The meeting was called to order by Chair Cohen at 4:00 p.m. at the Agile Strategy Lab, Central King Building, as well as by electronic means through a dedicated WebEx meeting line which was publicly advertised. In attendance were: Chair Cohen, Vice-Chairs Clayton (by WebEx), DeNichilo, Montalto and Taylor, and Board Members Baynes, Cistaro (by WebEx), Dahms, Hu (by WebEx), Maser (by WebEx), Stamatis (by WebEx) and Toft.

Senior Administration Present: In attendance were President Bloom, Provost and Sr. Executive Vice President Deek, Sr. Vice President and Treasurer Bishof, Sr. Vice President Christ, Vice Presidents Alexo, McLeod and Nynens, Dean Boger, Chief Strategy Officer Golden and Vice President and Secretary Stern (all in person).

1. In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Chair Cohen read the following statement:

   “Notice of this Meeting was provided to the public as required by the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, in the Schedule of Meeting Dates of the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Institute of Technology which was sent electronically to the Star Ledger, the Herald News and the Vector on March 22, 2021, and posted on the University website on March 22, 2021 for filing with that office and posting in such public place as designated by said Clerk.”

2. Public Comments:

   Secretary Stern noted that there was no one from the public registered to speak.

3. By a motion duly made by Ms. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Stamatis and unanimously approved, the Board approved the public minutes of the meeting of February 11, 2021.

4. BY A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS.Clayton, SECONDED BY DR. BAYNES AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, the BOARD voted to adopt the RESOLUTION FOR 2021 HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS.

5. BY A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR. DeNICHILIO, SECONDED BY DR. BAYNES AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the BOARD voted to adopt the RESOLUTION TO AWARD EMERITUS STATUS TO LAWRENCE RAIA.

6. BY A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR. DeNICHILIO, SECONDED BY DR. BAYNES AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the BOARD voted to adopt the RESOLUTION FOR THE MFA IN DIGITAL DESIGN.
7. BY A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR. DeNICHILLO, SECONDED BY MR. DAHMS AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the BOARD voted to adopt the RESOLUTION FOR THE MS IN DIGITAL DESIGN.

8. BY A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. CLAYTON, SECONDED BY DR. BAYNES AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, the BOARD voted to adopt the RESOLUTION FOR TATWEER BRANCH CAMPUS AGREEMENT.

9. BY A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. MONTALTO, SECONDED BY MR. DAHMS AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the BOARD voted to adopt the RESOLUTION FOR A 10 YEAR LEASE AMENDMENT FOR SPACE TO EXPAND THE NJIT AT JERSEY CITY FACILITY.

10. BY A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR. DAHMS, SECONDED BY MR. MASER AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the BOARD voted to adopt the RESOLUTION TO AWARD A GENERAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS AT THE MICROFABRICATION INNOVATION CENTER, PHASES 2 AND 3.

11. BY A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR. MASER, SECONDED BY MR. TAYLOR AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the BOARD voted to adopt the RESOLUTION FOR PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE.

12. BY A MOTION DULY MADE BY DR. BAYNES, SECONDED BY MS. MONTALTO, AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, except that MR. DAHMS AND MR. TOFT abstained from the vote, the BOARD voted to adopt the RESOLUTION FOR THE EXECUTION OF A GROUND LEASE, FACILITY LEASE AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT SUPPORTING A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WITH CHF-NEWARK, LLC FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONSTRUCTING A RESIDENCE HALL AND PARKING ON UNIVERSITY PROPERTY.

12. BY A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR. MASER, SECONDED BY MR. TAYLOR AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the BOARD voted to adopt the RESOLUTION FOR THE AWARD OF THE GENERAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS AT CULLIMORE LECTURE HALL #1.

13. BY A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR. TOFT, SECONDED BY MS. MONTALTO AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the BOARD voted to adopt the RESOLUTION FOR FACULTY APPOINTMENT WITH TENURE.

14. President’s Report:

Dr. Bloom discussed the recently signed agreement with the President of Ben-Gurion University; Governor Murphy oversaw the signing along with State representatives. We will be offering degree programs, primarily Masters degree programs, in our Jersey City location. There will be opportunities for faculty and student exchange, as well as research opportunities. This is consistent with the goals of our 2025 Strategic Plan, “Building on a Strong Foundation.”
We also plan to establish a branch campus in Egypt, with Tatweer-Misr, and will vote on a resolution today to enter into an Agreement. This month, Dr. Bloom and Mr. Nynens will be going to Egypt to meet with our counterparts and to officially sign the Agreement. There will be opportunities to generate revenue for the university in addition to offering the academic programs. Dr. Bloom called the Board’s attention to testimony he gave on behalf of NJIT, contained on p. 98 of the Board materials, prepared with the help of Dr. Deek and the Office of Institutional Effectiveness. Our message is that we are unique as a polytechnic institution, and the cost of STEM education is 60 – 100% greater than that of other institutions of higher education. States such as Oregon and Colorado utilize a more progressive approach to funding STEM education to factor in the increased costs of delivery. Other states will use a multiplier to fund STEM education. STEM is unquestionably important to NJ business and industry. Dr. Bloom advocated that NJIT be separated out from the public institutions of higher education when it comes to funding, and to fund us accordingly. He thanked the Board for their support.

15. **Report from Alumni Association:**

Ralph Jiminez ’02, President of the Alumni Association, made a report to the Board. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to appear before them. He graduated NJIT with a BA in Information Systems; this is his first year as President of the Alumni Association. There are three key areas of the Alumni Association focus: (1) the expansion of Alumni Engagement Groups, and an effort to diversify those groups, recognizing new leadership from the EOP alumni group, the Black Alumni Association and Waves (women and alumnae volunteering in education and STEM on behalf of Alumni Assn.); (2) Collaboration (focusing on increasing the breadth and quality of communications to and from alumni) and (3) continuing the digital pivot. They are moving the needle in increasing alumni engagement, and he invited questions from the Board. Chair Cohen asked how many people are on the Board. Mr. Jiminez responded that there are 21, including 5 officers. Dr. Bloom added that we ought to think about getting alumni on a number of professional associations in New Jersey. Vice President Alexo noted that we have twelve corporate alumni clubs.

16. **Report of FY 2021 Fundraising Progress to Date:**

Vice President Alexo called the Board’s attention to the fundraising reports in the Board materials. At the end of February, we were in line with our fundraising levels at the same time last year. Our overall philanthropic commitments, however, are ahead by $1.2 million. We have two significant gifts, one from Steve Kalafer, and a $400,000 gift from the Martinson Family Foundation (for which he credited Dr. Deek’s efforts). We are working on a verbal commitment of a gift in excess of $6 million, which we anticipate finalizing soon. By our next Board meeting, we will be well ahead of our efforts for last year. Dr. Alexo discussed alumni giving rates; we want to stay above the rate of 10%. While our appeals started to drop, we expect them to pick up and expect to finish the fiscal year higher than the prior year.

17. **Monthly Financial Status Report as of February 28, 2021**

Treasurer Bishof confirmed that our financial status is stable at this point in time.

18. **Report of Clery Crime Data:**
Sr. Vice President Christ reported on the Clery Crime Data, referencing the data in the Board materials. We have no major issues at this time, and this reflects the low population on campus. We are utilizing the approach of a 24-month look back in terms of reporting. There will be a new version for the July meeting, and nothing of significance to report.

19. **NJIT Commencement:**

Dr. Deek discussed Commencement 2021, which will be a hybrid event with a small in-person ceremony on May 18th with the Honorary Doctoral candidates, and will be recorded. The Governor recently announced some changes in terms of relaxing restrictions for gatherings. The Deans will preside at individual ceremonies for the schools, and the giving of diplomas to the graduates will be recorded. There will be no guests inside the facility; the families of the graduates will be able to be present on campus. The information and plans are being finalized right now, as we watch for state guidance with respect to safety.

20. **Report of Upcoming Calendar of Events:**

Chair Cohen reviewed the Calendar of Events with the Board, which is at p. 129 of the Board materials. The Scholarship Brunch on April 30th is virtual, and will involve a level of interactivity with the scholarship recipients.

21. Chair Cohen announced that the next regularly scheduled Closed Session, will be convened on June 10, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss personnel, real estate, legal and contractual matters. The following resolution was read and approved by all Trustees present:

WHEREAS, there are matters that require consideration by the Board of Trustees that qualify under the Open Public Meetings Act for discussion at a Closed Session;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees shall have a Closed Session to discuss matters involving personnel, real estate, legal and contractual matters on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled Public Session of the Board will take place on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

22. The Public Session was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.