



Enclosure 6b
September 8, 2017

**Minutes of the Council on Postsecondary Education Meeting
(Joint Meeting with the Rhode Island Board of Education)**

**Wednesday, August 2, 2017, 6:00 p.m.
Community College of Rhode Island – Room 4090
400 East Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886**

The Council on Postsecondary Education met in a joint meeting with the Rhode Island Board of Education on Wednesday, August 2, 2017, at the Community College of Rhode Island – Room 4090, 400 East Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886.

At 6:00 p.m. Chair William Foulkes welcomed everyone and noted that by state statute, Governor Raimondo is a voting member of the Council on Postsecondary Education for the purpose of appointing the Commissioner. He then asked for the roll to be taken, after which he declared a quorum present.

Present: Vivian Caruolo, Barbara Cottam, Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Thomas Izzo, Rachelle Green, Governor Gina Raimondo and Jeffrey Williams.

Absent: Heather Crosby

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Chair Foulkes called for a motion to accept the agenda.

On a motion duly made by Timothy DelGiudice and seconded by Vivian Caruolo, it was

VOTED:	THAT	The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the agenda for the special meeting of August 2, 2017.
	VOTE:	9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Vivian Caruolo, Barbara Cottam, Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Thomas Izzo, Rachelle Green, Governor Gina

Raimondo and Jeffrey Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS 0

2. DISCUSSION ITEM

2a) Discussion with and regarding the Commissioner of Postsecondary Education Search Finalist.

Chair Foulkes noted that the discussion item of the Council on Postsecondary Education is a conversation with and regarding the Commissioner of Postsecondary Education Search Finalist.

The Chair shared that the Commissioner of Postsecondary Education Search Committee has recommended Dr. Brenda Dann-Messier for approval as the next Commissioner of Postsecondary Education. Chair Foulkes invited Ms. Rachelle Green, Chair of the Search Committee, to give an overview of the search process for the Commissioner of Postsecondary Education.

Ms. Green shared the interview process from the posting of the position to the closing date of July 7, 2017. There were several candidates that were interviewed, and after several meetings, the Search Committee voted to recommend Dr. Brenda Dann-Messier as the finalist for the position of Commissioner of Postsecondary Education. Ms. Green noted how highly qualified Dr. Dann-Messier is for the position and how impressed the search committee was with her experience and commitment to higher education.

Ms. Green then invited Dr. Brenda Dann-Messier to give remarks. Dr. Dann-Messier thanked everyone for the honor to be nominated as the finalist for the Commissioner of Postsecondary Education. She thanked the RIOPC staff for their commitment to working together to reach the attainment goal of 70% by 2025. She thanked her colleagues and look forward to continued collaboration.

Chair Foulkes then invited Governor Raimondo to comment. Governor Raimondo thanked everyone and was pleased to have Dr. Dann-Messier to join her cabinet for the 70% by 2025 attainment goal for higher education. She reiterated Dr. Dann-Messier's qualifications and capacity to do the job before her as Commissioner.

Chair Foulkes thanked the Governor and invited members of the Council and the president of CCRI, RIC and URI to comment. Chair thanked everyone for their remarks

of congratulations and support of Dr. Dann-Messier as the next Commissioner of Postsecondary Education.

3. ACTION ITEMS

3a) Appointment of the Commissioner of Postsecondary Education and authorization of the Chair of the Council on Postsecondary Education to negotiate an employment agreement with the Commissioner.

Chair Foulkes called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Rachelle Green and seconded by Jeffrey Williams, it was

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the appointment of Dr. Brenda Dann-Messier as Commissioner of Postsecondary Education, and authorizes the Chair of the Council on Postsecondary Education to negotiate an employment agreement with the Commissioner.

VOTE: 9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Vivian Caruolo, Barbara Cottam, Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Thomas Izzo, Rachelle Green, Governor Gina Raimondo and Jeffrey Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS 0

4. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Foulkes called for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion duly made by Timothy DelGiudice and seconded by Rachelle Green, it was

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education adjourns the special meeting of August 2, 2017.

VOTE: 9 members voted in the affirmative and 0
members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Vivian Caruolo, Barbara Cottam, Timothy
DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes,
Thomas Izzo, Rachelle Green, Governor Gina
Raimondo and Jeffrey Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS 0

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.