



RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF NEW JERSEY

**Board of Directors' Meeting**

Friday, April 17, 2026

Rowan University

**Shreiber School of Veterinary Medicine of Rowan University**

1000 Gilbreth Parkway, Harrison Township, NJ 08062

[LOCATION DIRECTIONS/MAP](#)

**AGENDA**

8:30am Networking Breakfast

9:00am - Noon Meeting

Optional Post-Meeting Tour

AGENDA ITEM	LEAD/ACTION	TIME
<b>WELCOME</b>	<i>Virginie Maillard</i> Siemens Council Chair	9:00-9:10am
<b>APPROVAL OF JANUARY 23, 2026 BOARD MEETING MINUTES</b>	<i>Chair Maillard</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes</li> <li>• Requires a motion to approve, second, and full vote</li> </ul>	9:10-9:15am
<b>CHAIR'S REPORT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Membership representative update</li> <li>• 2026 Elections</li> <li>• Dues' payments</li> </ul>	<i>Chair Maillard</i>	9:15-9:25am
<b>GUEST SPEAKER</b>	<i>The Honorable John J. Burzichelli</i> New Jersey State Senator, District 3	9:30-10:00am
<b>HOST PRESENTATION: Rowan University</b>	<i>Mei Wei, Ph.D.</i> Vice President of Research Rowan University  <i>Anthony Lowman, Ph.D.</i> Chancellor Rowan University	10:00-10:45am
<b>BREAK</b> 10:45-11:00am		

<b>DISCUSSION ITEMS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 47<sup>th</sup> Edison Patent Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Budget Approval</li> <li>○ Patent Awards Nominations</li> <li>○ Individual Awards</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Strategic Plan Update</li> </ul>	<i>Kim Case/Alise Roderer</i>	11:00-11:30am
<b>STEM PROGRAMS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● New Jersey STEM Month</li> <li>● Governor's STEM Scholars</li> </ul>	<i>Alise Roderer/Shirley Mautone</i>	11:30-11:45am
<b>FINANCIALS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Audit</li> <li>● Current Financials</li> <li>● 2027 FY State Budget</li> </ul>	<i>Kim Case</i>	11:45am-Noon
<b>ADJOURN</b>		
<b>OPTIONAL VETERINARY SCHOOL TOUR</b> Noon-12:45pm <i>To Go Lunch Will Be Provided</i>		

### **Additional Meeting Information**

[April 17, 2026 Board Meeting Deck](#)

[January 23, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes](#)

[Brian McArdle NJEDA Representative Bio](#)

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[2026 Edison Patent Awards Proposed Budget](#)

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[2026 Edison Patent Awards Individual Award Nominations](#)

[List of Individual Award Winners from 2009-2025](#)

[NJ STEM Month 2026 Launches with Call to Engage 60,000 Learners](#)

[NJ STEM Month Gubernatorial Proclamation & Senate Ceremonial Resolution](#)

[NJ Biz: Former Gov. Christine Todd Whitman Discusses Innovation and Leadership with RD Council](#)

[WSJ: What the Legendary Bell Labs Can Teach Us About Innovation](#)



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**The Honorable John J. Burzichelli**  
New Jersey State Senator, District 3

Senator Burzichelli is a Democratic legislator representing New Jersey's 3rd Legislative District in the State Senate since 2024. He previously served two decades in the New Jersey General Assembly (2002–2022), including 16 years as Deputy Speaker and as Chair of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. A lifelong resident of Paulsboro, Burzichelli also served as Mayor of Paulsboro from 1996 to 2011. In addition to his public service, he is managing partner of Hill Studio & Scenic and has been active in community organizations, including as a founding member of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Paulsboro. He currently serves on key Senate committees including Budget and Appropriations, Legislative Oversight, and Transportation.