



**Council on Postsecondary Education Meeting
Wednesday, September 16, 2020 5:30 p.m.**

HYBRID MEETING

**Room 4090, CCRI Knight Campus, 400 East Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island
and Zoom Webinar**

**PURSUANT TO GOVERNOR RAIMONDO'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-75,
THIS WILL BE A HYBRID MEETING.**

Due to social distancing restrictions, this meeting will be held in person only for Council members and essential personnel. Members of the public may view the virtual meeting from an electronic device (desktop, laptop, tablet, or mobile phone) via the Zoom platform.

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Providing public comment: The Council strongly encourages individuals interested in providing public comment to e-mail written comments to Lynn.Owens@riopc.edu. These written comments will be shared with the Council in advance of the meeting. Any written comments submitted after 5:30 p.m. the day of the meeting, will be shared with Council members after the meeting.

If an individual prefers to provide verbal comment instead of a written statement, please email Lynn.Owens@riopc.edu by 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 to sign up to comment during the Open Forum. Please note that during the Open Forum, only those individuals who have signed up in advance of the meeting will be allowed to comment. The Open Forum will be limited to no more than thirty (30) minutes; individuals are asked to limit their remarks to three (3) minutes or less.

In the event of technical difficulties during the meeting, please email beth.bailey@riopc.edu.

A recording of the meeting will be posted on the RI Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner Facebook account after the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Acceptance of the Agenda

2. Open Forum

3. Approval of the Minutes

- A. Minutes of the August 5, 2020 meeting. ([Enclosure 3.A.](#))
- B. Minutes of the August 12, 2020 special meeting. ([Enclosure 3.B.](#))
- C. Minutes of the August 19, 2020 special meeting. ([Enclosure 3.C.](#))

4. 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.

5. Report from the Commissioner

- A. Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education.

6. Reports from the Presidents

- A. Community College of Rhode Island – Update on the college’s enrollment and most recent budget situation, and the current and anticipated impact and response.
- B. Rhode Island College ([Enclosure 6.B.](#))
 - 1. Update on the college’s enrollment and most recent budget situation, and the current and anticipated impact and response.
 - 2. Notices of new programs and/or changes that were submitted and reviewed for notification to the Council: Closure of the Henry Barnard School.

7. Discussion Items ([Enclosure 7](#))

- A. Notification of a Proposal from College Unbound for conditional approval to operate in Rhode Island and offer the Bachelor of Arts degree in Organizational Leadership and Change.
- B. Notification of a Proposal from College Unbound to offer more than fifty percent (50%) of the Bachelor of Arts degree in Organizational Leadership and Change through Distance Learning.

8. Executive Session

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

- A. Discussion regarding collective bargaining – all bargaining units, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2).
- B. Discussion regarding potential litigation, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2).

9. Upcoming Meeting

- A. The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education is scheduled for October 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

10. Adjourn