



Enclosure 2  
September 27, 2017

**Minutes of the Council on Postsecondary Education Retreat and Special Meeting  
Friday, September 8, 2017, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Rhode Island Foundation  
Rhode Island Room  
1 Union Station, Providence, RI 02903**

The Council on Postsecondary Education met on Friday, September 8, 2017, at the Rhode Island Foundation, Rhode Island Room, 1 Union Station, Providence, Rhode Island 02903. At 7:58 a.m. Chair William Foulkes welcomed everyone and new Council Member Mariela Lucaj. He then asked for the roll to be taken, after which he declared a quorum present.

**Present:** Vivian Caruolo (arrived 8:08 a.m.), Barbara Cottam, Heather Crosby (arrived 8:19 a.m.), Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, Mariela Lucaj and Jeffrey Williams.

**Absent:**

**1. Acceptance of the Agenda**

Chair Foulkes then called for a motion to approve the agenda.

On a motion duly made by Jeffery Williams and seconded by Barbara Cottam, it was

**VOTED:**           **THAT**           The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the agenda for the meeting of September 8, 2017.

**VOTE:**           7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

**YEAS:**           Barbara Cottam, Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffrey Williams.

**NAYS:**           0

**ABSTAINS**    0

**Council of Postsecondary Education Retreat**

**2. Presentations from the Presidents on Strategic Priorities**

- a. Community College of Rhode Island – President Hughes
- b. Rhode Island College – President Sanchez
- c. University of Rhode Island – President Dooley

**3. Presentation from Commissioner Dann-Messier on Strategic Priorities**

**4. Presentation by Lara K. Couturier, Ph.D., Director, HCM Strategists**

- a. National Trends in Higher Education
- b. Demographic Shifts in Higher Education
- c. Equity and Completion Goals

**5. Higher Education Funding Formula Framework Presentation**

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**Council on Postsecondary Education Special Meeting**

**6. Approval of the Minutes**

**6a) Minutes of the July 26, 2017, Meeting.**

Chair Foulkes called for a motion to approve the minutes.

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

<b>VOTED:</b>	<b>THAT</b>	The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the minutes of the meeting on July 26, 2017.
	<b>VOTE:</b>	9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	<b>YEAS:</b>	Vivian Caruolo, Barbara Cottam, Heather Crosby, Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffrey Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS 0

**6b) Minutes of the August 2, 2017 Special Meeting.**

Chair Foulkes called for a motion to approve the minutes.

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

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

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

**YEAS:**           Vivian Caruolo, Barbara Cottam, Heather Crosby, Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffrey Williams.

**NAYS:**           0

**ABSTAINS** 0

Council Member Heather Crosby excused herself from the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

**7. Discussion Item**

**7a) Dual and Concurrent Enrollment Working Group Recommendations.**

Commissioner Dann-Messier, gave the background for the dual and concurrent enrollment working group recommendations. Below is an excerpt of the working group recommendations.

The Dual and Concurrent Enrollment program has grown each year since its introduction. From its first to its second year, enrollment grew by 22.2% (from 5,885 credits earned to 7,191). This school year, the program’s third, enrollment is projected to grow by another 30.1% to 9,359. While it is encouraging that more students are

taking advantage of the opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school, program spending has also grown significantly. Program expenditures in FY16 totaled \$1.7 million and \$2.2 million in FY17, an increase of 28.3%. Costs in FY18 are projected to reach almost \$3 million, an increase from FY17 of 35.5%.

The rapid growth of the program has presented the State with both quality control and sustainability challenges. As a result, the General Assembly directed the Council on Postsecondary Education to revise parameters for the program (FY 17 Revised Budget, Article 12, which added the following language to RIGL 16-100-3):

**Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, payments to the public institutions of higher education for dual and concurrent enrollment shall be limited to no greater than the appropriation contained in the Appropriations Act. On or before September 30, 2017, the Council on Postsecondary Education shall promulgate rules and regulations enforcing this limitation.**

### **2017 Dual and Concurrent Enrollment Working Group**

In response, Commissioner Brenda Dann-Messier and Commissioner Ken Wagner convened a working group charged with making recommendations in the areas of ensuring quality and addressing the sustainability of the program. The working group included members representing the three public postsecondary institutions, schools and school districts, the Rhode Island School Superintendents' Association, the RI Commerce Corporation, OPC, and RIDE. The objectives of the working group's meetings were to:

- Address the General Assembly mandate while:
  - Maintaining the highest level of student access to postsecondary coursework possible
  - Ensuring a sustainable and high-quality program that will serve students for years to come
  - Solicit, consider and integrate the perspectives of various stakeholders
- Develop long term recommendations to strengthen the Dual and Concurrent Enrollment program, leading to the expansion of the program in future years

The working group met four times during the month of August to deliberate and formulate recommendations on the following:

- FY18 Budget Charge

- Long-Term Budget Sustainability
- Ensuring Program Quality in Growth

## **Recommendations**

### **FY18 Budget Charge**

- Block Grants to Institutions
  - OPC to award block grants to institutions based on costs of programs and growth in enrollment
  - OPC will work with institutions to develop a cost accounting process that is clear, transparent, and comparable across institutions.

### **Long-Term Budget Sustainability**

- Incorporate Dual Enrollment into Higher Education Funding Formula
- Block Grants to Institutions
- Full-Time Dual Enrollment Allowable at CCRI Only
- A Portion of State Per Pupil Expenditure Follows Full-Time Student to Institution

### **Ensuring Program Quality in Growth**

- Improved Business Practices and Timeliness of Statistical Reporting

## **8. Action Items**

**8a) Approval of the resolutions for the 2017 Rhode Island Health and Education Building Corporation (RIHEBC) bonds to fund the URI White Horn Brook Apartment Project and additional bond refundings in Series 2017A, 2017B, 2017C, and 2017D.**

Chair Foulkes asked if anyone had any comments before the vote. Dr. Susan LaPanne noted that prior resolutions presented on July 26, 2017 had conditional language related to the passage of the Budget Appropriation Act. These final resolutions remove the conditional language and change the amounts to match the legislation. The third set of resolutions are specific to the refunding of two bond series: Series 2009A and Series 2010B.

Chair Foulkes called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Dennis Duffy and seconded by Vivian Caruolo, it was

**VOTED: THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the resolutions for the 2017 Rhode Island Health and Education Building Corporation (RIHEBC) bonds to fund the URI White Horn Brook Apartment Project and additional bond refundings in Series 2017A, 2017B, 2017C, and 2017D.

**VOTE:** 8 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, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffrey Williams.

**NAYS:** 0

**ABSTAINS** 0

**8b) Approval of nomination of the historic core of the University of Rhode Island Kingston Campus to the National Register of Historic Places.**

Chair Foulkes invited Ryan Carrillo, Director, Capital Planning and Real Estate Development at URI to provide background on the nomination process for the National Register of Historic Places. Following the presentation, several Council Members expressed concern that the National Historic Register designation may place additional legal restrictions on the campus and that it was important to fully understand these legal ramifications before voting for approval.

Chair Foulkes called for a motion to table the discussion on the nomination of the historic core of the University of Rhode Island Kingston Campus to the National Register of Historic Places to a future Council Meeting, so that they could have time to gather further input from URI's General Counsel.

On a motion duly made by Dennis Duffy and seconded by Rachelle Green, it was

**VOTED: THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education table the discussion of the nomination of the historic core of the University of Rhode Island Kingston Campus to the National Register of Historic Places.

**VOTE:** 8 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, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffrey Williams.

**NAYS:** 0

**ABSTAINS** 0

**8c) Approval of the recommendation of SPRC regarding Development Director - CCRI.**

Chair Foulkes called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Timothy DelGiudice and seconded by Dennis Duffy, it was

**VOTED: THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the recommendation of SPRC regarding Development Director - CCRI.

**VOTE:** 8 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, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffrey Williams.

**NAYS:** 0

**ABSTAINS** 0

**8d) Approval of an agreement between the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management and the Community College of Rhode Island regarding the placement and operation of air monitoring equipment on the roof of the Liston Campus building in Providence.**

Chair Foulkes invited David Patten, Vice President of Business Affairs at CCRI to give an overview.

Chair Foulkes asked whether there would be any potential damage to the property with the placement of the equipment and the binding terms of the agreement. Mr. Patten assured the Council that there would not be damage to the building and the agreement could be rescinded, if the Council deemed it appropriate.

Chair Foulkes called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Vivian Caruolo and seconded by Thomas Izzo, it was

**VOTED: THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education approves an agreement between the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management and the Community College of Rhode Island regarding the placement and operation of air monitoring equipment on the roof of the Liston Campus building in Providence.

**VOTE:** 8 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, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffrey Williams.

**NAYS:** 0

**ABSTAINS** 0

**9. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- a. The next meeting of the Personnel Committee for the Council on Postsecondary Education is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner, 560 Jefferson Boulevard, Suite 100, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886.
- b. The next meeting of the Finance/Facilities Committee for the Council on Postsecondary Education is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner, 560 Jefferson Boulevard, Suite 100, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886.

Dr. Susan LaPanne, noted the change in the start time for the Finance/Facilities Committee from 5:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 2017. Chair Foulkes thanked Dr. LaPanne and reiterated the new meeting time will be at 5:00 p.m.

- c. The next Council on Postsecondary Education meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 27, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. at Rhode Island College, Faculty Center, Main Dining Room, Donovan Dining Center, 600 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02908.

**11. Adjournment**

Jeffrey Williams recognized Dr. Michael Walker-Jones, as this being his last meeting. Chair Foulkes thanked Council Member Williams and thanked Dr. Walker-Jones for all his work and everyone gave a congratulatory applause on his retirement.

Chair Foulkes called for a motion to adjourn.

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

<b>VOTED:</b>	<b>THAT</b>	The Council on Postsecondary Education adjourns the special meeting of September 8, 2017.
	<b>VOTE:</b>	8 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, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffrey Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS 0

**The special meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.**