NJ’s higher educational institutions.

Ms. Coviello presented a brief update on new economic incentive initiatives that are being developing stemming from the New Jersey Economic Recovery Act of 2020 signed into law on January 7, 2021.

**CLEAN TECH RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT VOUCHER PROGRAM**

Ms. Sheft stated that Members of the Commission are requested to approve the Clean Tech R&D Voucher program under the terms outlined herein and the associated Notice of Funding to launch a \$435,000, Clean Tech R&D Voucher program. The Members are further being asked to approve delegated authority to the Executive Director as outlined in the memorandum.

**REQUEST:** Approval of Clean Tech Research and Development Voucher Program  
**MOTION TO APPROVE:** Dr. Kornhauser      **SECOND:** Dr. Bridges      **AYES:** 7

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FAST PROGRAM**

Ms. Sheft stated that the Members of the Commission were requested to approve the following items to launch applications for Round 2 of the New Jersey Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Program grant program - FAST (Federal and State Partnership Program)

- i. Notice of Funding for Round 2 of the New Jersey Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer Program (STTR) grant program – Technical Assistance – FAST (Federal and State Partnership Program)
- ii. Evaluation method
- iii. Scoring criteria

Additionally, the Members of the CSIT are requested to delegate authority to the CSIT Executive Director to decline applications as incomplete where the application is missing documentation following the missing documentation deadline.

**REQUEST:** Approval Notice of Funding, Evaluation and Scoring Criteria for Round 2 of the New Jersey Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Program grant program – Technical Assistance – Federal and State Partnership Program  
**MOTION TO APPROVE:** Ms. Hart      **SECOND:** Dr. Bridges      **AYES:** 7

## **ROUND 2 SBIR/STTR DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS**

Ms. Sheft stated that Members of the Commission are requested to approve fourteen grants of \$25,000 each and two grants of \$50,000 each for a total of \$450,000 in funding as part of the Direct Financial Assistance component (Phase I&II) of the SBIR/STTR Direct Financial Assistance Program.

**REQUEST:** Approval of Direct Financial Assistance Grants for the New Jersey Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Program Support Program, Phase I and Phase II

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** Ms. Hart

**SECOND:** Dr. Kornhauser   **AYES:** 7

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

Ms. Sheft provided an update of the activity of the CSIT/OSHE Technology Commercialization.

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY:** The next item was the Executive Director's presentation of the FY2022 CSIT Budget Request which will be sent to the Governor's office.

**PRESENTATION:**

### **WHERE STUDENTS GO: POSTSECONDARY STUDENT MIGRATION IN AND OUT OF NEW JERSEY**

Chad May, Director of Research & Analysis, OSHE

Sean Simone, Ph.D., Director, Research and Evaluation, John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development, Rutgers University

Ms. Sheft introduced Mr. May and Dr. Simone and requested that they begin the presentation.

Mr. May and Dr. Simone each provided extensive data and analysis on the topic, which included enrollment capacity of states surrounding New Jersey; how far New Jersey high school students go to attend college after graduation; employment data for New Jersey graduates, and addressed several questions, including the topic of out-migration.

Chairman Doshi thanked Mr. May and Dr. Simone for their presentations.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

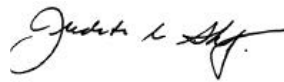
There being no further business, on a motion by Dr. Bridges, and seconded by Mr. Sabina, the meeting was adjourned at 11:44am.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

The next meeting date for the Commission on Science, Innovation and Technology is scheduled for April 9, 2021 at 10:00 am, 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 February 19, 2021.



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Judith Sheft, Executive Director  
Secretary