



**Council on Postsecondary Education Special Meeting  
Wednesday, July 7, 2021, 5:30 p.m.**

**PURSUANT TO  
GOVERNOR MCKEE'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-46,  
THIS MEETING WAS HELD REMOTELY.**

**MINUTES**

Chair Timothy DelGiudice called this remote special meeting to order at 5:32 PM and acknowledged that a quorum was present via the Zoom webinar platform.

Council on Postsecondary Education members present:

Timothy DelGiudice, Chair, Council on Postsecondary Education  
Dennis Duffy  
Rachelle Green  
Thomas Izzo  
Michael Mello  
Marianne Monte  
Mackenzie Raimond

Council member absent:

Barbara Cottam, Chair, Board of Education  
Jeffery Williams

Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner (RIOPC) staff present:

Shannon Gilkey, Ed.D., Commissioner  
Anne Marie Coleman, Director of Labor Relations  
Ronald Cavallaro, Esq., General Counsel  
Susan Mansolillo, Chief Financial Officer  
Tammy Warner, Ph.D., Assistant Commissioner, Academic and Student Affairs  
Beth Bailey, Director of Communications  
Jill Olson-Crowley, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner

Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI) participants:

Alix Ogden, Associate Vice President, Administration

Rhode Island College (RIC) participants:

Frank Sánchez, Ph.D., President

Clark Greene, Executive Director for Strategic Initiatives, Chief of Staff  
Stephen Nedder, Vice President, Administration and Finance  
Helen Tate, Provost/Vice President, Academic Affairs

Guests:

Attorney Edward Pare  
Scott Bromberg

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.

Chair DelGiudice announced that during the meeting, the Council may move into Executive Session. At that time, non-Council members will be placed on hold. When the Executive Session ends, the Council will return to the open session and the meeting host will release the hold to allow all other attendees to rejoin 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 July 7, 2021.

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

VOTED:        THAT        The Council on Postsecondary Education accept the agenda for the meeting of July 7, 2021.

VOTE:         6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS:         Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, and Marianne Monte

NAYS:         0

ABSTAINS:    0

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

A. Chair DelGiudice called for a motion that the Council on Postsecondary Education approve the minutes of the meeting that took place on April 21, 2021, as presented.

On a motion duly made by Michael Mello and seconded by Rachelle Green, it was:

VOTED:        THAT        The Council on Postsecondary Education approve the

minutes of the meeting that took place on April 21, 2021, as presented.

VOTE: 6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, and Marianne Monte

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

- B.** Chair DelGiudice called for a motion that the Council on Postsecondary Education approve the minutes of the meeting that took place on June 8, 2021, as presented.

On a motion duly made by Michael Mello and seconded by Rachelle Green, it was:

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approve the minutes of the meeting that took place on June 8, 2021, as presented.

VOTE: 6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, and Marianne Monte

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

### **3. Action Items**

- E.** Approval of the Lease with the Henry Barnard School Parents Association for the Henry Barnard School Building at Rhode Island College

Chair DelGiudice asked that the Henry Barnard Lease action item E be moved to first on the agenda as Mr. Scott Bromberg from the Henry Barnard Parent Association was joining the meeting while on a family vacation.

Chairman DelGiudice called for a motion that the Council on Postsecondary Education approves the lease with the Henry Barnard School Parents Association for the Henry Barnard School Building at Rhode Island College as presented. A motion was made by Marianne Monte and seconded by Dennis Duffy. Chair DelGiudice asked if there was discussion on the topic. Senator Izzo asked where the money that is collected for rent goes. Stephen

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Nedder shared that the money goes into the general fund at Rhode Island College, as it is not an auxiliary operation. The money supports the general education operations of the college. There were no further questions on the topic.

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

VOTED:            THAT            The Council on Postsecondary Education  
approve the lease with the Henry Barnard School Parents  
Association for the Henry Barnard School Building at  
Rhode Island College as presented.

VOTE:            6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members  
voted in the negative.

YEAS:            Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green,  
Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, and Marianne Monte

NAYS:            0

ABSTAINS:      0

President Sanchez expressed his thanks to the Henry Barnard School Parent Association for working with Rhode Island College through this process and thanked Mr. Bromberg. Mr. Bromberg thanked President Sanchez and the team as well as the Council for the approval.

**A. Approval of the Awarding of a Posthumous Degree at Rhode Island College**

Chairman DelGiudice called for a motion that the Council on Postsecondary Education approves the awarding (posthumously) of a Bachelors of Social Work from Rhode Island College to Angela Morgan. President Sanchez shared that both the faculty and Ms. Morgan's peers at Rhode Island College were very complimentary of her. She was known as a bright, talented, motivated, very driven, and compassionate individual. She was in the five-year program which speaks to her tenacious desire to get both her BSW and MSW degrees.

On a motion duly made by Rachelle Green and seconded by Thomas Izzo, it was:

VOTED:            THAT            The Council on Postsecondary Education approve  
the awarding (posthumously) of a Bachelors of Social  
Work from Rhode Island College to Angela Morgan.

VOTE:            6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members  
voted in the negative.

YEAS:            Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green,  
Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, and Marianne Monte

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

- B.** Approval of Position Reclassification from Coordinator, Simulation Lab to Manager, Simulation and Technology Operations, at the Rhode Island Nursing Education Center.

Chairman DelGiudice called for a motion that the Council on Postsecondary Education approve the recommendation of the Personnel Review Committee regarding the reclassification of the position of Coordinator, Simulation Specialist to Manager, Simulations and Technology Operations at the Rhode Island Nursing Education Center as presented. A motion was made by Michael Mello and seconded by Marianne Monte. Chair DelGiudice asked if there were any comments on the motion. Senator Izzo asked for some clarification regarding the differing requirements between the old and the new job descriptions. He specifically inquired about the type of experience and years of experience required in the new position. Commissioner Gilkey shared that this new position was more focused on information technology and is more of a logistical operations position and offered to provide more follow-up in an email.

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

VOTED:            THAT            The Council on Postsecondary Education approve the Recommendation of the System Personnel Review Committee regarding the reclassification of the position of Coordinator, Simulation Lab to Manager, Simulations and Technology Operations at the Rhode Island Nursing Education Center, as presented.

VOTE:            6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS:            Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, and Marianne Monte

NAYS:            0

ABSTAINS:      0

- C.** Approval of New Classification of Assistant Director for Budget and Financial Planning at Rhode Island College.

Chairman DelGiudice called for a motion that the Council on Postsecondary Education approve the recommendation of the System Personnel Review Committee regarding the new classification of Assistant Director for Budget and Financial Planning at Rhode Island College, as presented.

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

VOTED:            THAT            The Council on Postsecondary Education approve recommendation of the System Personnel Review Committee regarding the New Classification of Assistant Director for Budget and Financial Planning at Rhode Island College, as presented.

VOTE:              6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS:             Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, and Marianne Monte

NAYS:             0

ABSTAINS:       0

**D. Approval of a Structure Lease Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, regarding antennae and equipment on the roof of the Megastructure at the CCRI Knight Campus.**

Chairman DelGiudice called for a motion that the Council on Postsecondary Education approve the Structure Lease Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, regarding antennae and equipment on the roof of the Megastructure at the CCRI Knight Campus, as presented.

On a motion duly made by Michael Mello and seconded by Rachelle Green, it was:

VOTED:            THAT            The Council on Postsecondary Education approve the Structure Lease Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, regarding the installation, maintenance, and use of a wireless communication facility on the roof of the Megastructure at the CCRI Knight Campus, as presented.

VOTE:              6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS:             Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, and Marianne Monte

NAYS:             0

ABSTAINS:       0

**F. Approval of Proposed Council Policy on COVID-19 Vaccination of Students.**

Chairman DelGiudice called for a motion that the Council on Postsecondary approve the proposed Council Policy on COVID-19 vaccination of students as presented. A motion was made by Michael Mello and seconded by Thomas Izzo. Chair DelGiudice shared that the goal and intention is to have 100% vaccination across our campuses as we start to get back in person. Rachelle Green asked if anything had changed since this had been discussed at the last Council meeting. Chair DelGiudice indicated that nothing had changed, however, due to the postponement of the Council meeting the colleges did start to inform their communities that this policy was coming.

On a motion duly made by Michael Mello and seconded by Thomas Izzo, it was:

VOTED:            THAT            The Council on Postsecondary Education approve the proposed Council Policy on COVID-19 Vaccination of Students, as presented

VOTE:            6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS:            Timothy DelGiudice, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, and Marianne Monte

NAYS:            0

ABSTAINS:      0

**4. Executive Session**

Chair DelGiudice advised attendees that they would be placed on hold for the duration of tonight's Executive Session; the hold will be released once the Council is back in Open 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 potential litigation, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2).

On a motion duly made by Rachelle Green and seconded by Michael 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 potential litigation, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2).

VOTE: 6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

The Council entered Executive Session at 5:53 PM. Virtual public access was paused.

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 6:05 PM. 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 is now 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 July 7, 2021.

On a motion duly made by Rachelle Green and seconded by Marianne Monte, it was:

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education seal the minutes of the Executive Session held on July 7, 2021.

VOTE: 6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

## 5. Upcoming Meetings



The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education will be **Wednesday, July 21, 2021 (5:30 pm)**

**Remaining 2021 Meetings**

September 15, 2021    October 13, 2021    December 8, 2021

**6. Adjourn**

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

On a motion duly made by Michael Mello and seconded by Rachelle Green, it was

VOTED:            THAT            The Council on Postsecondary Education adjourn the meeting of July 7, 2021.

VOTE:            6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS:            0

ABSTAINS:      0

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.