



**Meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education
Wednesday, February 12, 2025, 5:30 PM
Rhode Island College
600 Mt Pleasant Ave, Providence, RI, 02908, Alger Hall, Room 110**

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AGENDA

- 1. Acceptance of the Agenda**
- 2. Approval of the minutes** [Enclosure 2A](#)
 - A. Minutes of the December 11, 2024, CPE Meeting.
- 3. Open Forum**
- 4. Report from the Commissioner** [Enclosure 4A](#)
 - 1) Federal Update
 - 2) Leadership
 - 3) OPC Departments
- 5. 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.** No Enclosure
 - i. Notices of Program Changes at CCRI:
 - a. Creation of Associate in Science, Criminal Justice

- b. Creation of Associate in Science, Legal Studies, Paralegal
- c. Creation of Certificate Program: Legal Studies, Paralegal Studies

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. [Enclosure 5D](#)

6. Reports from the President

A. Rhode Island College [Enclosure 6A](#)

- 1) The Inauguration of Dr. Jack Warner
- 2) Spring and Fall 2025 Admissions Update
- 3) Fall 2025 Recruitment Travel Recap
- 4) Spring 2025 Orientation
- 5) Campus Engagement Events
- 6) Onanian School of Nursing in Position for Growth
- 7) Leading the Way in Cybersecurity & AI
- 8) Welcoming New Staff
- 9) Spotlight on ESL Intensive Program
- 10) Signature Alumni Events
- 11) On the Road with Athletics

B. Community College of Rhode Island [Enclosure 6B](#)

- 1) Message from the President
- 2) By the Numbers: Enrollment and Budget
- 3) Academic Affairs
- 4) Campus Events
- 5) Our People
- 6) Institutional Advancement
- 7) Workforce Development
- 8) On the Horizon

7. Discussion Items

A. Discussion Regarding an Amendment to the Council's Title IX Sexual Harassment Policy and Procedures (P-17,S-17) Section VIII(D), Exhibit B. [Enclosure 7A](#)

8. Action Items

A. Approval of proposed amendments to Policy P-13, Non-smoking policy, and creation of Policy S-26, Non-smoking policy for students. [Enclosure 8A](#)

B. Approval of the operations of Empower Training Academy, a proprietary school, within the State of Rhode Island, as recommended by the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee. No Enclosure

9. 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).

10. Additional Comments from the Chair- Diversity Moment

- A. Recognizing Black History Month

11. Next Meeting

The next Council on Postsecondary Education meeting will be on March 19, 2025, at 5:30 PM at the Rhode Island Nursing Education Center.

12. Adjourn