



**Meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education
Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 5:30 PM
Community College of Rhode Island
400 East Ave, Warwick, RI 02886, Room 4090**

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AGENDA

1. Acceptance of the Agenda

2. Approval of the minutes

A. Minutes of the March 13, 2024, CPE Meeting.

[Enclosure 2A](#)

3. Report from the Commissioner

[Enclosure 3](#)

A. FAFSA

B. OPC Updates

C. Federal Policy

4. Report from the Committee Chairs

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

[Enclosure 4A](#)

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

[Enclosure 4B](#)

C. Personnel Committee - Update on Committee's activity since its last report to the Council.

No Enclosure

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

5. Reports from the President

- A.** Community College of Rhode Island [Enclosure 5A](#)
- 1) College Updates
 - 2) Academic Affairs
 - 3) Student Affairs
 - 4) Division of Workforce Partnerships Updates
 - 5) Institutional Equity, Human Resources, & Organizational Development
 - 6) Finance and Administration Updates
 - 7) CCRI Foundation

- B.** Rhode Island College [Enclosure 5B](#)
- 1) Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreation
 - 2) Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - 3) Engagement Events
 - 4) Feinstein School of Education and Human Development
 - 5) Faculty of Arts and Sciences
 - 6) Onanian School of Nursing
 - 7) Academic Affairs
 - 8) Professional Studies and Continuing Education
 - 9) School of Social Work
 - 10) Enrollment Management

6. Action Items

- A.** Approval of the new classification of Dean of Career and Technical Education and Community Partnerships at the Community College of Rhode Island as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee. [Enclosure 6A](#)
- B.** Approval of the reclassification of the Chief Human Resource Officer at Rhode Island College as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee. [Enclosure 6B](#)
- C.** Approval of awarding tenure:
- 1) The Community College of Rhode Island [Enclosure 6C1](#)
 - 2) Rhode Island College [Enclosure 6C2](#)
- D.** Approval of awarding degrees:
- 1) The Rhode Island College [Enclosure 6D1](#)
 - 2) Community College of Rhode Island [Enclosure 6D2](#)
- E.** Approval of the first amendment to the sub-lease agreement by and between Rhode Island College, by and through its governing council, the Rhode Island Council on Postsecondary Education, and the Central Falls School District for use of facilities at

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the Rhode Island College Workforce Development Hub located at 934 Dexter Street, Central Falls, Rhode Island, as recommended by the Finance and Facilities Committee. [Enclosure 6E](#)

- F. Approval of the amendment to the lease agreement by and between the Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner, by and through its governing council, the Rhode Island Council on Postsecondary Education and J & C Luzzi Homes, LLC for the lease of space, as indicated in the original lease agreement dated March 15, 2023, at 116 High Street, Westerly, Rhode Island, as recommended by the Finance and Facilities Committee. [Enclosure 6F](#)

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 lease of real property for public purposes, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(5).

8. Additional Action Items

- A. Approval of the Letter of Intent to enter into discussions/negotiations with Tower Street Center, LLC regarding the potential lease of space in the Tower Street Project located at 83 Tower Street in Westerly, Rhode Island.

9. Next Meeting

The next Council on Postsecondary Education meeting will be on June 26, 2024, at 5:30 PM at the Rhode Island Nursing Education Center.

10. Adjourn