

KEAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2022****11 AM KEAN OCEAN GATEWAY BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR AUDITORIUM**

PRESENT: Steve Fastook, Chair; Chair; Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, Secretary; Dave Gibbons, Linda Lewis, Rajeev Malhotra, Matthew McDermott, Ada Morell, Ed Oatman, Rick Torres, Richard Trabert; Jeremiah Monteiro, Alternate Student Trustee; Dr. Lamont Repollet, President; Board Secretary Audrey Kelly, Assistant Secretary Michelle Freestone

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Barbara Sobel, Bertha Little-Mathews, John Kean, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT: Itunu Balogun, Andrew Brannen, Kate Gallagher, Kristin Ganley, Dr. Sancha Gray, Marsha McCarthy, William Miller, Dr. Michael Salvatore, Karen Smith, Felice Vazquez

The meeting began at @ 11:03 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 was properly advertised and in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

3. **CHAIR'S COMMENTS**

Chair Fastook thanked everyone for attending the meeting and noted how great it was to be back in person on a bustling campus. He congratulated President Repollet, the Board and the entire Kean community for its outstanding work on the re-accreditation process and led a round of applause for the 10-year reaccreditation recently awarded by MSCHE. He also congratulated Prof. Robin Landa from the Michael Graves College for her most recent publication, noting she is one of the most prolific and successful authors on Kean's faculty.

4. **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

The President welcomed everyone to the Kean Ocean campus for the first in-person board meeting in more than two years. He noted the importance of Kean's partnership with Ocean County College. He also thanked the board for its support throughout the year and emphasized the progress the University is making on issues of excellence, equity and access.

The President congratulated the entire Kean community for its work on the Self-

Study and the re-accreditation process. He noted the broad campus camaraderie and teamwork that made the re-accreditation process successful.

He noted two recent campus events—the annual Human Rights conference and the Student Town Hall – that emphasized the work Kean is doing in the area of equity, and congratulated the efforts of University Relations and the partnership with the Red Bulls soccer organization.

He then introduced Dr. Jessica Adams, associate dean of Kean Ocean, who shared a presentation about programming and new initiatives on the Kean Ocean campus. The presentation included remarks from two Kean Ocean students—one graduate, Frank Capone, and one undergraduate, Brielle Mowad – and a faculty member, Prof. Alex Stribling. A copy will be kept with the minutes.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Board did not receive requests for public comments.

6. **ITEMS OF THE STUDENT AND UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Trustee Trabert, Committee Chair, noted the committee met to discuss a number of items now on the Board's agenda and to receive updates on various student affairs, athletics and enrollment matters. Trustee Trabert moved the following resolutions for Board consideration:

6.1 Resolution Establishing Student Housing Rental Rates for FY24

6.2 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Public Bidding and Advertising for Advertising, Recruitment for FY23

<u>Advertising, Recruitment</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
SWISH LLC	\$615,000 (<i>amends fy23</i>)
Spotify USA Inc.	\$160,000
TCT LLC	\$120,000

The Chair opened the floor for questions on the resolution. The resolution was moved and seconded, and approved by the full Board.

7. **ITEMS OF THE LEGAL AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Trustee Gibbons noted the committee met to review various items including the personnel actions and bid waiver now before the board for consideration. He then moved the following items:

7.1 Personnel Actions—Administrative

7.2 President's Nomination of Professional Staff for Reappointment

- 7.3 Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Waiver of Public Bidding and Advertising for FY23

<u>Professional Legal Services</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Saiber LLC	\$500,000

Chair Fastook asked for questions on the personnel actions and the resolutions. The items were seconded and approved by the Board.

8. ITEMS OF THE ACADEMIC POLICY AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Trustee Bistocchi, Committee Chair, noted the committee met and discussed various items, including the action items now before the Board for consideration. He moved each of the following items:

- 8.1 Personnel Actions –Faculty
- 8.2 Faculty Reappointments
- 8.3 President’s Nominations for Continuation of At-Will Administrative Appointment with Faculty Rank
- 8.4 Resolutions Authorizing the Waiver of Public Advertising and Bidding for FY23

<u>Library Services</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
VALE/NJEDGE	\$415,000

<u>Student Funded Contract, HOSA</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
HOSA-Future Health Professionals	\$110,000

The Chair asked if there were questions on each item. The items were seconded and approved by the Board.

9. ITEMS OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND AUDIT COMMITTEES

Trustee Matthew McDermott reported the committees met to discuss various items related to university finances. He moved each of the following items to the full Board for consideration:

- 9.1 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Public Bidding and Advertising for FY23 and FY23-26

<u>Recruitment Services</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Ruffalo Noel Levitz	\$185,000
<u>Commencement Venue</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Devils Arena/Prudential Center	\$180,000
NJ Performing Arts Center	\$135,000
<u>Info Technology</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
CITIC Telecom International	\$650,000* (<i>*total for 3-year contract</i>)

Chair Fastook asked if the Board had any questions on any of the resolutions or bid waivers recommended by the joint Finance and Audit Committees. Each resolution was seconded and approved by the Board.

10. ITEMS OF THE FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Oatman, Committee Chair, noted the committee met to discuss several items, including the resolutions on the full Board agenda. He noted all resolutions are for items publicly bid. He then moved the following resolutions:

- 10.1 Resolution Authorizing the President to Award Contracts to Qualified Firms for Excavation Services: Bid No. K22-8-3-1
- 10.2 Resolution Authorizing the University to Contract with DeSesa Engineering Co., Inc. for the Miron Student Center (MSC) HVAC Renovation Project: Bid No. K22-8-11-2

Chair Fastook asked if the Board had any questions on each resolution. Each resolution was seconded and approved by the full Board.

11. ITEMS OF THE EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Trustee Little-Mathews, Committee Chair, noted the committee met to discuss several items, including the resolution on the full Board agenda. She then moved the following resolutions:

- 11.1 Resolutions Authorizing the Waiver of Public Bidding and Advertising for Professional Services in FY23

<u>Professional Services</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Mercury Group LLC	\$125,000

Chair Fastook asked if the Board had any questions on the resolution. The resolution was seconded and approved by the full Board.

12. RESOLUTION ADVISING THE PUBLIC OF A CLOSED MEETING

Ms. Kelly read the resolution advising of a closed session. A motion was made, seconded and the Board unanimously approved the resolution.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered Executive Session at approximately 11:45 a.m.

14. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board returned to Public Session at approximately 1:05 p.m.

15. FINAL APPROVAL OF MINUTES –DECEMBER 3, 2022

Chair Fastook requested a motion for approval of the minutes of the December 3, 2022 public meeting. A motion was made and seconded, and the board approved the minutes.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:10 p.m.