



**Meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education
Wednesday, May 24, 2023**

**Community College of Rhode Island
400 East Avenue
Warwick, RI 02886, Room 4080
Meeting Minutes**

Chair David Caprio called this meeting to order at 4:41 PM and acknowledged that a quorum was present.

Council on Postsecondary Education members present:

David Caprio, Chair, Council on Postsecondary Education
Dennis Duffy
Thomas Izzo
Lawrence Purtill
Rachelle Green
Marcy Reyes

Council on Postsecondary Education members absent:

Michael Mello
Jeffery Williams
Ana Duarte Spencer

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

Shannon Gilkey, Ed.D., Commissioner
Ronald Cavallaro, Esq., General Counsel
Anne Marie Coleman, Vice President of Labor Relations
Beth Bailey, Director of Communications
Zachary Saul, Chief Financial Officer
Jill Olson-Crowley, Assistant to the Commissioner, Special Liaison to the Council on Postsecondary Education
Jackie Xiong, Administrative Assistant

Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI) participants:

President Meghan Hughes
Richard Sullivan, Vice President of Administration and Finance, and other staff members.

Rhode Island College (RIC) participants:

President Jack Warner, Vice President of Administration and Finance Steven Nedder.

1. Acceptance of the Agenda

Chair Caprio asked for a motion to accept the agenda for the meeting of May 24, 2023

On a motion made by Lawrence Purtill and seconded by Rachelle Green, it was:

VOTED:	THAT	The Council on Postsecondary Education accept the agenda for the meeting on May 24, 2023
	VOTE:	6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
	YEAS:	David Caprio, Dennis Duffy, Thomas Izzo, Lawrence Purtill, Rachelle Green, and Marcy Reyes.
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAINS:	0

2. Approval of the Minutes

Chair Caprio called for a motion that the Council on Postsecondary Education approve the minutes of the meeting that took place on May 3, 2023

On a motion duly made by Rachelle Green and seconded by Dennis Duffy, it was:

VOTED:	THAT	The Council on Postsecondary Education approve the minutes of the meeting that took place on May 3, 2023, as presented.
	VOTE:	6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
	YEAS:	David Caprio, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, Lawrence Purtill, and Marcy Reyes.
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAINS:	0

3. Action Items

A. Approval of the proposed Amendment to the Council's Adoption of Policies and Regulations Policy.

Chair Caprio called for a motion that the Council approve the proposed Amendment to the Council's Adoption of Policies and Regulations Policy.

After the motion was made and seconded, Chair Caprio asked if there was any discussion on the item. Commissioner Shannon Gilkey stated that he provided the Council members with a draft memo which outlines Committee routines and communications

Council member Rachelle Green inquired if a policy was never presented to a Committee, would it come before the Council twice? General Counsel Ronald Cavallaro responded that if it is a matter that is not within the purview of a Committee, the policy must go to the Council on a notification at one meeting and then back to the Council at a subsequent meeting for a vote. Commissioner Gilkey stated that he will submit a statement of support from Council member Michael Mello which will be appended to the minutes of this meeting.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Izzo and seconded by Lawrence Purtill, it was:

VOTED:	THAT	The Council on Postsecondary Education approve the proposed Amendment to the Council's Adoption of Policies and Regulations Policy.
	VOTE:	6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
	YEAS:	David Caprio, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, Lawrence Purtill, and Marcy Reyes.
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAINS:	0

B. Approval of the proposed Amendment to the Council's Policy for Articulation and Transfer between Public Institutions of Higher Education in Rhode Island (S-6.0).

Chair Caprio called for a motion that the Council on Postsecondary Education approve the proposed Amendment to the Council's Policy for Articulation and Transfer between Public Institutions of Higher Education in Rhode Island (S-6.0).

After the motion was made and seconded, Chair Caprio asked if there was any discussion on the item. Commissioner Gilkey stated that he will again submit a statement of support from Council member Mello, which will be appended to the minutes of this meeting.

On a motion duly made by Marcy Reyes and seconded by Rachelle Green, it was:

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approve the proposed Amendment to the Council's Policy for Articulation and Transfer between Public Institutions of Higher Education in Rhode Island (S-6.0).

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

YEAS: David Caprio, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, Lawrence Purtill, and Marcy Reyes.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

4. Executive Session

Chair Caprio called for a motion that the Council 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 Tentative Agreement with RIC/AFT, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2).
- C. Discussion regarding potential litigation, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2).

On a motion duly made by Dennis Duffy and seconded by Lawrence Purtill, 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 Tentative Agreement with RIC/AFT, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2).
- C. 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 David Caprio, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, Lawrence Purtill, and Marcy Reyes.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

The Council entered Executive Session at 4:47 PM.

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 4:59 PM.

Chair Caprio called for a motion that the Council on Postsecondary Education seal the minutes of the Executive Session held on May 24, 2023.

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

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education seal the minutes of the Executive Session held on May 24, 2023.

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

YEAS: David Caprio, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, Lawrence Purtill, and Marcy Reyes.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

5. Additional Action Items

- A. Ratification of a tentative three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Council on Postsecondary Education and the Rhode Island College Faculty Association (RIC/AFT).

Chair Caprio called for a motion that the Council on Postsecondary Education approve the Ratification of a tentative three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Council on Postsecondary Education and the Rhode Island College Faculty Association (RIC/AFT).

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

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approve the Ratification of a tentative three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Council on Postsecondary Education and the Rhode Island College Faculty Association (RIC/AFT).

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

YEAS: David Caprio, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, Lawrence Purtill, and Marcy Reyes.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

B. Approval of a 2.5% across the board salary increase effective July 2, 2023, for all eligible, non-union, non-classified employees at RIOPC, RIC, and CCRI.

Chair Caprio called for a motion that the Council on Postsecondary Education approve a 2.5% across the board salary increase effective July 2, 2023, for all eligible, non-union, non-classified employees at RIOPC, RIC, and CCRI.

On a motion duly made by Lawrence Purtill and seconded by Rachelle Green, it was:

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approve a 2.5% across the board salary increase effective July 2, 2023, for all eligible, non-union, non-classified employees at RIOPC, RIC, and CCRI.

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

YEAS: David Caprio, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, Lawrence Purtill, and Marcy Reyes.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

10. Next Meeting

Chair Caprio stated that the next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education will be on July 12, 2023 at Rhode Island College

11. Adjourn

Chair Caprio called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

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VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary adjourn the meeting of
Wednesday, May 24, 2023.

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

YEAS: David Caprio, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas
Izzo, Lawrence Purtill, and Marcy Reyes.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

The meeting adjourned at 5:01 PM.