

RI Council on Postsecondary Education
Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

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560 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, RI 02886**

**PURSUANT TO GOVERNOR RAIMONDO'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 April 29, 2020 meeting. ([Enclosure 2.A.](#))

B. Minutes of the May 6, 2020 meeting. ([Enclosure 2.B.](#))

C. Minutes of the June 12, 2020 meeting.

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. Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education.
- B. Notices of new programs and/or changes that were submitted and reviewed for notification to the Council:
 - I. From Rhode Island College: ([Enclosure 4.B.](#))
 - a. Establishment of a Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree with a Specialization in Nurse Anesthesia Practice
 - b. Establishment of a Certificate of Graduate Study in Transition for Youth with Exceptionalities
 - c. Establishment of a Certificate of Graduate Study in Co-occurring Mental Health & Substance Use Disorders
 - d. Establishment of an undergraduate degree in Data Science
 - e. Establishment of a Certificate in Undergraduate Studies in Birth to Three
 - f. Establishment of a minor in Community and Public Health

5. Reports from the Presidents

- A. Rhode Island College- Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education.
- B. Community College of Rhode Island - Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education.

6. Discussion Items

- A. RI Reconnect

7. Action Items

- A. Approval of the Awarding of Faculty Tenure at Rhode Island College.
([Enclosure 7.A.](#))
- B. Approval of the Awarding of Faculty Tenure at the Community College of Rhode Island. ([Enclosure 7.B.](#))

8. Executive Session

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

9. Additional Action Item

- A. Approval of and authorization of the Chair regarding the lease of real property at 95 Main Street, Woonsocket, Rhode Island, for the Higher Education Center of Northern Rhode Island.

10. Upcoming Meetings

- A. The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education is scheduled for August 5, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.
- B. The next meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for August 5, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

11. Adjourn