Minutes of the Council on Postsecondary Education
Special Meeting
Monday, March 27, 2017, 4:30 p.m.
Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner
McKenna Conference Room
560 Jefferson Blvd., Suite 100
Warwick, RI 02886

The Council on Postsecondary Education met on Monday, March 27, 2017, at the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner, 560 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI. At 4:31 p.m., Chair William Foulkes welcomed everyone. He then asked for the roll to be taken, after which he declared a quorum present.

Present: Michael Bernstein, Timothy DelGiudice, William Foulkes, Rachelle Green, Senator Thomas Izzo and Dr. Jeffery Williams.

Absent: Maria Chavez Blanco, Barbara Cottam, Heather Crosby, and Dennis Duffy.

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Chair Foulkes entertained a motion to accept the agenda. On a motion duly made by Mr. DelGiudice and seconded by Ms. Green, it was

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education accept the agenda for the special meeting of March 27, 2017.

VOTE: 6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Timothy DelGiudice, William Foulkes, Rachelle Green, Senator Thomas Izzo and Dr. Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0
2. Executive Session

At 4:34 p.m. Chair William Foulkes entertained a motion to enter into executive session for:

2a) Discussion regarding a personnel issue, Office of Postsecondary Commissioner, pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1).

Note: The individual(s) involved have been notified in writing of their right to have these discussions take place in Open Session, and no objection to proceeding in Executive Session has been received.

Chair Foulkes called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Mr. DelGiudice and seconded by Dr. Williams, it was

**VOTED: THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education enter into Executive Session for the discussion regarding a personnel issue, Office of Postsecondary Commissioner, pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1).

**VOTE:** 6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

**YEAS:** Michael Bernstein, Timothy DelGiudice, William Foulkes, Rachelle Green, Senator Thomas Izzo and Dr. Jeffery Williams.

**NAYS:** 0

**ABSTAINS:** 0

All non-Council members in the audience were excused with the exception of:

- Dr. Purcell, Commissioner of Postsecondary Education
The Council reconvened in open session at 5:16 p.m.

On a motion duly made by Ms. Green and seconded by Dr. Williams, it was:

**VOTED:** THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education seal the minutes of the executive session held on March 27, 2017.

**VOTE:** 6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Timothy DelGiudice, William Foulkes, Rachelle Green, Senator Thomas Izzo and Dr. Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

3. **Additional Action Items:**

3a) Authorization of the Council Chair regarding personnel issue at the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner.

Chair Foulkes called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Ms. Green and seconded by Mr. DelGiudice, it was

**VOTED:** THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education authorize the Council Chair regarding a personnel issue at the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner.

**VOTE:** 6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Timothy DelGiudice, William Foulkes, Rachelle Green, Senator Thomas Izzo and Dr. Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0
4. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Foulkes called for a motion to adjourn the special meeting of March 27, 2017.

On a motion duly made by Mr. DelGiudice and seconded by Mr. Bernstein, it was:

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education adjourn the special meeting of March 27, 2017.

VOTE: 6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Bernstein, Timothy DelGiudice, William Foulkes, Rachelle Green, Senator Thomas Izzo and Dr. Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.