



Council on Postsecondary Education Meeting
Wednesday, October 25, 2017, 5:30 p.m.
Rhode Island College - Faculty Center Main Dining Room
Donovan Dining Center
600 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02908

AGENDA (REVISED)

1. Acceptance of the Agenda

2. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Minutes of the September 27, 2017 Meeting

[Enclosure 2a](#)

3. Reports from the Chairs

- a. Council on Postsecondary Education - Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education
- b. Board of Education - Updates and issues affecting local and national PK-20 education
- c. Finance and Facilities Committee Update

4. Report from the Commissioner

- a. Update on Policy and Programmatic Initiatives

5. Reports from the Presidents

Rhode Island College - Update on workforce initiatives, employer partnerships, and work-based learning participation

Community College of Rhode Island - Update on workforce initiatives, employer partnerships, and work-based learning participation

University of Rhode Island - Update on workforce initiatives, employer partnerships, and work-based learning participation

6. Action Items

- a. Approval of the Policy and Procedures for Rhode Island Promise [Enclosure 6a](#)
- b. Approval of the Tuition Waiver Policy and Procedures for employees and their dependents [Enclosure 6b](#)
- c. Approval to continue tuition waivers for Frank Cotoia, Jr., son of deceased employee Frank Cotoia [Enclosure 6c](#)
- d. Approval to nominate the Historic Core of the University of Rhode Island Campus to the National Register of Historic Places [Enclosure 6d](#)
- e. Approval of FY 2019-2023 Capital Improvement Plan for FY2019-2023 and recommendation to the Board of Education for final approval [Enclosure 6e](#)
- f. Acceptance of the Audited Financial Statements for the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, the Community College of Rhode Island and the Division of Higher Education Assistance for the Fiscal Year Ended 6/30/2017 [Enclosure 6f](#)
- g. Approval of a Site License Agreement between the Council on Postsecondary Education and Kearsarge Solar 2 LLC for the Development and Operation of a Solar Array Project at Kingston Campus [Enclosure 6g](#)
- h. Approval of a New Classification at the University of Rhode Island: Vice Provost, Global Initiatives (Senior International Officer) [Enclosure 6h](#)

7. Executive Session

The Council may seek to enter into Executive Session for the following item:

- a. Discussion regarding the Annual Report on Litigation (all cases pending in the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island; the Rhode Island Supreme, Superior, and District Courts; the United States Court of Appeal – 7th Circuit¹; the RI Commission for Human Rights); and potential litigation, pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5 (a)(2).

¹ Mendonca, et al. v. Rhode Island Council on Postsecondary Education, (C.A. No. P16-1418); Cugini v. University of Rhode Island, et al., (C.A. No. W08-0722); Sackos v. National Collegiate Athletic Association, et al., (C.A. No. 1:14-CV-1710 WTL-MJD); Smith v. University of Rhode Island, et al., (C.A. No. P15-4812); Gay, et al. v. University of Rhode Island, et al., (C.A. No. W16-0143); RI Council on Postsecondary Education, et al. v. American Association of University Professors, Part-Time Faculty United, (Supreme Court No. SU-16-0053); Felkner v. Rhode Island College, et al., (Supreme Court No. SU-16-0017); Losada v. Rhode Island College, et al., (C.A. No. P13-5897); Ayinkamiye v. Rhode Island College, et al., (USDC C.A. No. 17-54WES); Lynch, Administrator v. Jamra, LLC, v. Rhode Island College, et al., (C.A. NO. P17-0673); Parrillo v. Community College of Rhode Island, et al., (C.A. No. P14-2461); Givan v. RI Board of Education, et al., (C.A. No. K15-0038); Community College of Rhode Island, et al. v. CCRI Educational Support Professional Association/NEARI, (Supreme Court No. SU-2016-0347-A); Caldwell v. Community College of Rhode Island, et al., (USDC C.A. No. 13-6061); and Coppolla v. Council on Postsecondary Education, (C.A. No. P17-2418).

8. Upcoming Meetings

- a. The next meeting of the **Personnel Committee Meeting** for the Council on Postsecondary Education is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 1, 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 **Council on Postsecondary Education** meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 8, 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
- c. The next **Board of Education** meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 15, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.** at the Community College of Rhode Island, Room 4090, 400 East Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886
- d. The next **Council on Postsecondary Education** meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.** at the Community College of Rhode Island, Room 4090, 400 East Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886

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