



**Council on Postsecondary Education
Special Meeting
Wednesday, January 6, 2021, 5:00 p.m.**

**PURSUANT TO GOVERNOR RAIMONDO'S EXECUTIVE
ORDER 20-93, THIS MEETING WAS HELD REMOTELY.**

MINUTES

Chair Timothy DelGiudice called this special meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. and acknowledged that a quorum was present via the Zoom webinar platform.

Council on Postsecondary Education members participating remotely:

Timothy DelGiudice, Chair, Council on Postsecondary Education
Barbara Cottam, Chair, Board of Education
Dennis Duffy
Rachelle Green
Thomas Izzo
Michael Mello
Marianne Monte
Jeffery Williams
Mackenzie Raimond (Student Member)

Chair DelGiudice noted that public access was provided to attendees of this Zoom webinar in compliance with the Open Meetings Act and the provisions of the Executive Order, and provided contact information for those experiencing technical difficulties. He also noted that prior to the Council entering Executive Session, attendees would be placed on hold and the meeting would be locked. The Chair went on to share that at the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Council would return to Open Session and resume public access. He then mentioned that videos of the Open Sessions would be posted on the RIOPC Facebook page following the meeting.

1. Acceptance of the Agenda

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion that the Council on Postsecondary Education accept the agenda for the meeting of January 6, 2021.

A motion was duly made by Mr. Mello and seconded by Ms. Green.

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On a motion then made by Mr. Izzo and seconded by Mr. Mello, it was

VOTED: THAT The agenda for the meeting of January 6, 2021 be amended to delete Action Item 2 (a).

VOTE: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS:

The Council then:

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education accepts the agenda for the meeting of January 6, 2021, as amended.

VOTE: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

Chair DelGiudice then introduced Mackenzie Raimond, a Rhode Island College student and the new student member of the Council, and welcomed her to the Council. Ms. Raimond told the Council members about her background and course of study at the College.

3. Executive Session

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion that the Council on Postsecondary Education enter Executive Session for the following items:

- a. Discussion regarding collective bargaining- all bargaining units, pursuant to R.I.G.L.§42-46-5(a)(2).
- b. Discussion regarding the Commissioner of Postsecondary Education Search Finalist, pursuant to R.I.G.L.§42-46-5(a)(1).

The Chair noted that the individual to be discussed in Item 3(b) had been notified of their right to have the discussion take place in Open Session, and that no objection to proceeding in Executive Session had been received.

On a motion duly made by Ms. Monte and seconded by Mr. Mello, it was

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education enter into Executive Session for the following items:

- a. Discussion regarding collective bargaining- all bargaining units, pursuant to R.I.G.L.§42-46-5(a)(2).
- b. Discussion regarding the Commissioner of Postsecondary Education Search Finalist, pursuant to R.I.G.L.§42-46-5(a)(1).

VOTE: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

The Council entered Executive Session at 5:11 p.m. Virtual public access was paused.

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 5:47 p.m. Virtual public access resumed.

Chair DelGiudice thanked attendees for their patience while on hold during the Council's Executive Session. He confirmed that the Council was back in Open Session.

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion that the Council on Postsecondary Education seal the minutes of the Executive Session held on January 6, 2021.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Mello, it was

VOTED:	THAT	The Council on Postsecondary Education seal the minutes of the Executive Session held on January 6, 2021.
	VOTE:	8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
	YEAS:	Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Marianne Monte, and Jeffery Williams.
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAINS:	0

4. Adjourn

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Ms. Monte, it was

VOTED:	THAT	The Council on Postsecondary Education adjourn the meeting of January 6, 2021.
	VOTE:	8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Marianne Monte, and Jeffery Williams.
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAINS:	0

This meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.