Special Meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education
Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 5:30 PM

PURSUANT TO
GOVERNOR MCKEE’s EXECUTIVE ORDER 22-01,
THIS MEETING WAS HELD REMOTELY.

Meeting Minutes

Chair Timothy DelGiudice called this meeting to order at 5:37 PM, and acknowledged that a quorum was present.

Council on Postsecondary Education members present:

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

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
Tammy Warner, Ph.D., Assistant Commissioner, Academic and Student Affairs
Susan Mansolillo, CFO

Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI) participant:
Meghan Hughes, President

Rhode Island College (RIC) participant:
Frank Sanchez, President
1. Acceptance of the Agenda

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion that the Council on Postsecondary Education accept the agenda for the special meeting of January 12, 2022.

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

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education accept the agenda for the special meeting of January 12, 2022.

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

2. Action Items

A. Approval of amendment to the Council’s COVID-19 Vaccinations of Students Policy.

Chair DelGiudice shared that pursuant to the Council’s procedure for amending and approving policies, both the COVID-19 Vaccinations of Students and the COVID-19 Vaccination of Council Non-Classified Employees policies were discussed at the January 5, 2022 meeting and are being presented at this meeting for action by the Council.

Chair DelGiudice asked General Counsel, Ronald Cavallaro, to provide any updates. General Counsel Cavallaro shared that the change to the student policy only includes a modification to include a booster as shared in the red-lined and final version of the policy.

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion that the Council on Postsecondary Education approve the amendment to the Council’s COVID-19 Vaccinations of Students Policy.

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

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approve the amendment to the Council’s COVID-19
Vaccinations of Students Policy, as presented.

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

B. Approval of amendment to the Council’s COVID-19 Vaccination of Council Non-Classified Employees Policy.

Chair DelGiudice asked General Council Ronald Cavallaro to provide updates. General Counsel Cavallaro shared that the policy change now includes requiring a booster shot. Since the meeting on January 5, 2022, the CDC has modified the time requirement for receiving a booster after receiving the Pfizer 2nd vaccination, therefore there will be changes made on both the red-lined and final policies to reflect this new requirement.

Jeffery Williams asked if the boosters were available at the IHEs. General Counsel Cavallaro shared that they are available at CCRI. Clarke Green stated that RIC is having on-campus booster clinics and also checking that they are available in the community.

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion that the Council on Postsecondary Education approve the amendment to the COVID-19 Vaccination of Council Non-Classified Employees Policy.

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

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approve the amendment to the Council’s COVID-19 Vaccinations of Council Non-Classified Employees Policy, as presented.

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

3. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education will be a Special Meeting on February 2, 2022, on Zoom and the next Council Meeting will be on February 16, 2022, at Rhode Island College at 5:30 PM.

4. Adjourn

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education adjourn the special meeting of January 12, 2022.

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 meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.