



**Council on Postsecondary Education Meeting
Wednesday, January 23, 2019, 5:30 p.m.
Community College of Rhode Island – Knight Campus, Room 4090
400 East Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886**

AGENDA

1. Acceptance of the Agenda

2. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Minutes of the December 5, 2018 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

4. Report from the Commissioner

- a. Update on policy and programmatic initiatives
 - i. Report on Signature Authority
- b. Notices of new programs and/or changes that were submitted and reviewed for notification to the Council:
 - i. Notification of the proposal to make Academic Program changes to the Post –Master’s Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) at the University of Rhode Island
([Enclosure 4bi](#))

5. Reports from the Presidents

- a. Community College of Rhode Island – Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education - current and future noncredit workforce development initiatives

- b. Rhode Island College - Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education - current and future noncredit workforce development initiatives
- c. University of Rhode Island - Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education - current and future noncredit workforce development initiatives

6. Discussion Items

- a. Discussion regarding the URI Innovation Campus
- b. Discussion regarding the Rhode Island School for Progressive Education's application for initial approval to operate as a degree-granting institution in Rhode Island
([Enclosure 6b](#))

7. Action Items

- a. Approval of new classification of Associate Director of Employee Engagement and Organizational Effectiveness at the Community College of Rhode Island
([Enclosure 7a](#))
- b. Approval of new classification of Manager of Executive Operations at the Community College of Rhode Island
([Enclosure 7b](#))
- c. Approval of reclassification of Director of Capital Planning and Real Estate Development to Director of Planning and Real Estate Development at the University of Rhode Island
([Enclosure 7c](#))
- d. Approval of new classification of Associate Director of Campus Design at the University of Rhode Island
([Enclosure 7d](#))
- e. Approval of Amendment One to the Lease Agreement for the RI Small Business Development Center located at the University of Rhode Island
([Enclosure 7e](#))
- f. Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency and the University of Rhode Island/Rhode Island Council on Postsecondary Education
([Enclosure 7f](#))
- g. Approval of the awarding of honorary degrees at the University of Rhode Island
([Enclosure 7g](#))

8. Executive Session

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

- a. Discussion related to a proposed lease of real property in Woonsocket, Rhode Island for public purposes-the proposed Higher Education Center of Northern Rhode Island, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(5)
- b. Discussion- update on collective bargaining, all bargaining units, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2)
- c. Discussion regarding collective bargaining pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2) – ratification of collective bargaining agreements with the following:
 - i. URI/AAUP, PTFU - wage reopener only
 - ii. Driver’s Education Association/NEARI
 - iii. URI Physicians’ Association/NEARI
 - iv. PTAA, Local 2877
 - v. URI/PSA/NEARI
- d. Update on Pending Litigation, Smith v. URI et al., R.I. Supreme Court (C.A. No. 2015-4812), pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2)
- e. Discussion regarding Presidents Sanchez’s contract renewal, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(1)

9. Additional Action Items

- a. Ratification of collective bargaining agreement with:
 - i. URI/AAUP, PTFU - wage re-opener only
 - ii. Driver’s Education Association/NEARI
 - iii. URI Physicians’ Association/NEARI
 - iv. PTAA, Local 2877
 - v. URI/PSA/NEARI
- b. Authorization of the Chair regarding the negotiation/renewal of President Sanchez’s employment contract

10. Upcoming Meeting

- a. The next meeting of the **Council on Postsecondary Education** is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.** at Rhode Island College, Alger Hall - Room 110, 600 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02908.

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