

AGENDA

Meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education

Date: Wednesday, June 18, 2025
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Community College of Rhode Island
400 East Avenue, Room 4090
Warwick, RI 02886
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87802647795>

1. Acceptance of the agenda

2. Approval of the minutes

A. Minutes of the June 4, 2025, Council Meeting.

[Enclosure2A](#)

B. Minutes of the June 6, 2025, Council Meeting.

[Enclosure2B](#)

3. Open Forum

4. Report from the Commissioner

[Enclosure4](#)

- A. Federal Update
- B. Leadership
- C. Academic Affairs and Student Success
- D. Finance
- E. RI Longitudinal Data System
- F. Policy and Legislation
- G. National and State News

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.

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i. Notices of Program Changes at CCRI:

- a. Creation of Certificate in Mammography
- b. Creation of AS (Business) – Business Administration, Hospitality and Tourism

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[Enclosure5Bib](#)

ii. Notices of Program Changes at RIC:

- a. Creation of Combined Secondary Education History/Social Studies Concentration
- b. Creation of Certificate of Graduate Studies – Early Childhood leadership.

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c. Program Enrollment Suspension

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- 1) Art Education BFA, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
- 2) Art Education MA, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
- 3) Art History BA, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
- 4) Concentration in Creative Writing in English MA, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
- 5) Gender Studies BA, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
- 6) Global Studies BA, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
- 7) Concentration in Respiratory Therapy in Health Sciences BS, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
- 8) Concentration in Dental Hygiene in Health Sciences BS, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
- 9) Liberal Studies BA, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
- 10) Concentration in Francophone Studies in the Modern Languages BA, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
- 11) Concentration in French in the Modern Languages BA, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
- 12) Concentration in Latin American Studies in the Modern Languages BA, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
- 13) Concentration in Portuguese in the Modern Languages BA in Portuguese, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
- 14) Music Education MED, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
- 15) Elementary Education MED Early Childhood Education, Feinstein School for Education and Human Development
- 16) Concentration in General Science in the Secondary Education BA, Feinstein School for Education and Human Development
- 17) Technology Education BS both concentrations (Teaching and Applied Technology) Feinstein School for Education and Human Development
- 18) Concentration in French in World Languages BA, Feinstein School for Education and Human Development
- 19) Concentration in Portuguese in World Languages BA, Feinstein School for Education and Human Development

C. Personnel Committee - Update on Committee's activity since its last report to the Council.

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- D.** Joint Alternate Retirement Plan Committee - Update on Committee's activity since its last report to the Council.

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6. Reports from the President

A. Community College of Rhode Island

[Enclosure6A](#)

- i. Message from the President
- ii. By the Numbers (Enrollment)
- iii. Commencement 2025
- iv. Academic Affairs
- v. Student Affairs
- vi. Workforce Partnerships
- vii. Happenings/Events
- viii. Our People (Staff Acknowledgement)

B. Rhode Island College

[Enclosure6B](#)

- i. 2025 Commencement Season
- ii. Fall Admissions Update
- iii. Accepted Students Day
- iv. Counselor Breakfast & Tour
- v. First Generation Social Work
- vi. School of Business Highlights
- vii. RN to BSN Launch
- viii. Feinstein School of Education & Human Development Highlights
- ix. Happenings at the Hub
- x. Faculty Writing Retreat
- xi. The Annual STORGYs
- xii. End of the Year Events
- xiii. RIC Athletics Spring Highlights
- xiv. RIC News Briefs
- xv. Federal Budget Implications
- xvi. Enhancing Campus Safety & Security

7. Action Items

- A.** Approval of the awarding tenure at CCRI.

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- B.** Approval of the awarding tenure at RIC.

[Enclosure7B](#)

- C.** Approval of the new classification of Chief Marketing Officer at the Community College of Rhode Island, as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee.

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- D.** Approval of amendments to Council Policy A-6 (Regulations Governing Proprietary Schools), as recommended by the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee.

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- E. Approval of the operation of a proprietary school, Joy CNA, as recommended by the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee. [Enclosure7E](#)

- F. Approval, Non-SARA, for the California Institute of Integral Studies to provide distance learning courses to Rhode Island students, as recommended by the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee. [Enclosure7F](#)

8. Executive Session

The Council may seek to enter into executive session for the following:

- A. Discussion regarding the two Community College of Rhode Island Presidential Search Finalists and the appointment of the new president of the Community College of Rhode Island, pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(1).
- B. Discussion regarding collective bargaining – all bargaining units, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2)
- i. Discussion of Tentative Agreement with CCRI Professional Staff Association NEARI/NEA.
 - ii. Discussion of Tentative Agreement with Rhode Island Driver's Education Association, NEARI/NEA.
 - iii. Discussion of Tentative Agreement with Rhode Island College Professional Staff Association, AFT Local 3302.
- C. Discussion regarding potential litigation, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2).
- D. Discussion regarding a potential lease of real property for public purposes, pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(5).

9. Additional Action Items

- A. Ratification of the Tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Council and the Community College of Rhode Island Professional Staff Association NEARI/NEA.
- B. Ratification of the Tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Council and Rhode Island Driver's Education Association, NEARI/NEA.
- C. Ratification of the Tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Council and Rhode Island College Professional Staff Association, AFT Local 3302.

- D.** Approval of a 3.5% across the board salary increase for all non-union non-classified Council employees.
- E.** Approval of the appointment of the new president of the Community College of Rhode Island and authorization of the Council Chair.

10. Next Meeting

The next Council on Postsecondary Education meeting will be on August 20, 2025, at 5:30 PM at Rhode Island College.

11. Adjourn