



Meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education Wednesday, November 9, 2022, 4:30 PM

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

Meeting Minutes

Chair David Caprio called this meeting to order at 4:44 PM and acknowledged that a quorum was present.

Council on Postsecondary Education members present:

David Caprio, Chair, Council on Postsecondary Education
Dennis Duffy
Rachelle Green
Thomas Izzo
Michael Mello
Lawrence Purtill
Jeffery Williams
Ana Duarte Spencer

Council on Postsecondary Education members absent:

Marcy Reyes

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

Shannon Gilkey, Ed.D., Commissioner
Ronald Cavallaro, Esq., General Counsel
Tammy Vargas Warner, Assistant Commissioner
Zachary Saul, Chief Financial Officer
Jill Olson-Crowley, Assistant to the Commissioner, Special Liaison to the Council on Postsecondary Education

Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI) participants: President Meghan Hughes, Rosemary Costigan, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Amy Kempe, Director of Marketing and Communications, and other staff members.

Rhode Island College (RIC) participants: President Jack Warner, Hele Tate, Provost and Vice

President of Academic Affairs, Steven Nedder, Vice President of Administration and Finance, and other staff members.

1. Acceptance of the Agenda

Chair Caprio asked for a motion to accept the agenda for the meeting of November 9, 2022.

On a motion made by Jeffery Williams and Seconded by Dennis Duffy it was:

VOTED:	THAT	The Council on Postsecondary Education accept the agenda for the meeting of November 9, 2022.
	VOTE:	7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
	YEAS:	David Caprio, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Lawrence Purtill, and Jeffery Williams.
	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 October 12, 2022.

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

VOTED:	THAT	The Council on Postsecondary Education approve the minutes of the meeting that took place on October 12, 2022, 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, Michael Mello, and Lawrence Purtill.
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAINS:	1 Jeffery Williams

3. Action Items

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- A. Approval of the Postsecondary (OPC, CCRI, and RIC) Unrestricted and Restricted Budget Requests, Tuition and Fee Rates, and Tables of Organization for FY 2024, and the Unrestricted and Restricted Budget Allocations for FY 2023 and recommendation to the Board of Education, as recommended by the Finance and Facilities Committee.

Chair Caprio called for a motion that the Council on Postsecondary Education approve the Postsecondary (OPC, CCRI, and RIC) Unrestricted and Restricted Budget Requests, Tuition and Fee Rates, and Tables of Organization for FY 2024, and the Unrestricted and Restricted Budget Allocations for FY 2023 and recommendation to the Board of Education, as recommended by the Finance and Facilities Committee.

On a motion duly made by Dennis Duffy and seconded by Thomas Izzo, it was:

VOTED:	THAT	The Council on Postsecondary Education approve the Postsecondary (OPC, CCRI, and RIC) Unrestricted and Restricted Budget Requests, Tuition and Fee Rates, and Tables of Organization for FY 2024, and the Unrestricted and Restricted Budget Allocations for FY 2023 and recommendation to the Board of Education, as recommended by the Finance and Facilities Committee.
	VOTE:	7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
	YEAS:	David Caprio, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Lawrence Purtill, and Jeffery Williams.
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAINS:	0

- B. Approval of the Postsecondary (OPC, CCRI, and RIC) Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2024 – FY 2028 and recommendation to the Board of Education, as recommended by the Finance and Facilities Committee.

Chair Caprio called for a motion that the Council on Postsecondary Education approve the Postsecondary (OPC, CCRI, and RIC) Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2024 – FY 2028 and recommendation to the Board of Education, as recommended by the Finance and Facilities Committee.

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

VOTED:	THAT	The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the Postsecondary (OPC, CCRI, and RIC) Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2024 – FY 2028
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and recommendation to the Board of Education, as recommended by the Finance and Facilities Committee.

VOTE: 7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: David Caprio, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Lawrence Purtill, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

C. Approval of the Community College of Rhode Island 2022-2027 Strategic Plan.

Chair Caprio called for a motion that the Council on Postsecondary Education approve the Community College of Rhode Island 2022-2027 Strategic Plan.

On a motion duly made by Jeffery Williams and seconded by Lawrence Purtill, it was:

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approves the Community College of Rhode Island 2022-2027 Strategic Plan.

VOTE: 7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: David Caprio, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Lawrence Purtill, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

Chair Caprio thanked President Hughes for her patience while he reviewed the Strategic Plan.

4. Executive Session

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

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- A. Discussions or considerations related to the acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(5).
- B. Discussion regarding potential litigation, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2).

Chair Caprio called for a motion that the Council enter into executive session for the following:

- A. Discussions or considerations related to the acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(5).
- B. Discussion regarding potential litigation, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2).

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

VOTED:	THAT	The Council on Postsecondary Education enter into Executive Session for the following items:
		A. Discussions or considerations related to the acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(5).
		B. Discussion regarding potential litigation, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2).
	VOTE:	7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
	YEAS	David Caprio, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Lawrence Purtill, and Jeffery Williams.
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAINS:	0

The Council entered Executive Session at 4:55 PM.

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 5:20 PM.

Chair Caprio called for a motion that the Council on Postsecondary Education seal the minutes of the Executive Session held on November 9, 2022.

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

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education seal the minutes of the Executive Session held on November 9, 2022.

VOTE: 7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: David Caprio, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Lawrence Purtill, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

5. Additional Action Items

- A. Approval and Authorization of the Commissioner regarding the lease between the Council and S-95 Main Street Woonsocket, LLC for 95-117 Main Street, Woonsocket, RI.

On a motion duly made by Jeffery Williams and seconded by Rachelle Green, it was:

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approve and authorize the Commissioner to proceed, within the parameters discussed, regarding the outstanding matters related to the lease between the Council and S-95 Main Street Woonsocket, LLC for 95-117 Main Street, Woonsocket, RI, and to sign any necessary documentation regarding same.

VOTE: 7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: David Caprio, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Lawrence Purtill, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

6. Next Meeting

Chair Caprio stated that the next meeting of the council on Postsecondary Education will be on December 7, 2022, at 5:30 PM at the Community College of Rhode Island.

11. Adjourn

Chair Caprio called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

On a motion duly made by Dennis Duffy and seconded by Jeffery Williams, it was:

VOTED:	THAT	The Council on Postsecondary adjourn the meeting of November 9, 2022.
	VOTE:	7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
	YEAS:	David Caprio, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Lawrence Purtill, and Jeffery Williams.
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAINS:	0

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM.