



**Council on Postsecondary Education Special Meeting  
Wednesday, July 22, 2020 5:30 p.m.**

**PURSUANT TO GOVERNOR RAIMONDO'S EXECUTIVE ORDER  
20-53, THIS MEETING WAS HELD REMOTELY.**

**MINUTES**

Chair Timothy DelGiudice called this remote meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. and acknowledged that a quorum was present via the Zoom webinar platform. He thanked everyone for their patience and flexibility during such an unprecedented time.

Chair DelGiudice recognized Council members participating remotely:

Timothy DelGiudice, Chair, Council on Postsecondary Education  
Barbara Cottam, Chair, Board of Education  
Dennis Duffy  
Rachelle Green  
Thomas Izzo  
Michael Mello  
Marianne Monte  
Jeffery Williams

Also present for the remote meeting were staff members of the Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner (RIOPC):

Ronald Cavallaro, Esq., Acting Commissioner, General Counsel  
Anne Marie Coleman, Esq., Director of Labor Relations  
Susan Mansolillo, Chief Financial Officer  
Dr. Tammy Warner, Assistant Commissioner, Academic and Student Affairs  
Jhanay Davis, Public Information and Communications Specialist  
Lynn Owens, Assistant to the Commissioner

Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI) remote participants:

Meghan Hughes, CCRI, President  
Kristen Albritton, CCRI, Vice President, Finance & Strategy  
Sara Enright, CCRI, Vice President, Student Affairs/Chief Outcomes Officer  
Rosemary Costigan, CCRI, Vice President, Academic Affairs  
Alix Ogden, CCRI, Associate Vice President, Administration  
Sybil Bailey, CCRI, Director, Human Resources

Rhode Island College (RIC) remote participants:

Frank Sánchez, RIC, President  
Clark Greene, RIC, Executive Director for Strategic Initiatives/Chief of Staff  
Dr. Sue Pearlmuter, RIC, Interim Provost/Vice President, Academic Affairs  
Dr. Helen Tate, RIC, Provost/Vice President, Academic Affairs  
Robert Eaton, RIC, Director of Budget  
Maggie Sullivan, RIC, Director, Human Resources

Chair DelGiudice noted that public access was provided to attendees of this Zoom webinar in compliance with the Open Meetings Act and the provisions of the Executive Order. He also noted that prior to the Council entering Executive Session, non-Council members would be placed on hold for what may be an extended period and that the meeting would be locked. The Chair went on to share that at the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Council would return to Open Session and resume public access. He mentioned that the videos of the Open Sessions will be posted on RIOPC's Facebook page as expeditiously as possible.

## **1. Acceptance of the Agenda**

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion that the Council on Postsecondary Education accept the agenda for this meeting.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Mello and seconded by Ms. Green, it was

VOTED:	THAT	The Council on Postsecondary Education accepts the agenda for the meeting of July 22, 2020.
	VOTE:	8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
	YEAS:	Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Marianne Monte, and Jeffery Williams.
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAINS:	0

## **2. Executive Session**

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion that the Council on Postsecondary Education enter Executive Session for the following item:

- A. Discussion regarding collective bargaining with all bargaining units pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2).

On a motion duly made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Monte, it was

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education enter into Executive Session for the following items:

Discussion regarding collective bargaining with all bargaining units pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5 (a) (2).

VOTE: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Marianne Monte, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

The Council entered Executive Session at 5:42 p.m. Virtual public access was paused.

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 8:21 p.m. Virtual public access resumed.

Chair DelGiudice confirmed that the Council was back in Open Session.

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion that the Council on Postsecondary Education seal the minutes of the Executive Session held on July 22, 2020.

On a motion duly made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Monte, it was

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education seal the minutes of the Executive Session held on July 22, 2020.

VOTE: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Marianne Monte, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

### 3. Action Items

A. Authorization to the Chair and Director of Labor Relations regarding collective

bargaining- all bargaining units.

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion that the Council on Postsecondary Education authorize its Chair and Director of Labor Relations to proceed and address the collective bargaining matters as discussed in the Executive Session.

On a motion duly made by Ms. Mello and seconded by Mr. Duffy, it was

VOTED:        THAT            The Council on Postsecondary Education authorize the Chair and the Director of Labor Relations to proceed and address the collective bargaining matters as discussed in Executive Session.

VOTE:            8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS:            Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Marianne Monte, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS:            0

ABSTAINS:      0

- B. Authorization to the Presidents regarding personnel and/or pay plan action for Council non-classified, non-union employees.

No action taken.

#### **4. Upcoming Meetings**

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

#### **5. Adjourn**

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion to adjourn tonight's meeting.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Ms. Monte, it was

VOTED:    THAT            The Council on Postsecondary Education adjourn the meeting of July 22, 2020.

VOTE:            8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

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YEAS: Timothy DelGiudice, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy,  
Thomas Izzo, Rachelle Green, Michael Mello, Marianne  
Monte, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

This meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.