

NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

RESOLUTION TO AWARD HONORARY DEGREES TO DENNIS BONE, KEVIN O'TOOLE AND JENNIFER TAUBERT

WHEREAS by awarding honorary degrees, the New Jersey Institute of Technology recognizes outstanding individuals whose accomplishments are of such excellence that they provide inspiration to our graduates, and

WHEREAS the following individuals have displayed the level of exemplary achievement deemed worthy of the singular recognition conveyed by the conferral of an honorary degree by the university, namely:

Dennis Bone served on the NJIT Board of Trustees from December 2003 to January 2020. He was the inaugural director of the Feliciano Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation, located in the Feliciano School of Business at Montclair State University, from January 2013 to December 2018. He now serves as executive in residence for the Feliciano School of Business and is a member of the advisory board for the school. Mr. Bone also is an advisory board member for the Feliciano Center, which facilitates real-life entrepreneurial experiences for students of any major at the University.

Mr. Bone retired in the summer of 2012 from Verizon New Jersey Inc., where he served as President and CEO for more than a dozen years. Mr. Bone's 33-year career at Verizon and its predecessor companies challenged him with numerous assignments and responsibilities across many organizations. Beginning as an engineer with New Jersey Bell in 1979, he worked in a variety of jobs with increasing responsibilities in operations, regulatory, external affairs and public policy positions. Mr. Bone was named President and CEO of Bell Atlantic West Virginia in 1995, where he served until his appointment as President and CEO of Verizon New Jersey in 2000. Overseeing one of the largest companies in the state, Mr. Bone helped guide Verizon through unprecedented advances in telecommunications technologies.

Kevin O'Toole was elected Chairman of the Board of Port Authority of New York and New Jersey on August 3, 2017. As the founding and managing partner of O'Toole Scrivo, Mr. O'Toole's law practice encompasses environmental law, risk management, class actions, complex litigation, and corporate investigations.


Mr. O'Toole has had a long and distinguished career in public service at the local and state level in New Jersey. He was first elected to the New Jersey General Assembly in 1995 and served until May 2001. He then served in the State Senate from May 2001 until January 2002. Mr. O'Toole was elected again to the General Assembly in 2001 and re-elected twice. He was elected to the

State Senate in 2007 and re-elected in 2011 and 2013. Mr. O'Toole retired as a State Senator on July 1, 2017 to begin his term as a Commissioner of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

Jennifer Taubert is Executive Vice President and Worldwide Chairman, Innovative Medicine at Johnson & Johnson, the world's largest healthcare company. She is a member of the Corporation's Executive Committee and leads the Innovative Medicine Group Operating Committee.

Ms. Taubert is a leader in shaping the global strategy of transformational medical innovation for the Innovative Medicine sector, successfully delivering vital new medicines to prevent, treat and cure complex diseases including cancer, immune-related disorders, serious mental illness, cardiovascular disease, retinal disease and pulmonary hypertension. Under her leadership, J&J Innovative Medicine has become the second-largest pharmaceuticals business globally, with more than \$50 billion in worldwide revenue. The company was named No. 1 in the Pharmaceuticals category on *Fortune* magazine's "World's Most Admired Companies" list for 10 consecutive years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NJIT will confer upon Dennis Bone and Jennifer Taubert the Honorary Degree of Doctorate of Science, *honoris causa*, and Kevin O'Toole the Honorary Degree of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*; at the May 21, 2025 NJIT Commencement Ceremony.



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