



RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Directors' Meeting

Friday, September 11, 2026

Avantor

77 Corporate Drive (North)

Bridgewater, NJ 08807

AGENDA

8:30am Networking Breakfast

9:00am - Noon Meeting

AGENDA ITEM	LEAD/ACTION	TIME
WELCOME	<i>Virginie Maillard</i> Council Chair Siemens	9:00am
<i>MOMENT OF SILENCE</i> September 11th		
HOST PRESENTATION	<i>Nandu Deorkar, PhD</i> Senior Vice-President, R&D Avantor	9:10am
GUEST PRESENTATION	<i>William Noonan</i> Chief Business Development Officer Choose New Jersey	9:45am
<i>15 MINUTE BREAK</i> 10:15-10:30am		
APPROVAL OF JUNE 12, 2026 BOARD MEETING MINUTES	<i>Chair Maillard</i> • Minutes • Requires a motion to approve, second, and full vote	10:30am
FINANCIALS • Audit 2025 • Current Financials	Audit Committee: <i>Jeff Cartmell, Judith Sheft, and Jeff Stokes</i> <i>Kim Case</i>	10:35am
CHAIR'S REPORT • New representative • Dues' payments	<i>Chair Maillard</i>	10:45am
DISCUSSION ITEMS • Strategic Plan Update • 47th Edison Patent Awards	<i>Chair Maillard/Kim Case/Alise Roderer</i>	10:50am

STEM PROGRAMS Governor's STEM Scholars	<i>Alise Roderer</i>	11:10am
STEM Workforce Discussion Update - Merck August Conversation NJ BioFutures	<i>Rubi Burlage/Kim Case</i>	11:20am
ADJOURN Noon		
TOUR <i>Pranav Vengsarkar, PhD</i> Director, Process R&D and Site Head Avantor		

Additional Meeting Information

[Meeting Presentation Deck](#)

[June 12, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes](#)

47th Edison Patent Awards Information

[Winner/Event Information including Sponsorship/Ticket Purchases](#)

47th Edison Patent Awards Press

[Rutgers August 26, 2026 SoE Research Team to Receive Prestigious Edison Patent Award](#)

[Princeton University August 24, 2026 Ning Lin receives Edison Patent Award](#)

[Cecilia Materials August 21, 2026 Revolution Through Innovation: R&D Council Announces 2026 Edison Patent Awards Honoree](#)

[NJBIZ August 21, 2026 Audible, CoreWeave execs lead 2026 Edison Patent Awards honorees](#)

[BINJE August 20, 2026 R&D Council announces 2026 Edison Patent Awards honorees](#)

[Rowan August 20, 2026 Rowan engineer to accept 2026 Edison Patent Award](#)

[NEC Laboratories August 20, 2026 NEC Laboratories America Researchers Win a 2026 Edison Patent Award for Optical Fiber Innovation](#)

[New Jersey Business Magazine August 19, 2026 R&D Council of NJ Announces 2026 Edison Patent Awards Honorees](#)

[Rutgers August 18, 2026 Two Rutgers Research Teams Receive 2026 Edison Patent Awards](#)

[NJIT August 18, 2026 NJIT's Atam Dhawan to Receive 2026 Catalyst Award](#)

[Princeton August 18, 2026 Tom Muir Selected a 2026 Edison Patent Awardee for Engineered Split Intein Technology](#)

Guest Presenter

William Noonan

Chief Business Development Officer, Choose New Jersey

William "Bill" Noonan is the Chief Business Development Officer at Choose New Jersey, New Jersey's leading nonprofit economic development organization. Bill manages a team of business development officers and oversees the organization's international teams to identify growth opportunities, nurture client relationships and develop strategies to promote interest in New Jersey as an ideal business location. Bill has deep connections within New Jersey's technology ecosystem including the Jersey City/Hoboken startup community. Prior to joining Choose New Jersey, Bill served as the Senior Director of SPHERE Technology Solutions – an IT company specializing in cybersecurity – responsible for marketing, sales and business development. Bill's extensive experience in the financial services industry includes leadership roles at HSBC Bank, TASC, Gevity and NeoVision Hypersystems, Inc.