

NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON SCIENCE, INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

September 24, 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; Charlene Brown (AT&T, Retired); Dr. Joel Bloom, President, NJIT; Dr. Alain Kornhauser, Princeton University, Ex-Officio Voting Members: Dr. Brian Bridges, Secretary of Higher Education; and Brian Sabina for Tim Sullivan, CEO of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority; Ralph Hoag for Angelica McMillan, Commissioner, DOE; and

Legislative Member - Non-Voting present: Senator Robert Singer.

Member of the Commission absent (Non-Voting): Legislative Members - Senator Paul Sarlo, Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker, Assemblyman DePhillips; 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, Petra Gaskins from Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker's office; Judith Sheft, Executive Director, CSIT; Elizabeth Kern, Deputy Attorney General; Jamera Sirmans, Governor's Authorities Unit; EDA: Danielle Esser, Director; Pallavi Madakasira, Director; Mahako Etta, Program Manager; and Muneerah Sanders, Board Liaison.

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 August 6, 2021 meeting minutes.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Ms. Hart **SECOND:** Mr. Sabina **AYES: 9**

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

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Chairman Doshi asked Ms. Sheft to present the following approval items before the Board:

Item: Approval of Third Amendment to MOU Between CSIT and NJEDA

Request: To approve a third amendment to the existing Memorandum of Understanding between the New Jersey Commission on Science, Innovation and Technology and NJEDA updating for what support services and at what rates CSIT will compensate NJEDA,

MOTION TO APPROVE: Dr. Kornhauser **SECOND:** Ms. Hart **AYES: 8**
Brian Sabina of EDA abstained from voting due to EDA being a party to the MOU.

Item: Approval of Alignment of ResearchwithNJ with the Commission on Science, Innovation and Technology

Request: To approve payment of up to \$300,000 in CSIT funds to support the ResearchwithNJ program.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Dr. Bloom **SECOND: Mr. Pascrell** **AYES: 8**
Mr. Sabina of the EDA abstained from voting due to EDA being a party to the agreement.

Item: Approval of Hiring of One Additional CSIT Employee

Request: To approve hiring of one additional full-time program staff and to delegate to the Executive Director the selection of this proposed position and all future new staff, following a hiring process utilizing NJEDA human resources procedures.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Dr. Kornhauser **SECOND:** Ms. Brown **AYES: 9**

Item: Approval of Round 1 Clean Tech Seed Grant award to Faraday Fuels

Request: To approve a Round 1 Clean Tech Seed Grant award to Faraday Fuels for \$75,000.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Mr. Sabina **SECOND:** Dr. Bloom **AYES: 9**

Item: Approval of Delegated Authority to CSIT for Amending Clean Tech Seed Grant and Clean Tech R&D Voucher Awards

Request: To approve giving delegated authority to CSIT for amending Clean Tech Seed Grant and Clean Tech R&D Voucher awards for non- material changes and / or approving a three (3) month no – cost extension requested by awardees.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Dr. Kornhauser **SECOND:** Dr. Bloom **AYES: 9**

UPDATE ON CLEAN TECH VOUCHER PROGRAM – DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Ms. Sheft provided an update on the Clean Tech Voucher program saying that 25 applications were received and six were approved.

UPDATE ON HURRICANE IDA FUNDING

Mr. Sabina advised that the EDA held a Special Board meeting on September 8, 2021 to approve \$10.5 million in emergency appropriations to assist small businesses that suffered damage by Hurricane Ida or Hurricane Henri. The program will provide grants from \$1,000 up to \$5,000 to businesses and nonprofits with 50 full-time employees or less.

NJEDA UPDATE

Ms. Coviello stated that Governor Murphy announced that SOSV and the EDA intend to form a new entity (HAX LLC) to bring SOSV's HAX hard tech startup development program to Newark, where SOSV will establish their U.S. headquarters. The new entity will focus on growing industrial, healthcare and climate startups.

Ms. Coviello stated that Newark was selected as the location for the new HAX program site and headquarters through a competitive search that compared locations across the country.

Ms. Coviello also noted that SOSV Founder Sean O'Sullivan and EDA CEO Tim Sullivan will be part of a panel at the Propelify Innovation Festival in Hoboken on October 6, 2021.

PRESENTATION:

OSHE OPPORTUNITY MEETS INNOVATION CHALLENGE GRANTS

Dr. Brian Bridges, Secretary Of Higher Education, OSHE

Dr. Bridges provided an overview of the Opportunity Meets Innovation Challenge Grants. He stated that \$28.5 million in grants from the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund will be awarded to public and private institutions to implement best practices to invest in students and increase college completion. The institutions must focus on historically disadvantaged, including, low-income students, and underrepresented minorities.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

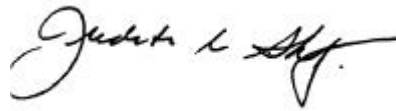
There being no further business, on a motion by Dr. Bloom, and seconded by Dr. Kornhauser, the meeting was adjourned at 11:34 am.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting date for the Commission on Science, Innovation and Technology is scheduled for November 12, 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 September 24, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judith L. Sheft".

Judith Sheft, Executive Director
Secretary