



**Meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education**  
Wednesday, June 4, 2025

**Community College of Rhode Island**  
**400 East Avenue**  
**Warwick, RI 02886, Room 4090**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Chair David Caprio called this meeting to order at 8:46 a.m. and acknowledged that a quorum was present.

**Council on Postsecondary Education members present:**

David Caprio, Chair, Council on Postsecondary Education  
Dennis Algieri  
Dennis Duffy  
Michael Grey  
Michael Mello  
Lawrence Purtill  
Marcy Reyes  
Jeffery Williams  
Gianna Rose, Student Member

**Council on Postsecondary Education members absent:**

Rachelle Green

**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  
Jackie Xiong, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner and Liaison to the Council on Postsecondary Education

**Additional Attendees:**

Dr. Christopher M. Reber, Finalist Candidate for CCRI Presidential Search

**1. Acceptance of the Agenda**

Chair Caprio asked for a motion to accept the agenda for the meeting on June 4, 2025.

On a motion made by Dennis Duffy and seconded by Dennis Algieri, it was:

VOTED:        THAT            The Council on Postsecondary Education accept the agenda  
for the meeting on June 4, 2025.

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

YEAS: David Caprio, Dennis Algieri, Dennis Duffy, Mike Grey, Michael Mello, Lawrence Purtill, Marcy Reyes, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

## **2. Approval of the minutes**

### **A. Minutes of the April 16, 2025, CPE Meeting.**

Chair Caprio asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting that took place on April 16, 2025.

On a motion duly made by Lawrence Purtill and seconded by Mike Grey, it was:

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approve the minutes for the meeting on April 16, 2025

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

YEAS: David Caprio, Dennis Algieri, Dennis Duffy, Mike Grey, Michael Mello, Lawrence Purtill, Marcy Reyes, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

## **3. Executive Session**

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

### **A. Discussion regarding and interview of CCRI Presidential Search Finalist Dr. Christopher M. Reber, pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(1).**

On a motion duly made by Lawrence Purtill and seconded by Mike Grey, it was:

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education enter into Executive Session for the following:  
A. Discussion regarding and interview of CCRI Presidential Search Finalist Dr.

Christopher M. Reber, pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(1).

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

YEAS: David Caprio, Dennis Algieri, Dennis Duffy, Mike Grey, Michael Mello, Lawrence Purtill, Marcy Reyes, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

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

**The Council entered Executive Session at 8:49 AM.**

**The Council reconvened in Open Session at 10:52 PM.**

Chair Caprio called for a motion that the Council on Postsecondary Education seal the minutes of the Executive Session held on June 4, 2025.

On a motion duly made by Jeffery Williams and seconded by Michael Mello, it was:

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education seal the minutes of the Executive Session held on June 4, 2025.

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

YEAS: David Caprio, Dennis Algieri, Dennis Duffy, Mike Grey, Michael Mello, Lawrence Purtill, Marcy Reyes, and Jeffery Williams.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

#### **4. Adjourn**

Chair Caprio called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary adjourn the meeting of Wednesday, June 4, 2025.

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

YEAS: David Caprio, Dennis Algieri, Dennis Duffy, Mike Grey, Michael Mello, Lawrence Purtill, Marcy Reyes, and Jeffery Williams.