



**Special Meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education
Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 5:30 p.m.**

PURSUANT TO GOVERNOR McKEE'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-46, 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 March 31, 2021 Special Meeting [Enclosure 2A](#)
- 3. Report 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 State COVID Response Higher Education Workgroup
- B. Report on Signature Authority [Enclosure 4B](#)
- C. Notice of Changes at Rhode Island College

- (1). New Minor in Web Development [Enclosure 4C1](#)

5. Report from the Presidents

- 1. Community College of Rhode Island – updates on plans for the end of academic year activities, summer and fall planning, and enrollments.
- 2. Rhode Island College – updates on plans for the end of academic year activities, summer and fall planning, and enrollments.

6. Discussion Items

- A. Discussion of the GEER Public Higher Education Sub Grant Opportunity through RIOPC

7. Action Items

- A. Approval of awarding of degrees
 - 1. Community College of Rhode Island [Enclosure 7A1](#)
 - 2. Rhode Island College [Enclosure 7A2](#)
- B. Approval of awarding posthumous degree
 - 1. Rhode Island College [Enclosure 7B1](#)
- C. Approval of awarding of tenure
 - 1. Community College of Rhode Island [Enclosure 7C1](#)
 - 2. Rhode Island College [Enclosure 7C2](#)
- D. Approval of proposed amendments to the Council’s Title IX Sexual Harassment Policy and Procedures [Enclosure 7D](#)
- E. Approval of an application from College Unbound to operate as an institution of Higher Education in the State of Rhode Island [Enclosure 7E](#)

- F. Approval of Position upgrade at CCRI: Assistant Director – Talent Acquisition Specialist from grade 10 to grade 11. [Enclosure 7F](#)

8. Executive Session

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

- A. Discussion regarding potential litigation, and pending litigation- Howard Union of Teachers, Local 1171 et al. v. R.I. Department of Education et al. (Superior Court, Providence, SC.), pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2).
- B. Discussion regarding collective bargaining – all bargaining units, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2).
- C. Discussion regarding the acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes, or the disposition of publically held property, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(5)

9. Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education will be **Wednesday June 23, 2021 (5:30pm)**

Remaining 2021 Meetings

July 21, 2021	October 13, 2021
September 15, 2021	December 8, 2021

10. Adjourn