



**Special Meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education
Thursday, September 9, 2021, 5:00 p.m.
Rhode Island College
Roberts Hall Auditorium
600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue Providence, RI 02908**

Meeting Minutes

Chair Timothy DelGiudice called this special meeting to order at 5:25 PM and indicated that a quorum was present.

Council on Postsecondary Education members present:

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

Council members absent:

Marianne Monte
Mackenzie Raimond
Jeffery Williams

Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner (RIOPC) staff present:

Shannon W. Gilkey, Ed.D., Commissioner
Anne Marie Coleman, Director of Labor Relations
Ronald Cavallaro, Esq., General Counsel
Tammy Warner, Ph.D., Assistant Commissioner, Academic and Student Affairs
Susan Mansolillo, Chief Financial Officer
Beth Bailey, Director of Communications
Catherine McConnell, Director of Strategic Initiatives
Kimberly Bright, Interim Executive Director, RINEC
Jill Olson-Crowley, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner

Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI) participant: Alix Ogden, Associate Vice President, Administration

Rhode Island College (RIC) participant: Frank Sánchez, Ph.D., President

1. Acceptance of the Agenda

Chair DelGiudice called for a motion that the Council on Postsecondary Education accept the agenda for the special meeting of September 9, 2021.

On a motion duly made by Michael Mello and seconded by Dennis Duffy, it was:

VOTED THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education accept the agenda for the meeting of September 9, 2021.

VOTE: 6 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.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

2. Open Forum

Chair DelGiudice noted that individuals interested in providing public comment were encouraged to submit written comments to the Council, and indicated that written comments that were submitted have been shared with Council members.

Chair DelGiudice stated that one person had signed up to speak during the Open Forum. He noted that the Open Forum will last no longer than thirty minutes and that each speaker is afforded three minutes to speak.

Zachary Zimmerman stated that he is employed at the Community College of Rhode Island and wondered with the potential implementation of a COVID – 19 Vaccination Policy, would this set precedent for future mandated vaccination requirements for MMR, or Chicken Pox that aren't currently requirements for employment. General Counsel Ronald Cavallaro, at the request of the Chair, explained that the Open Forum is only for members of the public to speak and that the Council does not answer questions during them. Chair DelGiudice thanked Mr. Zimmerman for his participation during the Open Forum.

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ABSTAINS: 0

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 PM