

**The College of New Jersey
Board of Trustees
May 1, 2025**

**Brower Student Center 225
Minutes of the Public Meeting**

Present: Carl Gibbs, Chair; James Allen; Kevin Drennan; Eleanor Horne; Rosie Hymerling; Yuki Moore Laurenti; Sumit Mukherjee; Rebecca Ostrov; James Schulz; Allen Silk (via telephone); Maddie Urbish; Treby Williams; AnnMarie Ekladious, Student Trustee; Kevin Janas, Alternate Student Trustee; Trevor O’Grady, Faculty Representative to the Board; Matt Bender, Faculty Representative to the Board; Desi Fioravanti, Staff Representative to the Board; Raj Manimaran, Staff Representative to the Board; Michael Bernstein, President

Not Present: Priscilla Nunez; Tammy Tibbetts

I. Announcement of Compliance

A. It is hereby announced and recorded that the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act as to proper notification as to time and place of meeting have been satisfied.

II. New Business

A. Swearing in of New Trustee

General Counsel Michael Canavan swore in Trustee Yuki Moore Laurenti.

B. Report of the Board Officers Nominating Committee

Trustee Williams reported for the Board Officers Nominating Committee. The Committee nominated Sumit Mukherjee for vice-chair.

It was moved by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Allen, that the nomination be approved. Mr. Schulz abstained, the motion passed.

C. Report of the Executive Committee

1. Resolution Honoring AnnMarie Ekladious for Service to The College of New Jersey Board of Trustees – Attachment A

Chair Gibbs and President Bernstein thanked Student Trustee Ekladious for her service to the board and her dedication and commitment to The College of New Jersey.

It was moved by Ms. Hymerling, seconded by Ms. Ostrov that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Report of the Business & Infrastructure Committee

Trustee Silk reported for the committee.

1. The College of New Jersey Board of Trustees Resolution Approving TCNJ Participation in PSE&G Engineered Solutions Energy Efficiency Program – Attachment B

It was moved by Ms. Hymerling, seconded by Ms. Williams, that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Resolution Approving Capital Projects over \$1 Million – Attachment C

It was moved by Ms. Hymerling, seconded by , that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Report of the Audit, Risk Management and Compliance Committee

Trustee Williams reported for the committee.

1. Resolution Approving Waivers of Advertising for College Business Purposes (ARMC) – Attachment D

It was moved by Mr. Drennan, seconded by Ms. Urbish, that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Report of the Mission Fulfillment Committee

Trustee Schulz reported for the committee.

G. Report of the Inclusive Excellence Committee

Trustee Allen reported for the committee in Trustee Nunez' absence.

III. Annual Tuition Hearing

President Bernstein and Interim CFO Schweigert presented information on the preliminary FY26 Budget and tuition recommendations. The Board will consider a final FY26 recommendation, including tuition and fees at its June 26, 2025 public meeting.

IV. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Allen, seconded by Ms. Hymerling, that the following resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Be It

Resolved: That the next public meeting of The College of New Jersey Board of Trustees, will be held on Thursday, June 26, 2025 at a time and location to be announced.

Be It

Further

Resolved: That this meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Heather M. Fehn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Heather M. Fehn

VP, Chief of Staff, and Secretary to the Board of Trustees

**Resolution Honoring
Ms. AnnMarie Ekladious
For Service to
The College of New Jersey Board of Trustees**

Whereas: Ms. AnnMarie Ekladious has served the community of The College of New Jersey for the past three years through active involvement in college standing committees, academic and social organizations, and community service; and

Whereas: In addition to Ms. Ekladious' dedication to her academic work in Political Science, she has held multiple leadership roles on campus serving as a College Ambassador, Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Program Assistant, Office of Co-Curricular and Leadership Development Intern and Founding Member and Treasurer of the Middle Eastern & North African Association; and

Whereas: Ms. Ekladious was elected to the Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society, Alpha Alpha Alpha Honor Society, Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society and is a recent TCNJ Blue and Gold Hall of Fame Inductee; and

Whereas: Ms. Ekladious was elected by the student body in 2023 to serve a year as Alternate Student Trustee followed by a year as a voting member of the Board as the Student Representative Trustee on The College's Board of Trustees; and

Whereas: During her time on the board, Ms. Ekladious served as a member of the Mission Fulfillment, Business and Infrastructure, and Inclusive Excellence Committees consistently asking thoughtful questions and offering unique insights on issues brought before the board.

Therefore,
Be It

Resolved: That The College of New Jersey Board of Trustees honors Ms. AnnMarie Ekladious for her service to the Board and to the State of New Jersey and wishes her continued success in her future professional and educational pursuits.

**The College of New Jersey Board of Trustees
Resolution Approving TCNJ Participation in
PSE&G Engineered Solutions Energy Efficiency Program**

- WHEREAS** The Board of Trustees is authorized by statute (N.J.S.A. 18A:64-1 *et seq.*) to enter into contracts and agreements for the purchase of, among other things, materials, supplies, and services; and
- WHEREAS** PSE&G offers an Engineered Solutions Energy Efficiency Program (“the Program”) to commercial and institutional customers pursuant to which PSE&G provides an energy audit to identify energy efficiency investment opportunities as well as cost sharing and interest free financing to complete measures identified by the audit; and
- WHEREAS** Pursuant to the Program, PSE&G will share in the project cost for the energy savings measures identified in the energy audit by paying 55% of the project cost and will allow TCNJ to repay its 45% share of the project cost through a five-year interest-free on-bill repayment schedule following completion of the project; and
- WHEREAS** PSE&G’s audit of TCNJ’s facilities identified energy savings measures that would cost up to \$14 million, of which TCNJ would be responsible for repayment of up to \$6.3 million; and
- WHEREAS** The College has determined the net savings to the College attributable to the energy savings measures will be greater than \$6.5 million over ten years after the repayment; and
- WHEREAS** The Business and Infrastructure Committee has reviewed and duly considered the College’s participation in the Program, and the Business and Infrastructure Committee has recommended approval of such participation by the Board;
- THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED:** That the Board of Trustees hereby approves the participation of TCNJ in PSE&G’s Engineered Solutions Energy Efficiency Program as set forth in that Program’s Master Customer Agreement, and authorizes the President or his designee to execute all documents necessary to effectuate such participation.

Resolution Approving Capital Project Budgets Over \$1 Million

- Whereas:** The College Administration recommends that the following capital and operating projects be undertaken which are consistent with the mission and strategic plan of the College; and
- Whereas:** The estimated project cost is greater than one million dollars or of special interest; and
- Whereas:** The individual projects and their respective budgets have been reviewed and are recommended by the Business and Infrastructure Committee, a subcommittee of The College of New Jersey Board of Trustees; and
- Therefore, Be It Resolved That:** The College of New Jersey Board of Trustees approves the following projects and associated budgets for purposes as designated herein.

PROJECT NAME	AMOUNT	ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE	FUNDING SOURCE
The Trenton Hall Welcome Center project including renovation of educational and administrative space throughout the building.	\$5,200,000.00	April 2027	Asset Renewal Reserves

**Resolution Approving Waivers
Of Advertising
For College Business Purposes
(Audit, Risk Management and Compliance Committee)**

Whereas: State College Contracts Law permits waivers of advertising for specified purchases in excess of \$110,900, and

Whereas: The Law provides that such waivers shall be approved by The College of New Jersey Board of Trustees, and

Whereas: Waiver requests have been reviewed and are recommended by the Audit, Risk Management and Compliance Committee, a subcommittee of The College of New Jersey Board of Trustees,

**Therefore,
Be It**

Resolved: The College of New Jersey Board of Trustees approves waivers to the following vendors for purposes as designated herein:

VENDOR	PURPOSE	FUNDING SOURCE
Aetna Student Health Agency, Inc. \$165,005	Additional Student Health Insurance for FY25	Student Charges
Association Member Benefit Advisors, LLC/ Liberty International Underwriters \$150,000	Student Professional Liability Insurance for New Jersey State Colleges and Universities Insurance Consortium Member Institutions	College Operating And Reimbursement From Other Consortium Members