



**Meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education**  
Friday, June 6, 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 8:45 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  
Jeffery Williams  
Gianna Rose, Student Member

**Council on Postsecondary Education members absent:**

Rachelle Green  
Marcy Reyes

**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. Rosemary A. Costigan, CCRI Presidential Search Finalist

**1. Acceptance of the Agenda**

Chair Caprio asked for a motion to accept the agenda for the meeting on June 6, 2025.

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

VOTED:        THAT        The Council on Postsecondary Education accept the agenda  
for the meeting on June 6, 2025.

VOTE: 7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

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

- A.** Minutes of the June 4, 2025, Special Meeting- extension of the time period to file the minutes.

Chair Caprio noted for the record that since the Council met two days prior, there has been no time for its staff to prepare minutes of the Special Meeting on the June 4, 2025. As such, the Council will vote to extend the time period for the filing of minutes as required by the R.I. Open Meetings Act.

Chair Caprio asked for a motion to approve the extension of the time period to file the June 4, 2025, Special Meeting minutes for two weeks- until June 20, 2025.

On a motion duly made by Dennis Duffy and seconded by Lawrence Purtill, it was:

VOTED: THAT The Council on Postsecondary Education approve the extension of the time period to file the June 4, 2025, Special Meeting minutes for two weeks- until June 20, 2025.

VOTE: 7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: David Caprio, Dennis Algiere, Dennis Duffy, Mike Grey, Michael Mello, Lawrence Purtill, 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. Rosemary A. Costigan, pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(1).

On a motion duly made by Dennis Duffy and seconded by Lawrence Purtill, 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. Rosemary A. Costigan, pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(1).
	VOTE:	7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
	YEAS:	David Caprio, Dennis Algiere, Dennis Duffy, Mike Grey, Michael Mello, Lawrence Purtill, and Jeffery Williams.
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAINS:	0

Chair Caprio noted that Dr. Costigan had been informed of her 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 8:48 AM.**  
**The Council reconvened in Open Session at 10:24 PM.**

Chair Caprio called for a motion that the Council on Postsecondary Education seal the minutes of the Executive Session held on June 6, 2025.

On a motion duly made by Michael Mello and seconded by Dennis Algiere, it was:

VOTED:	THAT	The Council on Postsecondary Education seal the minutes of the Executive Session held on June 6, 2025.
	VOTE:	7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
	YEAS:	David Caprio, Dennis Algiere, Dennis Duffy, Mike Grey, Michael Mello, Lawrence Purtill, 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 Lawrence Purtill and seconded by Dennis Algiere, it was:

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VOTED:	THAT	The Council on Postsecondary adjourn the meeting of Friday, June 6, 2025.
	VOTE:	7 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, and Jeffery Williams.
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAINS:	0

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 AM.