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, Michael Mello, Marianne Monte, Barbara Mullen, and Jeffery Williams.

Absent: Rachelle Green

1. Acceptance of the Agenda

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion to amend the agenda –to move item 6e up on the agenda and remove item 8a.

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

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approves amendments to the agenda for the meeting of October 23, 2019.

VOTE: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Marianne Monte, Barbara Mullen, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0
Chair DelGiudice then called for a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

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

VOTED:  THAT  The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the agenda for the meeting of October 23, 2019, as amended.

VOTE:  8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS:  Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Marianne Monte, Barbara Mullen, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS:  0

ABSTAINS:  0

2. Approval of the minutes

2a) Minutes of the September 25, 2019 meeting.
Chair DelGiudice called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Michael Mello and seconded by Jeffrey Williams, it was

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

VOTE:  8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS:  Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Marianne Monte, Barbara Mullen, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS:  0

ABSTAINS:  0

2b) Minutes of the October 9, 2019 meeting.
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 minutes of the meeting on October 9, 2019.

**VOTE:** 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

**YEAS:** Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Marianne Monte, Barbara Mullen, and Jeffery Williams.

**NAYS:** 0

**ABSTAINS:** 0

3. Reports from the Chairs

Chair DelGiudice announced that there would be no reports of the Chairs.

4. Report from the Commissioner

a) Acting Commissioner Cavallaro did not present a report to the Council. He read the following programmatic changes into the record.

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

   I. Notice of stackable certificates in Graduate Healthcare Management, which can lead into a Master of Science Healthcare Management (MHM) in the College of Business at the University of Rhode Island.
      - Health Leadership and Administration.

   II. Notice of the creation of a new professional Master of Science in Supply Chain Management and Applied Analytics (PMSCMMA).

Chair DelGiudice moved on to address the agenda item (6e)-Approval of the Third Amendment to the Lease Agreement between the Council on Postsecondary Education and CV SSL Master Tenant, LLC, regarding the Nursing Education Center in Providence, RI
Acting Commissioner Cavallaro explained the Third Amendment, and he and Sean Coffey, Esq. answered questions from Council Members.

Chair DelGiudice then called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Marianne Mello and seconded by Jeffrey Williams, it was

**VOTED:** THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the Third Amendment to the Lease Agreement between the Council on Postsecondary Education and CV SSL Master Tenant LLC, regarding the Nursing Education Center in Providence Rhode Island.

**VOTE:** 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

**YEAS:** Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Marianne Monte, Barbara Mullen, and Jeffery Williams.

**NAYS:** 0

**ABSTAINS:** 0

5. President Reports

5a) University of Rhode Island - Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education – Enrollment and Retention Report.

President Dooley advised members of the Council to read the Enrollment Report the university provided in their packets but wanted to discuss the recent media coverage about the food pantry available to students on the URI campus. Nationally, about a third of students face food insecurity and many work or receive financial aid. The food pantry at URI, Rhody Outpost, was created to serve the needs of food insecure students at the university. In addition, the university provides nutritional counseling, information about accessing public benefits, as well as veteran’s benefits for eligible students. The university also has an emergency fund designed to help students in dire need. Dooley explained that many students faced with these issues come from low-income backgrounds or are international students.
5b) Rhode Island College - Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education – Enrollment and Retention Report.

President Sanchez advised Council members to view the Enrollment Report provided in their printed packets and discussed the unique and significant enrollment challenges that RIC is facing. While RIC has seen a slight enrollment increase of graduate students, there has been an overall enrollment decline since 2015. However, RIC has seen some encouraging preliminary data since implementing several tools and strategies to increase enrollment and retention. Some of these changes include realigning several offices, setting and meeting performance indicators, strategic investment in technology, and implementing more effective communications and marketing. Because of that, many students’ initial touchpoint with the college has changed. There has been an increase in enrollment at the college but more progress is ahead.

5c) Community College of Rhode Island - Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education – Enrollment and Retention Report.

President Hughes provided a brief synopsis of the enrollment data given during the CCRI budget presentation and announced that CCRI has experienced a modest enrollment increase thanks to a number of factors. The two largest contributors were the Promise Scholarship and the fully-staffed Student Services team. She also shared that CCRI recently received their first Title III grant to help implement guided pathways for students, which includes funds to hire seven Pathways Navigators that will help students excel academically and maintain their trajectory to transfer to RIC or URI after degree completion at CCRI. Hughes also announced that the college recently welcomed a new Dean of Allied Health. Lastly, CCRI has put into place a new initiative called Dean on Duty, which requires that at least one academic dean be on campus at all CCRI locations after hours. There is excitement about the initiative but CCRI is still solidifying all the details.

6) Action Items

6a) Approval of Postsecondary Unrestricted and Restricted Budget Requests, Tuition and Fee Rates and Tables of Organization for FY 2021 – FY 2022, and the Unrestricted and Restricted Budget Allocations for FY 2020 and recommendation to the Board of Education

Chair DelGiudice presented a summary of the budget requests and answered questions from Council members. He then called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Michael Mello, and seconded by Marianne Monte, it was

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the Postsecondary Unrestricted and Restricted Budget Requests, Tuition and Fee Rates and Tables
of Organization for FY 2021 – FY 2022, and the Unrestricted and Restricted Budget Allocations for FY 2020 and recommendation to the Board of Education.

VOTE: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Marianne Monte, Barbara Mullen, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

6b) Approval of the Postsecondary Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2021-2025 and recommendation to the Board of Education.

Chair DelGiudice presented a summary of the Postsecondary Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2021-2015, and he and the President answered questions from Council members. He then called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Jeffrey Williams, and seconded by Michael Mello, it was

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the Postsecondary Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2021-2025 and recommendation to the Board of Education, as presented.

VOTE: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Marianne Monte, Barbara Mullen, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS 0
6c) Approval of the audited financial statements for the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, the Community College of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

Steve Cohen from O’Connor and Drew, P.C. explained to the Council the auditing process and its findings. Chair DelGiudice then called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Marianne Monte, and seconded by Michael Mello, it was

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approves of the audited financial statements for the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, the Community College of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

VOTE: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Marianne Monte, Barbara Mullen, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS 0

6d) Approval of the AY20-21 Concurrent Course Listing.

Acting Commissioner Cavallaro explained the AY 20-21 Concurrent Course Listings, after which Chair DelGiudice called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Michael Mello, and seconded by Dennis Duffy, it was

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the AY20-21 Concurrent Course Listing.

VOTE: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
YEAS: Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Marianne Monte, Barbara Mullen, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS 0

6f) Approval of the Facilities Use Agreement-History Investments LLC at the University of Rhode Island.

Chair DelGiudice recused himself from this agenda item. President Dooley and General Counsel Saccoccio explained the Facilities Use Agreement to the Council, after which, Chair Cottam called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Michael Mello, and seconded by Dennis Duffy, it was

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the Facilities Use Agreement-History Investments LLC at the University of Rhode Island.

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

YEAS: Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Marianne Monte, Barbara Mullen, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS 0

6g) Approval of the new classification of Assistant Vice President, Enterprise Risk Management at the University of Rhode Island.

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Marianne Monte, and seconded by Dennis Duffy, it was
VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the new classification of Assistant Vice President, Enterprise Risk Management at the University of Rhode Island.

VOTE: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Marianne Monte, Barbara Mullen, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS 0

6h) Approval of the new classification of Director, Ocean Observatories Initiatives Facilities Board Support Office at the University of Rhode Island.

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Marianne Monte, and seconded by Dennis Duffy, it was

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the new classification of Director, Ocean Observatories Initiatives Facilities Board Support Office at the University of Rhode Island.

VOTE: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Marianne Monte, Barbara Mullen, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS 0

6i) Approval of the new classification of Director of Academic Advising at Rhode Island College.
Chair DelGiudice called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Marianne Monte, and seconded by Dennis Duffy, it was

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the new classification of Director of Academic Advising at Rhode Island College.

VOTE: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Marianne Monte, Barbara Mullen, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS 0

6j) 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.

President Sanchez, members of the staff at RIC, and members of the RI Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission explained this nomination and answered questions from Council Members. Chair DelGiudice then called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Izzo, and seconded by Jeffrey Williams, 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.

VOTE: 6 members voted in the affirmative and 2 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Marianne Monte, and Jeffery Williams.
6k) Approval of a Parking Agreement with Schneider Electric regarding the University of Rhode Island’s Kingston Campus.

Vice President Ryder explained this agreement to the Council, after which Chair DelGiudice called for a motion.

On a motion duly made by Marianne Monte, and seconded by Michael Mello, it was

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| VOTE: | 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows: |

| YEAS: | Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Marianne Monte, Barbara Mullen, and Jeffery Williams. |

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7) Executive Session

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

7a) Discussion regarding collective bargaining pursuant to R.I.G.L §42-46-5(a)(2) - with the following:

1. RIC/Adjunct Faculty
2. CCRI Faculty Association

7b) Discussion regarding potential litigation pursuant to R.I.G.L §42-46-5(a)(2)

On a motion duly made by Michael Mello, and seconded by Dennis Duffy, it was
VOTED: THAT

The Council on Postsecondary Education enters into executive session for the following items:
Discussion regarding collective bargaining pursuant to G.L §42-46-5(a)(2) - with the following:

1. RIC/Adjunct Faculty
2. CCRI Faculty Association

7b) Discussion regarding potential litigation pursuant to R.I.G.L §42-46-5(a)(2)

VOTE: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Marianne Monte, Barbara Mullen, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS 0

The Council entered in Executive Session at 7:01 PM. All non-Council members in attendance were excused, with the exception of
Ron Cavallaro, Acting Commissioner of Postsecondary Education
Anne Marie Coleman, Director of Labor Relations
Fred Holloway, RIOPC
Frank Sanchez, RI College President
David Dooley, URI President
Meghan Hughes, CCRI President
Alix Ogden, CCRI

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 7:15 pm.

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

On a motion duly made by Jeffrey Williams, and seconded by Marianne Monte, it was

VOTED: THAT

The Council on Postsecondary Education seals the minutes of the Executive Session held on October 23, 2019.
VOTE: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Marianne Monte, Barbara Mullen, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS 0

8. Additional Action Items

8a) Ratification of contract with the CCRI Faculty Association.

Regarding item 8a on the agenda, ratification of the contract with the CCRI Faculty Association, this matter was removed from the agenda, as the union leadership had not yet scheduled a ratification vote on the contract.

9. Upcoming Meeting

b. The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education is scheduled for December 4, 2019, 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 October 23, 2019.

On a motion duly made by Dennis Duffy and seconded by Marianne Monte, it was

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education adjourns the meeting of July 24, 2019.

VOTE: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Marianne Monte, Barbara Mullen, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0
The meeting Adjourned at 7:23 pm.