



**ROWAN COLLEGE at BURLINGTON COUNTY  
SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
APRIL 6, 2026  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Committee Members Present:** Ms. Nina Bonner, Mr. Thomas Braddock, Kevin Brown, Dr. Darvis Holley, Mr. Ramesh Jayaram, Mr. Dorion Morgan, Mr. Gino Pasqualone (virtual), Ms. Jannine Veasy, Mr. Edward Waters, and Mr. Curtis White

**Committee Members Excused:** Ms. Kershie Ambroise

**RCBC Staff/Faculty/Guests Present:** Dr. David Spang, Mr. Mark Tabakin, Mr. Stephen Edelstein

Trustee Thomas Braddock called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

The meeting began with the flag salute followed by Ms. Leidalis Cardona reading the roll call of the Trustees, and Ms. Ashley Pezzolla reciting the Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

As noted on the agenda, the purpose of the Executive Session will be for attorney client privileged discussion. There will not be any action taken during the Executive Session, however, the employee who requested that this portion of the discussion should be compelled into public.

Trustee Thomas Braddock asked for a motion to convene into Executive Session. With a motion from Trustee Curtis White and a second from Trustee Darvis Holley, and upon roll call, the motion passed with all in favor.

Upon the Executive Session adjourning, the staff, faculty, and any public guests rejoined the open session. Trustee Thomas Braddock asked for a motion to reconvene. With a motion from Trustee Edward Waters, and a second from Trustee Dorion Morgan, and upon a formal roll call, the motion passed unanimously.

Next, Attorney Mark Tabakin, from The Weiner Law Group, presented one item for approval:

- **Resolution number 2026-04-02A:** *BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Rowan College at Burlington County Board of Trustees, having provided all notice required by the Open Public Meetings Act and having afforded Employee 1440687 appropriate notice and the opportunity to request public discussion of her personnel matter, hereby undertakes a de novo review of the employment matter concerning Employee 1440687; and *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, that following such de novo consideration, the Board hereby authorizes and approves the termination of Employee 1440687's employment with the College, effective December 18, 2025, and, to the fullest extent permitted by law, reaffirms and re-authorizes the personnel action previously taken on December 18, 2025.

Mr. Tabakin asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-04-02A, with a motion from Trustee Gino Pasqualone, and a second from Trustee Thomas Braddock. There were no questions or concerns, so upon roll call of the Trustees, the motion passed unanimously, with one abstention from Trustee Edward Waters, as Mr. Waters was newly sworn to the Board and could not vote in good faith.

Trustee Thomas Braddock opened the floor to comments from the public. Ms. Jeanne Paulsen was first to speak, and started off by stating she enjoyed her time working for President Cioce in the RCBC community, but the actions by the "new board" as ex Chair Kennedy like to call the Board are just a continuation of blatant retaliation for her support of President Cioce and are combined whistle-blowing about nefarious acts by many present tonight and outside "influences" not present this evening. Know that there are many falls and defamatory statements in Mr. Tabakin's rice notice of April 3rd that formed the basis of her dismissal. Rest assured that those making and endorsing those statements will be held personally accountable. Ms. Paulsen suggested that the Board consult with an attorney, perhaps Dorion Morgan of the Board, or maybe Mr. Evan Crook, to confirm that punitive damages are not paid by RCBC or its insurance commission, and instead will come out of the Board's pockets. Ms. Paulsen also stated that she is looking forward to suing all the Trustees who voted 'Yes' on December 18th in court.

Finally, Trustee Thomas Braddock called for a motion to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Darvis Holley  
Board of Trustees Secretary