Chair Timothy DelGiudice welcomed everyone and acknowledged that a quorum was present at 5:35 pm.

Present: Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffery Williams.

Absent: Marianne Monte, Barbara Mullen, Rachelle Green and Michael Mello.

1. Acceptance of the Agenda

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion to approve the agenda.

On a motion duly made by Dennis Duffy and seconded by Jeffery Williams, it was

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the agenda for the meeting of September 25, 2019, as presented.

VOTE: 5 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

2. Approval of the minutes

2a) Minutes of the July 24, 2019 meeting.
2b) Minutes of the September 4, 2019 Special meeting.

2c) Minutes of the September 11, 2019 Special Meeting.

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion to approve the minutes.

On a motion duly made by Dennis Duffy and seconded by Jeffery Williams, it was

\[\text{VOTED: THAT} \quad \text{The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the minutes of the meetings on July 24, 2019, September 4, 2019, September 11, 2019.}\]

\[\text{VOTE:} \quad 5 \text{ members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:}\]

\[\text{YEAS:} \quad \text{Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffery Williams.}\]

\[\text{NAYS:} \quad 0\]

\[\text{ABSTAINS:} \quad 0\]

3. Open Forum

No one signed up to speak during the open forum.

4. Reports from the Chairs

4a) Chair DelGiudice announced that budget presentations for URI and RIC were presented at the most recent meetings and that CCRI and OPC will present at the next meeting. He brought attention to the recent news related to vaping and concerns about safety. Chair DelGiudice yielded the floor to member Thomas Izzo to give his reflections on youth access to tobacco.

Member Izzo highlighted his related work and challenges while in the Senate. He discussed how the institutions should approach the issues with vaping on campuses. He stated the recent vaping issues may be an opportunity to review what policies look like on cigarettes and controlled substances.

Chair DelGiudice asked Member Izzo to chair a working group with members Cottam, Mullen, and Rumas. He also asked that one representative from each school be assigned to this working group. Chair DelGiudice charged the work group with reviewing current polices as they relate to controlled substances, alcohol, nicotine, and vaping on the campuses and with any relevant
system-wide polices. He asked that Member Izzo provide the Council with recommendations for areas of improvement.

4b) Chair Cottam shared that the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce recently held their Economic Outlook Luncheon. During this luncheon, the group discussed the role that the state will play with control of Providence Public Schools. Business and community members were asked to come forward with their input. Commissioner Infante-Green requested that Chair Cottam share that a student attendance tool is being rolled out this upcoming year. The plan is to track attendance and change the family’s habits through family outreach. Additionally, Chair Cottam noted that the Providence Public Schools show cause hearing had been completed. Commissioner Infante-Green’s final order will come forward along with the appointment of a turnaround superintendent for the district.

5. Report from the Commissioner

5a) Acting Commissioner Cavallaro highlighted some key topics about OPC’s work. He stated that the Walmart grant is set to partner and upskill workers in Pawtucket. The Lumina grant is in the final stages of finalizing a contract with a communications and marketing vendor to encourage adult students to enroll or re-enroll in education programming. Recently, OPC hosted the Annual School Certifying Official Training Conference, which brought together numerous veterans’ programs to discuss education benefits for veterans statewide.

5b) Notices of new programs and/or changes that were submitted and reviewed for notification to the Council:

Chair DelGiudice asked that the notifications from the following institutions be read into the record and the Council be considered notified. He also asked if Council members had any questions or comments that needed to be addressed before moving forward with the agenda. There were none.

I. Notice of Certificate of Continuing Education in Interdisciplinary Studies for Assessment and Treatment of Trauma at Rhode Island College.

II. Notice of Certificate of Continuing Study in HIV Certificate Program for Case Managers & Direct Care Staff at Rhode Island College.
III. Notice of Certificate of Continuing Study in Leadership Development for Healthcare Professionals at Rhode Island College.

6. President Reports

6a) Community College of Rhode Island - Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education – Strategic plans in collaboration with RIDE to increase in-state student enrollment with the next cohort of high school students.

President Hughes provided an overview of the dual and concurrent enrollment programs. She stated that 911 high school students participated in dual and concurrent enrollment programs in collaboration with RIDE. In the Fall of 2019, CCRI launched a new PrepareRI apprenticeship program for high school seniors, with the goal of increasing enrollment at CCRI. CCRI plans to build upon the programs established and create new programs in collaboration with RIDE.

6b) Rhode Island College- Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education – Strategic plans in collaboration with RIDE to increase in-state student enrollment with the next cohort of high school students.

President Sanchez provided an overview highlighting partnerships with RIDE. RIC plans to strengthen its teacher preparation curriculum. RIC is looking to define where support can be applied for ongoing professional development. Additionally, RIC plans to assist with diversifying the teacher pipeline for teacher candidates at schools throughout Providence. Continued faculty growth in the areas of math and science is needed to better prepare high school students to succeed in college.

President Sanchez co-chairs the Urban Innovation Partners Group; this group aims to identify a coherent strategy to rally together toward common goals for secondary schools throughout the state. Recently the primary focus has been geared toward Providence schools. The group plans to gather an inventory of all the work the higher education institutions are doing collectively to support Providence schools and other schools throughout the state.

Additionally, RIC has a 53-year partnership with the Upward Bound program. RIC is working with Commissioner Infante-Green to adopt two schools and to provide additional support to them. The focus areas will be to provide pathways to health-related careers and to prepare to fill the large need for bilingual professionals within healthcare. RIC is gearing up for the PrepareRI summer program throughout Providence. This program will provide internship experiences for an anticipated 500-600 students next year.

6c) University of Rhode Island - Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education – Strategic plans in collaboration with RIDE to increase in-state student enrollment with the next cohort of high school students.

President Dooley provided an overview of the partnerships with RIDE throughout the state. In-state enrollment is part of the overall strategy for URI students. URI uses an integrated approach,
which relies very heavily on social media. URI in-state enrollment is up as a result of this strategy.

President Dooley highlighted one of many programs in his report – the URI SMILE Program, which focuses on STEM disciplines for middle school students. He highlighted the increased enrollment in Talent Development summer camps for economically disadvantaged students and discussed other URI-hosted camps that exposed students to data analytics, computer science, and artificial intelligence. Programs are effective at exposing students to a college experience. Programs like these are helpful in increasing in-state enrollment in the long-term. URI has entered into new partnerships with Cranston East and West High Schools to explore how to prepare students for success in mathematics at the college level. URI is currently providing pre-calculus course at the high schools.

7. Action Items.

7a) Approval of an application from POCA Technical Institute to operate as proprietary school in Rhode Island.

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Dennis Duffy, and seconded by Thomas Izzo, it was

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the application for an Initial Certificate of Approval for POCA Technical Institute to operate as proprietary school in Rhode Island.

VOTE: 5 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS 0

7b) Approval of Non-SARA application for The Chicago School of Professional Psychology (Los Angeles, CA)

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Izzo, and seconded by Dennis Duffy, it was
VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the Non-SARA application for The Chicago School of Professional Psychology (Los Angeles, CA).

VOTE: 5 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS 0

7c) Approval of the conveyance of Council property at 560 Jefferson Blvd, Warwick Rhode Island to the State of Rhode Island.

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Jeffery Williams, and seconded by Dennis Duffy, it was

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the conveyance of Council property at 560 Jefferson Blvd, Warwick, Rhode Island to the State of Rhode Island.

VOTE: 5 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS 0

7d) Approval of the nomination of the State Home and School for Dependent and Neglected Children Historic District at Rhode Island College to the National Register of Historic Places.

A motion was made by Jeffrey Williams, and seconded by Dennis Duffy on Item 7d. After discussion on the motion and item, Chair DelGiudice called for a motion to amend the proposed motion to make the approval subject to written confirmation, provided to the Commissioner, that
buildings up for nomination for the Federal Register are already listed on the State Register of Historic Places.

On a motion duly made by Jeffery Williams, and seconded by Dennis Duffy, it was

**VOTED: **THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the amendment of the motion to make approval of the nomination of the State Home and School for Dependent and Neglected Children Historic District at Rhode Island College to the National Register of Historic Places subject to written confirmation, provided to the Commissioner, that the buildings that are the subject of this nomination for the Federal Register are already listed on the State Register of Historic Places.

**VOTE:** 5 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

**YEAS:** Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffery Williams.

**NAYS:** 0

**ABSTAINs** 0

Chair DelGiudice then called for a vote on the amended motion, and it was

**VOTED: **THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the nomination of the State Home and School for Dependent and Neglected Children Historic District at Rhode Island College to the National Register of Historic Places, as amended.

**VOTE:** 5 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

**YEAS:** Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffery Williams.
7e) Approval of Fourth Amendment to the Lease with the Independence Square Foundation at the University of Rhode Island.

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Izzo, and seconded by Dennis Duffy, it was

**VOTED:** THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the Fourth Amendment to the Lease with the Independence Square Foundation at the University of Rhode Island.

**VOTE:** 5 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

**YEAS:** Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffery Williams.

**NAYS:** 0

**ABSTAINS** 0

7f) Approval of Facilities Use Agreement-Windward Fund at the University of Rhode Island.

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Izzo, and seconded by Dennis Duffy, it was

**VOTED:** THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the Facilities Use Agreement-Windward Fund at the University of Rhode Island.

**VOTE:** 5 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

**YEAS:** Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffery Williams.

**NAYS:** 0

**ABSTAINS** 0
7h) Approval of the grant of easement to the Narragansett Electric Company at the University of Rhode Island.

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Izzo, and seconded by Dennis Duffy, it was

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the grant of easement to the Narragansett Electric Company at the University of Rhode Island.

VOTE: 5 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS 0

7i) Approval of the reclassification of Director of Communications and Marketing at the University of Rhode Island.

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Izzo, and seconded by Dennis Duffy, it was

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the reclassification of Director of Communications and Marketing at the University of Rhode Island.

VOTE: 5 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS 0
7j) Approval of the reclassification of Assistant Director of Academic Advising/ University College of Academic Success at the University of Rhode Island.

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Izzo, and seconded by Dennis Duffy, it was

**VOTED:** \( \text{THAT} \) The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the reclassification of Assistant Director of Academic Advising/ University College of Academic Success at the University of Rhode Island.

**VOTE:** 5 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

**YEAS:** Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffery Williams.

**NAYS:** 0

**ABSTAINS** 0

7k) Approval of the reclassification of Director of Academic Enhancement Center/ University College of Academic Success at the University of Rhode Island.

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Izzo, and seconded by Dennis Duffy, it was

**VOTED:** \( \text{THAT} \) The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the reclassification of Director of Academic Enhancement Center/ University College of Academic Success at the University of Rhode Island.

**VOTE:** 5 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

**YEAS:** Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffery Williams.

**NAYS:** 0

**ABSTAINS** 0
7l) Approval of the reclassification of Assistant Vice President for Student Health and Wellness and Director of Health Services at the University of Rhode Island.

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Izzo, and seconded by Dennis Duffy, it was

**VOTED: THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the reclassification of Assistant Vice President for Student Health and Wellness and Director of Health Services at the University of Rhode Island.

**VOTE:** 5 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

**YEAS:** Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffery Williams.

**NAYS:** 0

**ABSTAINS** 0

7m) Approval of the new classification of Cloud Services Architect at the University of Rhode Island.

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Izzo, and seconded by Dennis Duffy, it was

**VOTED: THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the new classification of Cloud Services Architect at the University of Rhode Island.

**VOTE:** 5 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

**YEAS:** Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffery Williams.

**NAYS:** 0

**ABSTAINS** 0
8) Executive Session

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion to enter into Executive Session for the following items:

8a) Discussion regarding collective bargaining pursuant to R.I.G.L §42-46-5(a)(2) - with the following:
   i. Rhode Island College /Adjunct Faculty.
   ii. CCRI Faculty Association.

8b) Discussion regarding commissioner candidates, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(1).

8c) Discussion regarding potential litigation pursuant to R.I.G.L §42-46-5(a)(2).

The Chair noted that the individuals to be discussed in Item 8b have been notified, in writing, of their right to have these discussions take place in Open Session, and that no objection to proceeding in Executive Session has been received.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Izzo, and seconded by Dennis Duffy, it was

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education enters into Executive Session.

VOTE: 5 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS 0

The Council entered in Executive Session at 7:00 PM. All non-Council members in attendance were excused, with the exception of Anne Marie Coleman, Director of Labor Relations, Ron Cavallaro, Acting Commissioner and General Counsel, David Dooley, President of URI, Frank Sanchez, President of RIC, Meghan Hughes, President of CCRI, and Fred Holloway of RIOPC.

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 7:32 pm.

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Izzo, and seconded by Dennis Duffy, it was
VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education seals the minutes of the Executive Session held on September 25, 2019.

VOTE: 5 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS 0

9. Upcoming Meeting
The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education is scheduled for October 9, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Community College of Rhode Island Knight Campus.

10. Adjournment
Chair DelGiudice called for a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Council on September 25, 2019.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Izzo and seconded by Jeffery Williams, it was

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education adjourns the meeting of September 25, 2019.

VOTE: 5 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

The meeting Adjourned at 7:35 pm.