The meeting began at @ 11 a.m.

1. **ROLL CALL**
   Ms. Kelly called the roll and reported a quorum present.

2. **STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE – OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**
   Ms. Kelly read the statement of compliance and reported the meeting had been properly advertised and was in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 17, 2012**
   Chair Morell requested a motion for approval of the minutes of the September 17, 2012 public meeting. The motion was made and seconded, and the board approved the minutes. Mr. Trabert abstained from voting as he was not present at the September meeting.

4. **CHAIR’S REPORT**
   Chair Morell welcomed everyone to the Board meeting and asked her committee chairs to provide brief reports. Trustee Baltimore reported the Student and University Affairs Committee met December 7, 2012 and discussed, among other items, the draft resolutions for student housing rental rates in 2014. Trustee Lewis reported the Academic Policy and Programs Committee met on December 7, 2012 and reviewed, among other items, faculty personnel actions, a resolution authorizing and agreement between the university and Mercer County College, and the submission of a substantive change application to MSCHE related to the Kean Wenzhou initiative. Trustee Gibbons reported the Legal & Personnel Committee met on December 7, 2012 and reviewed administrative appointments and reappointments, as well as legal matters. Dr. Bistocchi reported on a meeting of the Audit Committee on December 7, 2012, where the annual audit report was reviewed with the university’s external auditors. The audit found no material
weaknesses and no significant deficiencies. Trustee D’Agostino reported the Facilities and Finance Committees met jointly earlier that morning and discussed resolutions related to the university’s agreement with Barnes & Noble, the next step in a public/private partnership housing initiative, and a series of bid waivers.

Chair Morell thanked the trustees for their committee report. She congratulated President Dawood Farahi and the entire campus community for the tremendous effort and hard work that resulted in the reaffirmation of the University’s accreditation in November 2012. She also thanked her fellow board members for devoting their time and leadership in the months leading up the MSCHE decision. And, she reiterated her commitment as chair to continuing an open dialogue with campus constituencies on key topics.

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
President Farahi also thanked the campus community, and Dr. Jeffrey Toney in particular, for all of their hard work on the reaccreditation effort. He said the university can move forward as a strong institution now, but noted there was still work to do in areas such as student advisement, updating programming and introducing new programs to addressed economic trends.

Dr. Farahi reported Hurricane Sandy’s impact on campus, noting strong preparation work by Campus Planning and Facilities helped minimize the damage on campus; Ocean County College was not as fortunate, he said. Dr. Farahi asked Vice President of Student Affairs Janice Murray Laury to brief the Board and the audience on student services during the storm. Ms. Murray Laury noted the campus was closed, but about 90 students remained on site. Residence Life, Campus Police and Campus Planning pulled together to provide all of the students with the services, the safety and even the entertainment they needed to weather the storm. The board heard from a student who stayed on campus, as well as Denis Castonon, the director of student life.

Dr. Farahi then introduced Professor Rose Gonnella, executive director of the Robert Busch School of Design. Prof. Gonnella reported on the various accomplishments and impressive awards earned by students in the design programs. She then noted that one Kean graduate, Manik Rathee, had been a key player in the Obama re-election effort—so much so that he got a hug from President Obama on election night! She introduced Manik, who said a few words about well Kean prepared him for his work in the real world.

Last, Dr. Farahi reported that the Kean Wenzhou initiative continues to progress; more than 200 students are enrolled in the pilot initiative in Wenzhou currently, and the application for substantive change will be filed with Middle States in January.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
The Board received public comments from Dr. James Castiglione, Dorinda Cosimano, Victoria Stewart, Dr. Kathleen Henderson and Isaac Zaksenberg. Copies of their comments, where provided, will be filed with these minutes.

7. **RESOLUTION ADVISING THE PUBLIC OF A CLOSED SESSION**
Ms. Kelly read the resolution advising the public of a closed session of the Kean University Board of Trustees on Saturday, December 8, 2012. Chair Morell requested a motion to approve the resolution. A motion was made, seconded and the resolution was unanimously approved by the board.

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
The Board entered executive session at approximately 11:55 p.m.
The Board returned from executive session at approximately 1:30 p.m.

9. **REPORT OF THE STUDENT AND UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**
Trustee Baltimore, committee chair, presented the following items for consideration:

9.1 Resolution Establishing the Residence Hall Rental Rates for FY2014

9.2 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Public Advertising and Bidding
   Professional Services
   Campus Lab, LLC
   Not to Exceed $45,000

Motions were made and seconded, and the full Board approved the resolutions.

10. **REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC POLICY AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**
Trustee Lewis presented the following items for consideration:

10.1 Faculty Appointments, Resignations and Retirements

10.2 Faculty Reappointments and Non-Reappointments

10.3 Sabbatical Leave Recommendations for FY13

10.4 Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of an Articulation Program in Sustainability Science with Mercer County Community College

10.5 Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Additional Location
Application to the Middle States Commission on Higher Education

Motions were made and seconded, and the full Board approved the personnel actions, the sabbaticals and the resolutions.

11. REPORT OF THE LEGAL AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Trustee Gibbons, committee chair, presented the following personnel actions for board consideration:

11.1 Personnel Actions—Administrative

11.2 President’s Nomination of Professional Staff for Reappointment Contracts

11.3 Professional Staff Non-reappointments

The personnel actions were moved, seconded, and unanimously approved by the full Board.

12. REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE
Trustee Bistocchi reported the Audit Committee met to review the annual external auditors reported and presented the following resolution for board consideration:

12.1 Resolution Accepting the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2012 by Wiss & Company

Motion was made and seconded, and the full Board approved the resolution.

13. REPORT OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEES
Trustee D’Agostino, chair of the Facilities Committee, reported the committees met jointly, and presented the following resolutions for full Board consideration:

13.1 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Public Advertising and Bidding for the Award of a Contract Extension to Barnes & Noble College Booksellers

13.2 Resolution Authorizing the President and/or His Designee to Execute a Partnership Agreement with the Michaels Organization to Pursue a Public/Private Partnership Initiative for Campus Housing

13.3 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Public Bidding for Specified Professional Services
Professional Services | Not to Exceed
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Gruskin Architecture & Design | $200,000
Feodore Design | $60,000
PROCEED, Inc. | $115,000 (FY13)
                     | $115,000 (FY14)

A motion was made and seconded for each resolution; Trustee Cockren noted publicly that the committees had an extensive discussion on the public/private partnership initiative which is a strong move for the university going forward. Each resolution was approved by the full board.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**
There being no further business before the board, Chair Morell adjourned the meeting at approximately 2 p.m.

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