



**Meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education
Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 8:30 AM
Rhode Island College**

600 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence, RI 02908, Kauffman Center, Conference Room

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AGENDA

1. Acceptance of the Agenda

2. Approval of the minutes

A. Minutes of the December 6, 2023, CPE Meeting.

[Enclosure 2A](#)

B. Minutes of the December 7, 2023, CPE Meeting.

[Enclosure 2B](#)

C. Minutes of the January 29, 2024, Special CPE Meeting.

[Enclosure 2C](#)

D. Minutes of the January 31, 2024, Special CPE Meeting.

[Enclosure 2D](#)

E. Minutes of the February 2, 2024, Special CPE Meeting.

[Enclosure 2E](#)

3. Report from the Commissioner

No Enclosure

A. Updates from OPC Initiatives

B. Federal Policy Update

4. Report from the Committee Chairs

A. Finance and Facilities Committee - Update on Committee's activity since its last report to the Council.

No Enclosure

B. Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee - Update on Committee's activity since its last report to the Council.

[Enclosure 4B](#)

- i. Notice of Change – CCRI – New program proposals in the Department of Biology and in the Department of Physics and Engineering. [Enclosure 4Bi](#)
 - a. Ecology and Environmental Biology, Aquatic Certificate
 - b. Ecology and Environmental Biology, Terrestrial Certificate
 - c. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Certificate

C. Personnel Committee - Update on Committee's activity since its last report to the Council. **No Report**

D. Joint Alternate Retirement Plan Committee - Update on Committee's activity since its last report to the Council. **No Report**

5. Reports from the Presidents

A. Community College of Rhode Island [Enclosure 5A](#)

- 1) College Updates
- 2) Black History Month
- 3) Academic Affairs Updates
- 4) Student Affairs Updates
- 5) Workforce Updates
- 6) Institutional Equity, Human Resources, and Organizational Development Updates
- 7) Finance and Administration Updates
- 8) CCRI Foundation/Institutional Advancement

B. Rhode Island College [Enclosure 5B](#)

- 1) Enrollment Management
- 2) Community Engagement Events
- 3) Student Community Government
- 4) Hope Scholarship
- 5) Hispanic Serving Institution
- 6) State-Federal Relationship in Higher Education Summit
- 7) Henry Barnard School RPF
- 8) Supporting Adult Learners
- 9) School of Business
- 10) Faculty of Arts and Sciences
- 11) School of Social Work
- 12) The Feinstein School of Education and Human Development
- 13) FSED Counseling, Educational Leadership and School Psychology Department (CEP)

6. Action Items

A. Approval of the first amendment to the sub-lease agreement by and between Rhode Island College, by and through its governing board, the Rhode Island Council on Postsecondary Education, and Arbor E&T, LLC d/b/a Equus Workforce Solutions for

the use of office space and a conference room at the Rhode Island College Workforce Development Hub located at 934 Dexter Street, Central Falls, Rhode Island.

No Enclosure

7. Executive Session

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

- A. Discussion regarding collective bargaining – all bargaining units, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2).
- B. Discussion regarding potential litigation, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2).
- C. Discussion regarding the Commissioner of Postsecondary Education’s contract renewal, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(1).
- D. Discussion regarding the Rhode Island College Presidential Search Finalists and the appointment of the new president of Rhode Island College, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(1).

8. Additional Action Items:

- A. Approval of the renewal of the Commissioner of Postsecondary Education’s employment contract and authorization of the Council Chair.
- B. Approval of the appointment of the new president of Rhode Island College and authorization of the Council Chair.

9. Next Meeting

The next Council on Postsecondary Education meeting will be on March 13, 2024, at 5:30 PM at the Rhode Island College.

10. Adjourn