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## **Sweeney Resigns as Advisory Board Chair at Sweeney Center for Public Policy**

**GLASSBORO** – Former Senate President Steve Sweeney has resigned as Advisory Board Chair of Rowan University’s Steve Sweeney Center for Public Policy, which he and Rowan President Ali Houshmand teamed up to found in March 2022.

“I was deeply grateful that President Houshmand and Rowan’s leadership shared my vision for an independent, bipartisan public policy center that would focus on New Jersey issues and bring together top policy experts from across the political spectrum to reach pragmatic solutions to the state’s most pressing policy issues,” Sweeney said.

“To maintain the independence of the policy center, it is appropriate that I step down from the Advisory Board and no longer participate in any Sweeney Center activities while I am a candidate for governor. I am confident that the center will continue to provide valuable guidance to the governor and Legislature in the years ahead,” he said.

Mark Magyar will continue to serve as Director of the Sweeney Center, which will host conferences on “School Regionalization in New Jersey” at Rowan’s Business Hall on Wednesday, February 7, and “Moving Forward on Offshore Wind” at Rowan’s Chamberlain Student Center on Wednesday, February 21. The bipartisan Multi-Year Budget Workgroup will continue to issue economic, revenue and expenditure forecasts.

Magyar teaches the Public Finance and the State and Local Government courses in Rowan’s year-old Masters of Public Policy program and co-chairs the Rowan School Regionalization Institute with David Lindenmuth, Ph.D., Director of the Rowan College of Education’s Institute for Educational Leadership.

The Sweeney Center’s Advisory Board will select a new chair. Board members include Rowan University President Ali Houshmand, Ph.D.; Nawal Ammar, Ph.D., Dean of the College of Humanities & Social Sciences, Rowan University; former Senator Christopher “Kip” Bateman (R-Somerset); Raphael J. Caprio, Ph.D., University Professor and Director of the Bloustein Center for Local Government Research at Rutgers University; Kevin J. O’Toole, Chair of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; Christina M. Renna,

President and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce Southern New Jersey; Richard T. Smith, President of the NAACP New Jersey State Conference, and former Senate Majority Leader Loretta Weinberg (D-Bergen).