

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
Special Joint Meeting of the Boards
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
May 19, 2025

A special joint meeting of the Board of Governors and Board of Trustees of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, was held on Monday, May 19, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room of Winants Hall, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Mr. Amy Towers, Chair, presided over the Board of Governors; and Ms. Amy Mansue, Chair, presided over the Board of Trustees.

Present and constituting a quorum from the Board of Governors were Angelson (via Zoom), Copeland (via Zoom), Crosta, DiMartino (via Zoom), Dougherty, Helmy, Lal, Manigan, Taffet, Taylor, Towers, and Zubair.

Absent were Piazza and Schwartz.

Also present were Foster, Pierce, and Searcy, senate representatives to the Board of Governors.

Present and constituting a quorum from the Board of Trustees were Amjad, Bender (Jennifer), Boguchwal, Caldwell Epps (via Zoom), Case, Chaplin, Christ (via Zoom), Chropuvka (via Zoom), Covington, Druskin (via Zoom), Edelman (via Zoom), Elkins, Foglio, Gillis, Harris (David), Hendricks, Johnson, Le-Cadre, Lew, MacDonald (via Zoom), Mansue, McCarthy, Papamarkou, Perez, Redd, Rivers, Servance, and Wilson.

Also present were Trustees Emeriti Cantor (via Zoom), Chyb, DePetris (via Zoom), DiMartino (via Zoom), Harris (Wilma), Hershhorn, Hundley, Jhaveri (via Zoom), Nachtigal (via Zoom), Paranicas, Rears, Schmidt (via Zoom), Stevenson (via Zoom), and Tuosto.

Absent were Azzara, de los Rios, DuHaime, Falzon, Fox, Friedman, Martin, Sampson-Landers, and Scalo.¹

Also attending was Purcell (via Zoom), senate representative to the Board of Trustees.

Attending for the University administration were Ballentine, Conway, Farmer, Gower, Holloway, Melillo, Moghe, Pastva, Pfeiffer, Robinson, Strom (via Zoom), Tillis, and Zwick.

ANNOUNCEMENT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 231, PUBLIC LAW 1975
(OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT)

Ms. Towers called on Ms. Kimberlee Pastva, Secretary of the University, who announced that pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231 (Open Public Meetings Act), public notice of the Board of Governors and Board of Trustees meetings was filed on May 17, 2025 with the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey and three newspapers, the Cherry Hill *Courier-Post*, the New Brunswick *Home News Tribune*, and the Newark *Star-Ledger*. Public notice of the meetings was posted in the following University

¹ Members of the Board of Trustees who were scheduled to attend Convocations at the time of this meeting were asked to fulfill those commitments by Ms. Mansue, in support of the University's students.

libraries: the Alexander Library, New Brunswick; the Dana Library, Newark; and the Robeson Library, Camden. In addition, notice of the meeting was posted on the Rutgers Website, under Governing Boards.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

Secretary Pastva asked the members of the Board if they had read the meeting agenda and if anyone had a possible conflict of interest to disclose. Board members indicated that no conflicts existed.

RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Towers called on Ms. Mansue, who read and moved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors and Board of Trustees meet jointly in immediate closed session on this date to discuss matters falling under the attorney-client privilege, contract negotiations, and personnel matters regarding the appointment of an executive-level member of the administration in accordance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, Section C, Paragraph 7, Items b(7) and (8). The Board of Governors and the Board of Trustees are expected to take action on the appointment when the boards return to open session. Madam Chair, I so move.]

The motion was seconded, unanimously approved, and the Board of Governors and Board of Trustees moved into Closed Session.

RESUMPTION OF OPEN SESSION

The Board resumed the public session of the meeting at approximately 11:00 a.m.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS' APPOINTMENT OF THE 22nd PRESIDENT OF RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY

Ms. Towers stated that resolutions will be proposed to the Board of Governors and Board of Trustees appointing Dr. William F. Tate IV as the 22nd President of Rutgers University. Ms. Towers reviewed the selection process, noting that Rutgers engaged WittKieffer, a nationally recognized leader in higher education recruiting, and convened a search committee consisting of 20 individuals, including distinguished professors, faculty, staff, and students, across all campuses; and community leaders. Ms. Towers added that the University held listening sessions; created a website that was updated regularly; and opened a public email address. She stated that the process was extensive and inclusive, and that a formal search was launched in January, only to be met by a flurry of executive orders and attacks on higher education, which made the search process challenging. She reported that WittKieffer provided the search committee with an exceptional group of candidates, and that after several interviews, the Board of Governors and the Chair of the Board of Trustees selected Dr. Tate as the recommendation. Ms. Towers reviewed Dr. Tate's qualifications and his experience in navigating a large, public, multi-campus, diverse research institution with a strong athletics program at Louisiana State University. Ms. Towers called upon Mr. Lal, who read and moved the following proposed resolution on the Board of Governors' Appointment of the 22nd President of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey:

WHEREAS, in accordance with the 1956 Rutgers, The State University Law (N.J.S.A. 18A:65-1 et seq.), the Board of Governors is vested with the authority to elect the President of the Corporation and the University, with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, on October 31, 2024, Ms. Amy Towers, Chair of the Board of Governors, initiated the process to identify President Jonathan Holloway’s successor, who announced on September 17, 2024 that he would step down as President as of June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on November 27, 2024, the Board of Governors announced the appointment of a Presidential Search Committee comprised of 20 members selected through a thoughtful and deliberate nomination process to ensure balanced representation across Rutgers’ diverse campuses and constituencies, including students, staff, faculty, alumni, and community partners; and

WHEREAS, the Presidential Search Committee was co-chaired by Ms. Amy Towers and Dr. Alberto Cuitiño, Dean of the Rutgers School of Engineering and a Distinguished Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, and had as its other members the following individuals:

Matthew Colagiovanni

Deputy Athletic Director – Facilities, Capital Projects, and Internal Operations

Dan DiFilippo

Chair of the Rutgers University Foundation Board of Directors

Monica Driscoll

Distinguished Professor of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry in the School of Arts and Sciences at Rutgers University–New Brunswick

Marika Dunn

Executive Director of Research Relationships in the Rutgers Office for Research

Lucille Foster

Chair of the Rutgers University Senate

Parimal Garg

Partner at the law firm Lowenstein Sandler LLP

Oscar Holmes IV

Associate Professor and the Director of the Rutgers University Student Executive Program at the Rutgers School of Business–Camden

Frank Hundley

Trustee Emeritus of the Rutgers Board of Trustees, a former member of the Rutgers Board of Governors, and a former chair of the Camden Board of Directors.

Manuel Jimenez

Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Family Medicine and Community Health and the Director of Research at the Boggs Center on Disability and Human Development at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in Rutgers Health

Kenneth Johnson

Vice Chair of the Rutgers Board of Trustees

Mark Manigan

Member of the Board of Governors

Rebecca Mezei

Student at Rutgers Law School at Rutgers University–Camden

Jose Ramirez-Garofalo

Doctoral candidate and a teaching assistant in the Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Natural Resources in the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences and enrolled in the School of Graduate Studies at Rutgers University–New Brunswick

Savayra Rao

Student majoring in applied mathematics and urban secondary education at the School of Arts and Sciences at Rutgers University–Newark and Vice President of the Rutgers–Newark Student Governing Association.

Alejandro Ruiz

University Safety Officer at Rutgers and the Executive Director of Rutgers Environmental Health and Safety

Jaideep Vaidya

Distinguished Professor of Computer Information Systems at Rutgers Business School–Newark and New Brunswick and the Director of the Rutgers Institute for Data Science, Learning, and Applications at Rutgers University–Newark

Gloria Vanderham

Chair of the Rutgers University Alumni Association

Nyeema Watson

Senior Vice Chancellor for Strategy, Diversity, and Community Engagement at Rutgers University–Camden

WHEREAS, the Presidential Search Committee sought out and reviewed the candidacies of hundreds of individuals and interviewed and carefully studied the credentials and backgrounds of the most distinguished individuals among those identified; and

WHEREAS, the Presidential Search Committee recommended the names of candidates in unranked order to the Board of Governors who, in turn, interviewed and reviewed the credentials and backgrounds of this final slate of candidates and selected Dr. William F. Tate IV as the top candidate; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tate is currently the President of Louisiana State University (“LSU”), serving as chief executive and academic officer of both the LSU system and the LSU flagship campus; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tate previously served as Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost at the University of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tate has outstanding academic credentials, including a Ph.D. in Mathematics Education from the University of Maryland, College Park, an M.P.E. from Washington University, St. Louis, M.A. from the University of Texas, and a B.S. from Northern Illinois University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tate has numerous publications, honors, and memberships, including elections to the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, National Academy of Education, and Fellow status in the American Educational Research Association; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors found Dr. Tate to be a knowledgeable, charismatic, and accomplished academic leader who possesses the leadership qualities and vision essential to advance the quality and overall growth and development of the University, and to bring the University’s educational, research and service programming to the highest levels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Dr. William F. Tate IV is hereby elected the 22nd President of the Corporation (Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey) and of the University, subject to the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees, and that Dr. Tate, as President, shall serve as the University’s chief academic and administrative officer and be vested by the Board of Governors with corresponding authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dr. Tate is hereby appointed a University Professor and Distinguished Professor with academic tenure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dr. Tate’s appointment as President, University Professor, and Distinguished Professor with academic tenure shall be effective on July 1, 2025 and that Dr. Tate shall thereafter hold office as President of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, indefinitely at the pleasure of the Board of Governors subject to the terms of his signed appointment letter dated May 14, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Governors charges Dr. Tate with the task of carrying forward the development of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, as a national leader in the great state university and land grant tradition, serving the interests of the people of the State of New Jersey, the nation, and the world in the areas of scholarship and research; undergraduate, graduate, and professional education; healthcare; and public service, and the Board of Governors further charges Dr. Tate to set the highest standards of excellence in all of the University’s endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Governors seeks the consent of the Board of Trustees on this appointment.

The motion was seconded, and there being no discussion, the Board of Governors unanimously approved the Proposed Resolution on the Board of Governor's Appointment of the 22nd President of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONSENTING TO
THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS' APPOINTMENT OF
THE 22nd PRESIDENT OF RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY**

Ms. Towers turned the floor over to Ms. Mansue, who stated that the Board of Governors has elected Dr. William F. Tate IV to be the next president of the University, and that it is the Board of Trustees' responsibility to consent to that appointment. Ms. Mansue asked Mr. Kenneth Johnson, Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, to read and move the proposed Resolution of the Board of Trustees Consenting to the Board of Governors' Appointment of the 22nd President of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey:

WHEREAS, in accordance with the 1956 Rutgers, The State University Law (N.J.S.A. 18A:65-1 et seq.), the Board of Trustees is vested with the authority to advise and consent to the appointment of a President of the Corporation and the University; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2024, President Jonathan Holloway announced his decision to step down as President of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, as of June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on November 27, 2024, the Board of Governors announced the appointment of a Presidential Search Committee that included two members of the Board of Trustees, namely, Mr. Kenneth Johnson and Mr. Frank Hundley; and

WHEREAS, the above-named Trustee and Emeritus, as well as the other members of the Presidential Search Committee, sought out and reviewed the candidacies of hundreds of individuals and interviewed and carefully studied the credentials and backgrounds of the most distinguished individuals among those identified; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors has acted to appoint Dr. William F. Tate IV to be President of the Corporation (Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey) and of the University, as memorialized in the attached resolution adopted by the Board of Governors on May 19, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Trustee members of the Presidential Search Committee and the Chair of the Board of Trustees, Ms. Amy Mansue, who participated in the Board of Governors' interview process, concur in the judgment of the Board of Governors that Dr. William Tate possesses the leadership abilities, academic credentials, intelligence, and administrative skills to enable him to serve with distinction as this University's 22nd president, and recommended approval by the Board of Trustees of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2025, the Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed the credentials and qualifications of Dr. Tate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, hereby consents to the appointment by the Board of Governors of Dr. William F. Tate IV as President of the Corporation (Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey) and of the University and charges Dr. Tate with the conduct of this great state University in accordance with the law and with the policies of this University and in service to the people of the State of New Jersey and of the nation.

Attachment: Resolution on the Board of Governors Appointment of the 22nd President of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Ms. Mansue then called for a motion that was seconded, and there being no discussion, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the Resolution Consenting to the Board of Governors' Resolution on the Appointment of Dr. William F. Tate IV to be the 22nd President of Rutgers University.

ADJOURNMENT

The special joint meeting of the Board of Governors and Board of Trustees adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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