

NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON SCIENCE, INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

May 14, 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; Dr. Joel Bloom, President, NJIT; Charlene Brown, former President AT&T, retired; and Dr. Alain Kornhauser, Princeton University.

Ex-Officio Voting Members: 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.

University Members - Non-Voting: Greg Townsend for Stevens Institute of Technology; and Vince Smeraglia for Rutgers University.

Legislative Member - Non-Voting: Senator Robert Singer.

Member of the Commission absent: Legislative Members- Non-Voting: Assemblyman DePhillips, Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker, and Senator Paul Sarlo.

Also present: Judith Sheft, Executive Director, CSIT; Matt Reagan, Deputy Attorney General; Jamera Sirmans, Governor's Authorities Unit; EDA: 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 April 9, 2021 meeting minutes.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Ms. Hart **SECOND:** Dr. Bloom **AYES:** 7

Chairman Doshi abstained because he was absent from the meeting.

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

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

Dr. Alain Kornhauser joined the meeting at this time.

Ms. Brown joined the meeting at this time.

Chairman Doshi asked Ms. Sheft to summarize the approval item before the Board.

SUNRAY SCIENTIFIC INC.

Ms. Sheft stated that the Members of the Commission on Science, Innovation and Technology requested to approve the following modification for SunRay Scientific Inc:

(1): Amend its February 5, 2021 approval of one (1) grant of \$25,000 in funding as part of the Direct Financial Assistance component of the SBIR/STTR Program from SunRay Scientific, LLC to SunRay Scientific Inc.

(2): Approve delegated authority to the CSIT Executive Director to make program approvals / amendments and declinations that are routine and administrative in nature (up to \$100,000) to enable efficient operation of approved programs.

REQUEST: SunRay Scientific Inc.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Ms. Hart

SECOND: Dr. Bloom

AYES: 9

FOR INFORMATION ONLY: Ms. Sheft provided updates on the Clean Tech Seed Grant and Voucher Programs, and the CSIT Budget.

VIRTUAL INTRODUCTION TO CENTER FOR DISCOVERY AND INNOVATION - HACKENSACK MERIDIAN HEALTH

Dr. David Perlin - CSO/SVP and Professor

Ms. Sheft introduced Dr. David Perlin - CSO/SVP and Professor, Hackensack Meridian Health and requested that he begin his presentation.

Dr. Perlin provided the historical background of Center for Discovery and Innovation (CDI and provided an overview on a wide range of topics including CDI leadership, their work in oncology, infectious diseases, STEM cell applications as well as their partnerships with various medical affiliates. He also noted that Hackensack Meridian Health was profiled on the 60 Minutes television for their work on Plasma therapy during the COVID19 pandemic.

Dr. Perlin also suggested that the State's universities form a consortium of sorts and work together to obtain federal grants and compete with the state of Massachusetts.

Mr. Doshi thanked Dr. Perlin for informative presentation.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

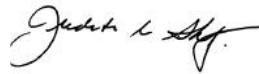
There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Hart, and seconded by Dr. Brian, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting date for the Commission on Science, Innovation and Technology is scheduled for June 25, 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 May 14, 2021.



Judith Sheft, Executive Director
Secretary