



**Council on Postsecondary Education Meeting
Wednesday, February 17, 2021, 5:30 p.m.**

**PURSUANT TO GOVERNOR RAIMONDO'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-93,
THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD REMOTELY.**

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AGENDA

1. Acceptance of the Agenda

2. Approval of the Minutes

- A. Minutes of the December 9, 2020 meeting [\[Enclosure 2A\]](#)
- B. Minutes of the January 6, 2021 meeting [\[Enclosure 2B\]](#)
- C. Minutes of the January 6, 2021 joint meeting [\[Enclosure 2C\]](#)

3. Reports from the Chairs

- A. Council on Postsecondary Education – Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education.
- B. Board of Education – Updates and issues affecting local and national PK-20 education.

4. Report from the Commissioner

- A. Update on policy and programmatic initiatives.
- B. Discussion of Performance Funding Reports and Evaluations
 - (1). Rhode Island College [\[Enclosure 4B1\]](#)
 - (2). Community College of Rhode Island [\[Enclosure 4B2\]](#)

5. Reports from the Presidents

- A. Community College of Rhode Island – Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education – Update on Covid19 impact and response. Update on Summer/Fall recruitment, admissions, and enrollment.
- B. Rhode Island College - Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education - Update on Covid19 impact and response. Update on Summer/Fall recruitment, admissions, and enrollment.

6. Discussion Items

- A. Update on the Northern Rhode Island Higher Education Center
- B. Presentation of the audited financial statements for Rhode Island College, the Community College of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2020

7. Action Items

- A. Approval of Non-SARA application for William Jessup University [\[Enclosure 7A\]](#)
- B. Approval of RI-SARA application for Providence College [\[Enclosure 7B\]](#)
- C. Approval of the audited financial statements for Rhode Island College, the Community College of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. [\[Enclosure 7C\]](#)
- D. Approval of extension of current contract, and timeline and selection process for external auditors. [\[Enclosure 7D\]](#)

8. Executive Session

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

- A. Discussion regarding potential litigation, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2).
- B. Discussion and Authorization regarding collective bargaining – all bargaining units, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2).

9. Upcoming Meetings

- A. The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education will be **Wednesday March 17, 2021, 9am – 3pm, Location TBD** which will serve as the Council’s Spring 2021 retreat.

Remaining 2021 Meetings

April 21, 2021	September 15, 2021
June 23, 2021	October 13, 2021
July 21, 2021	December 8, 2021

10. Adjourn