



Meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education

**Wednesday, December 7, 2022, 5:30 PM
Community College of Rhode Island
400 East Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886 Room 4090**

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AGENDA

1. Acceptance of the Agenda

2. Approval of the Minutes

A. Minutes of the November 9, 2022, CPE Meeting.

[Enclosure 2A](#)

3. Report from the Commissioner

[Enclosure 3](#)

- A. Strategies for Learning Loss and College Readiness/Completion
- B. Applied Connections between Education and Work
- C. Federal Updates impacting Higher Education
- D. Rhode Island Reconnect Update for Refugees

4. Report from the Committee Chairs

A. Finance and Facilities Committee - Update on Committee's activity since its last report to the Council.

[Enclosure 4A](#)

B. Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee - Update on Committee's activity since its last report to the Council.

[Enclosure 4B](#)

1. Notice of proposed revisions/amendments to the Council's Proprietary School Regulations as recommended by the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee. [Enclosure 4B1](#)
- C. Personnel Committee - Update on Committee's activity since its last report to the Council.
- D. Joint Alternate Retirement Plan Committee - Update on Joint Committee's activity since its last report to the Council. [Enclosure 4D](#)
5. **Reports from the Presidents**
 - A. **Community College of Rhode Island** [Enclosure 5A](#)
 1. Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education.
 - B. **Rhode Island College** [Enclosure 5B](#)
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6. **Action Items**
 - A. Approval of audited financial statements for Rhode Island College, the Community College of Rhode Island, and the Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner's Division of Higher Education Assistance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, as recommended by the Finance & Facilities Committee. [Enclosure 6A](#)
 - B. Approval of the proposed sub-lease agreement by and between Rhode Island College, by and through its governing board, the Rhode Island Council on Postsecondary Education, and Arbor E&T, LLC d/b/a Equus Workforce Solutions for the use of office space and a conference room at the Rhode Island College Workforce Development Hub located at 934 Dexter Street, Central Falls, Rhode Island as recommended by the Finance & Facilities Committee. [Enclosure 6B](#)
 - C. Approval of the proposed Facility Use and License Agreement by and among the Community College of Rhode Island, its governing board, the Rhode Island Council on Postsecondary Education, and Arbor E&T, LLC d/b/a Equus Workforce Solutions for the exclusive use of office space and non-exclusive use of the conference room at the Community College of Rhode Island Newport County Campus Building located at One John H. Chaffee Boulevard, Newport, Rhode Island as recommended by the Finance & Facilities Committee. [Enclosure 6C](#)
 - D. Approval of the privatization of the Community College of Rhode Island Bookstore as recommended by the Finance & Facilities Committee. [Enclosure 6D](#)
 - E. Approval of the Rhode Island College FY 2023 Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program as recommended by the Finance & Facilities Committee. [Enclosure 6E](#)

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- F. Approval of the Rhode Island College Admissions Pilot for the Teacher Certification Program as recommended by the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee. [Enclosure 6F](#)
- G. Approval of the awarding of tenure at the Community College of Rhode Island. [Enclosure 6G](#)
- H. Approval of the appointment of Richard Sullivan as the Vice President of Administration and Finance at the Community College of Rhode Island. [Enclosure 6H](#)
- I. Approval of the reclassification of Simulation Specialist to Senior Simulations Specialist at the Rhode Island Nursing Education Center as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee. [Enclosure 6I](#)

7. Executive Session

The Council may seek to 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 potential litigation, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2).
- C. Discussion or consideration regarding the lease of real property for public purposes- 116 High Street, Westerly, RI, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(5).

8. Additional Action Items

- A. Approval (conceptual) /authorization to proceed with discussions/negotiations regarding the short- term lease of property at 116 High Street, Westerly, RI.
- B. Ratification of the three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Council on Postsecondary Education and Local 2012, AFT.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education will be on

January 4, 2023, at the Rhode Island Nursing Education Center.

Remaining Meetings for 2023

February 15, 2023, RINEC
March 15, 2023, RIC
April 29, 2023, RINEC
June 21, 2023, RINEC

August 23, 2023, CCRI
September 26, 2023, RIC
September 27, 2023, RIC RETREAT
October 18, 2023, RINEC
December 6, 2023, CCRI

10. Adjourn