



**Meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education  
Wednesday, April 16, 2025, 5:30 PM  
Rhode Island College  
600 Mount Pleasant Ave, Providence, RI 02908, Gaige Hall 200**

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**AGENDA**

**1. Acceptance of the Agenda**

**2. Approval of the minutes**

A. Minutes of the March 19, 2025, CPE Meeting.

[Enclosure 2A](#)

**3. Report from the Commissioner**

[Enclosure 3](#)

- 1) Federal Update
- 2) Leadership
- 3) RI Longitudinal Data System
- 4) Academic Affairs and Student Success
- 5) Workforce
- 6) Policy and Legislation
- 7) RI Longitudinal Data System
- 8) On the National Scene

**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](#)

- i. Notices of Program Changes at CCRI:
      - a. Creation of Culinary Craftsmanship- Associate in Arts
      - b. Creation of Culinary Essentials- Certificate
  - 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. Rhode Island College [Enclosure 5A](#)
    - 1) Fall 2025 Admissions Update
    - 2) Financial Aid Connections
    - 3) Hope Scholarship Early Success Indicators
    - 4) All Major Fair
    - 5) Center for Scholar Development
    - 6) Learning 4 Life's Campus Events
    - 7) Women's Gymnastics Goes National
  - B. Community College of Rhode Island [Enclosure 5B](#)
    - 1) Message from the President
    - 2) By the Numbers
    - 3) Academic Affairs
    - 4) Happenings/Events
    - 5) Our People
    - 6) Workforce Development
    - 7) On the Horizon
- 6. Action Items**
  - A. Approval of awarding tenure at Rhode Island College. [Enclosure 6A](#)
  - B. Approval of awarding tenure at Rhode Island College. [Enclosure 6B](#)
  - C. Approval of the awarding of appropriate degrees, diplomas, and certificates to the graduates of the Rhode Island College's Class of 2025. [Enclosure 6C](#)
  - D. Approval of the First Amendment to the Facilities Use and License Agreement by and among the Community College of Rhode Island, its governing board, the Rhode Island Council on Postsecondary Education, and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Newport County for the exclusive use and non-exclusive use of space at the Community College of Rhode Island Newport County Campus Building in Newport, Rhode Island, as recommended by the Finance and Facilities Committee. [Enclosure 6D](#)

E. Approval of the Facilities Use and License Agreement by and among the Community College of Rhode Island, its governing board, the Rhode Island Council on Postsecondary Education, and the RI Hospitality Education Foundation for the non-exclusive use of space at the Community College of Rhode Island Newport County Campus Building in Newport, Rhode Island, as recommended by the Finance and Facilities Committee. [Enclosure 6E](#)

F. Approval of the reclassification of Director IT Customer Support and Quality Assurance to Executive Director Technology Services and Support at the Community College of Rhode Island, as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee. [Enclosure 6F](#)

G. Approval of the reclassification of Director Enterprise Applications to Executive Director Enterprise Services at the Community College of Rhode Island, as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee. [Enclosure 6G](#)

H. Approval of the new classification of Executive Vice President at Rhode Island College, as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee. [Enclosure 6H](#)

**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 matter of security and the public colleges, pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(3).
- D. Discussion regarding the appointment of a Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Rhode Island College pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1).
- E. Discussion regarding the Commissioner of Postsecondary Education’s annual evaluation, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(1).

**8. Additional Action Item**

- A. Approval of the appointment of a Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Rhode Island College.

**9. Next Meeting**

The next Council on Postsecondary Education meeting will be on June 18, 2025, at 5:30 PM at the Community College of Rhode Island.

**10. Adjourn**