



Meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education
Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Rhode Island College
600 Mount Pleasant Avenue
Providence, RI 02908, Alger Hall, Room 100
Meeting Minutes

Chair David Caprio called this meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. 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
Marcy Reyes
Ana Duarte Spencer

Council on Postsecondary Education members absent:

Michael Mello
Lawrence Purtill
Jeffery Williams

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

Shannon Gilkey, Ed.D., Commissioner
Ronald Cavallaro, Esq., General Counsel
Anne Marie Coleman, Esq., Assistant Commissioner, Human Resources and Labor Relations
Beth Bailey, Chief Communications Officer
Greg Ebner, Assistant Commissioner of Academic and Student Affairs
Molly Cote, Esq., Chief Policy Officer
Zachary Saul, Chief Financial Officer
Jackie Xiong, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner and Liaison to the Council on Postsecondary Education

Rhode Island College (RIC) participants:

President Jack Warner
Clark Green, Senior Advisor to the President and Chief of Staff

Kimberly Bright, Executive Director Strategic Initiatives
Jenifer Giroux, Vice President of Corporate Relations and Professional Studies
Cindy Kozil, Vice President for Student Success
Sheila Flemming, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs
Margaret Lynch-Gadaleta, General Counsel, Interim Assistant Vice President of Human Resources
Sam Terrazas, Dean, School of Social Work

Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI) participants:

President Rosemary Costigan
Madeline Burke, Dean of Career and Technical Education, Early College and Community Partnerships; Liston Campus Leader
Amy Kacerik, Associate Vice President Student Affairs
Amy Kempe, Executive Director, Marketing, Communications & External Affairs, Newport County Campus Leader
Greg LaPointe, Vice President for Student Affairs and Chief Outcomes Officer
Rich Sullivan, Vice President, Administration & Finance

1. Welcome

Chair David Caprio gave opening remarks and welcomed the Community College of Rhode Island, .

2. Acceptance of the Agenda

Chair Caprio asked for a motion to accept the agenda for the meeting of September 25, 2024.

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

VOTED:	THAT	The Council on Postsecondary Education accept the agenda for the meeting on September 25, 2024
	VOTE:	6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
	YEAS:	David Caprio, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Michael Grey, Thomas Izzo, and Marcy Reyes.
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAINS:	0

3. Opening Remarks

Commissioner Shannon Gilkey provided opening remarks on higher education and introduced guest speaker Dr. Courtney Brown, Vice President of Impact and Planning at the Lumina Foundation.

4. Presentation on Enrollment Trends U.S. Higher Education

Dr. Brown gave a presentation on enrollment trends in U.S. higher education and answered several questions from the Council Members as well as staff from each college.

5. Community College of Rhode Island FY 2024-2025 Priorities

President Rosemary Costigan and her senior staff gave a presentation and answered several questions from Council Members regarding the Community College's FY 2024-2025 priorities.

6. Break

Commissioner Gilkey announced that the retreat would break for fifteen minutes.

7. Rhode Island College FY 2024-2025 Priorities

President Jack Warner and his senior staff gave a presentation and answered several questions from Council Members regarding the College's FY 2024-2025 priorities.

8. Working Lunch

Commissioner Gilkey directed Council Members, staff of IHE's, and RIOPC staff to divide into groups by committee to discuss meeting preparation processes, agenda topics, and the upcoming 2025 meeting schedule of the Council and committees, over a working lunch.

9. Action Item

- A. Approval of the Council on Postsecondary Education 2025 meeting, including committee, schedule.

On a motion duly made by Marcy Reyes and seconded by Dennis Duffy, it was:

VOTED:	THAT	The Council on Postsecondary Education approve the Council on Postsecondary Education 2025 meeting, including committee, schedule.
	VOTE:	6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
	YEAS:	David Caprio, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Michael Grey, Thomas Izzo, and Marcy Reyes.
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAINS:	0

10. Adjourn

Chair Caprio called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

VOTED:	THAT	The Council on Postsecondary adjourn the meeting of Wednesday, September 25, 2024.
	VOTE:	6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
	YEAS:	David Caprio, Dennis Duffy, Rachelle Green, Michael Grey, Thomas Izzo, and Marcy Reyes.
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAINS:	0

The meeting adjourned at 2:13 PM.