



Meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education
Monday, January 29, 2024

Rhode Island College
600 Mount Pleasant Ave
Providence, RI 02908, Roberts Hall, Room 400
Meeting Minutes

Chair David Caprio called this meeting to order at 8:53 am and acknowledged that a quorum was present.

Council on Postsecondary Education members present:

David Caprio, Chair, Council on Postsecondary Education
Dennis Duffy entered at 9:38 AM
Rachelle Green
Michael Grey
Thomas Izzo
Lawrence Purtill
Michael Mello
Jeffery Williams
Ana Duarte Spencer

Council on Postsecondary Education members absent:

Marcy Reyes

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

Shannon Gilkey, Commissioner
Ronald Cavallaro, Esq., General Counsel
Anne Marie Coleman, Vice President of Labor Relations
Beth Bailey, Director of Communications
Gregory Ebner, Assistant Commissioner of Academics and Student Affairs
Jackie Xiong, Assistant to the Commissioner, Special Liaison to the Council on Postsecondary Education

Rhode Island College (RIC) participants:

President Jack Warner

Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI) participants:

President Rosemary Costigan

1. Acceptance of the Agenda

Chair Caprio asked for a motion to accept the agenda for the meeting of January 29, 2024.

On a motion made by Jeffery Williams and seconded by Rachelle Green, it was:

VOTED:	THAT	The Council on Postsecondary Education accept the agenda for the meeting of January 29, 2024.
	VOTE:	7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
	YEAS:	David Caprio, Rachelle Green, Michael Grey, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Lawrence Purtill, and Jeffery Williams.
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAINS:	0

2. Executive Session

Chair Caprio called for a motion that the Council enter executive session for the following:

- A. Interview with Rhode Island College Presidential Search Finalist, Dr. Jeffery Osborn, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(1).

On a motion duly made by Lawrence Purtill and seconded by Rachelle Green, it was:

VOTED:	THAT	The Council on Postsecondary Education enter into Executive Session for the following: Interview with Rhode Island College Presidential Search Finalist, Dr. Jeffery Osborn, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(1).
	VOTE:	7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
	YEAS:	David Caprio, Rachelle Green, Michael Grey, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Lawrence Purtill, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS : 0

ABSTAINS: 0

Chair Caprio noted that Dr. Osborn had been notified in writing of his right to have this discussion take place in Open Session, and that no objection to proceeding in Executive Session had been received.

The Council entered Executive Session at 8:53 AM

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 10:59 AM

Chair Caprio called for a motion that the Council on Postsecondary Education seal the minutes of the Executive Session held on January 29, 2024.

On a motion duly made by Lawrence Purtill and seconded by Rachelle Green, it was:

VOTED:	THAT	The Council on Postsecondary Education seal the minutes of the Executive Session held on January 29, 2024.
	VOTE:	8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
	YEAS:	David Caprio, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Michael Grey, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Lawrence Purtill, and Jeffery Williams.
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAINS:	0

3. Action Items

A. Approval of the new classification of Director, Institute Cybersecurity and Emerging Technologies at Rhode Island College, as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee.

Chair Caprio called for a motion that the Council approve the new classification of Director, Institute Cybersecurity and Emerging Technologies at Rhode Island College, as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee.

On a motion duly made by Jeffery Williams and seconded by Rachelle Green, it was:

VOTED:	THAT	The Council on Postsecondary Education approve the new classification of Director, Institute Cybersecurity and Emerging Technologies
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at Rhode Island College, as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee.

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

YEAS: David Caprio, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Michael Grey, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Lawrence Purtill, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

B. Approval of the Rhode Island College FY2024 Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program.

Chair Caprio called for a motion that the Council approve the Rhode Island College FY2024 Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program.

On a motion duly made by Rachelle Green and seconded by Dennis Duffy, it was:

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approve the Rhode Island College FY2024 Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program.

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

YEAS: David Caprio, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Michael Grey, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Lawrence Purtill, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

Prior to the vote, President Jack Warner gave a brief overview on the retirement incentive plan.

C. Approval of the reclassification of Director, Institute for Education in Healthcare, to the Executive Director, Institute for Education in Healthcare at Rhode Island College, as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee.

Chair Caprio called for a motion that the Council approve the reclassification of Director, Institute for Education in Healthcare, to the Executive Director, Institute for Education in Healthcare at Rhode Island College, as recommended by the Personnel

Review Committee.

On a motion duly made by Rachelle Green and seconded by Michael Grey, it was:

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approve the reclassification of Director, Institute for Education in Healthcare, to the Executive Director, Institute for Education in Healthcare at Rhode Island College, as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee.

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

YEAS: David Caprio, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Michael Grey, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Lawrence Purtill, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

Prior to the vote, Council Member Jeffery Williams inquired about the purpose of the reclassification.

President Warner responded that the reclassification allowed more flexibility for negotiating salary.

Council Member Williams also inquired about the current capacity under the Executive Director position, to which President Warner responded one to two staff.

D. Approval of the new classification of Administrator, Identity and Access Management (Information Security) at Rhode Island College, as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee.

Chair Caprio called for a motion that the Council approve the of the new classification of Administrator, Identity and Access Management (Information Security) at Rhode Island College, as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee.

On a motion duly made by Rachelle Green and seconded by Lawrence Purtill, it was:

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approve the new classification of Administrator, Identity and Access Management (Information Security) at Rhode Island College, as recommended by the

Personnel Review Committee.

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

YEAS: David Caprio, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Michael Grey, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Lawrence Purtill, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

4. Next Meeting

Chair Caprio stated that the next Council on Postsecondary Education regularly scheduled meeting will be on February 14, 2024, at 5:30 PM at the Rhode Island Nursing Education Center.

5. Adjourn

Chair Caprio called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

On a motion duly made by Jeffery Williams and seconded by Dennis Duffy, it was:

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary adjourn the meeting on January 29, 2024.

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

YEAS: David Caprio, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Michael Grey, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, Lawrence Purtill, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 AM.