



Meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education
Wednesday, January 31, 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 8:58 am and acknowledged that a quorum was present.

Council on Postsecondary Education members present:

David Caprio, Chair, Council on Postsecondary Education
Dennis Duffy
Rachelle Green
Michael Grey
Thomas Izzo
Lawrence Purtill
Michael Mello
Ana Duarte Spencer

Council on Postsecondary Education members absent:

Marcy Reyes
Jeffery Williams

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
Jackie Xiong, Assistant to the Commissioner, Special Liaison to the Council on Postsecondary Education

1. Acceptance of the Agenda

Chair Caprio asked for a motion to accept the agenda for the meeting of January 31, 2024.

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

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education accept the agenda for the meeting of January 31, 2024.

VOTE: 7 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, and Lawrence Purtill.

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. Dean Libutti, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(1).

On a motion duly made by Rachelle Green and seconded by Dennis Duffy, 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. Dean Libutti, 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, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Michael Grey, Thomas Izzo, Michael Mello, and Lawrence Purtill.

NAYS : 0

ABSTAINS: 0

Chair Caprio noted that Dr. Libutti 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 9:00 AM

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 11:10 AM

Chair Caprio called for a motion that the Council on Postsecondary Education seal the minutes of the Executive Session held on January 31, 2024.

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

VOTED:	THAT	The Council on Postsecondary Education seal the minutes of the Executive Session held on January 31, 2024.
	VOTE:	7 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, and Lawrence Purtill.
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAINS:	0

3. Next Meeting

Chair Caprio stated that the next Council on Postsecondary Education regularly scheduled meeting will be on February 14, 2024, at 8:30 AM at Rhode Island College in the Kauffman Center.

4. Adjourn

Chair Caprio called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

On a motion duly made by Lawrence Purtill and seconded by Michael Mello, it was:

VOTED:	THAT	The Council on Postsecondary adjourn the meeting on January 31, 2024.
	VOTE:	7 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, and Lawrence Purtill.
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAINS:	0

The meeting adjourned at 11:11 AM.