

AGENDA

Meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education

Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2025
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Community College of Rhode Island, Room 4090
400 East Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86125776637>

1. Acceptance of the agenda

2. Approval of the minutes

A. Minutes of the September 3, 2025, Council Meeting.

[Enclosure2A](#)

3. Report from the Committee Chairs

A. Finance and Facilities Committee - Update on Committee's activity since its last report to the Council.

[Enclosure3A](#)

B. Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee - Update on Committee's activity since its last report to the Council.

No Enclosure

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.

[Enclosure4D](#)

4. Action Items

A. Approval of the new classification of Grants and Contracts Administrator at the RI Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner.

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B. Approval of the new classification of Chief Strategy Officer at the RI Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner.

[Enclosure4B](#)

C. Approval of the new classification of Dean of Student Operational Excellence and Service Innovation at the Community College of Rhode Island, as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee.

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- D.** Approval of the reclassification of Research Associate/Data Analyst III to Assistant Director, RI Longitudinal Data System (RILDS) at the RI Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner. [Enclosure4D](#)
 - E.** Approval of the Rhode Island College FY2026 Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program, as recommended by the Finance and Facilities Committee. [Enclosure4E](#)
 - F.** Approval of the operation of a proprietary school (National Institute for Medical Assistant Advancement - NIMAA) to provide distance learning courses to Rhode Island students, as recommended by the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee. [Enclosure4F](#)
 - G.** Approval of the 2025-2026 Concurrent Course List Offerings as recommended by the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee. [Enclosure4G](#)
 - H.** Approval of the update to the Community College of Rhode Island Mission Statement and creation of Vision Statement. [Enclosure4H](#)
 - I.** Approval of the appointment of Anastasia Rodriguez as Vice President for Finance and Administration at Rhode Island College. [Enclosure4I](#)
 - J.** Approval of the new classification of Technical Assistance Specialist, Conflict Free Case Management at Rhode Island College, as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee. [Enclosure4J](#)
 - K.** Approval of the public postsecondary education system's (RIC, CCRI, and the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner) Unrestricted and Restricted Budget Requests, Tuition and Fee Rates, and Tables of Organization for FY2027, and the Unrestricted and Restricted Budget Allocations for FY2027 and recommendation for approval by the Board of Education, as recommended by the Finance and Facilities Committee. [Enclosure4K](#)
 - L.** Approval of the public postsecondary education system's (RIC, CCRI, and the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner) Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2027-2031 and recommendation to the Board of Education, as recommended by the Finance and Facilities Committee. [Enclosure4L](#)
- 5. 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).
 - i. Discussion of the RIC/AFT Faculty Adjunct Union, Local 1563 Tentative Agreement.
 - ii. Discussion of the AFT, Local 2012 Tentative Agreement.
 - B. Discussion regarding the Annual Report on Litigation (all cases pending in the United States Federal Court and the Rhode Island State Courts¹, and the Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights), pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2).
 - C. Discussion regarding potential litigation , pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(2).
- 6. Additional Action Item**
- A. Ratification of the RIC/AFT Faculty Adjunct Union, Local 1563 Tentative Agreement.
 - B. Ratification of the AFT, Local 2012 Tentative Agreement.
- 7. Next Meeting**
- The next Council on Postsecondary Education meeting will be on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 5:30 PM at Rhode Island College.
- 8. Adjourn**

¹ Moore v. RI Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner, et al., (C.A. No. PC 2018-7522); Caldwell v. George Pearson, et al. (RIC), (C.A. No. PC2021-02609); Costa Companies, Inc. v. State of Rhode Island, et al. (RIC), (C.A. No. PC 2021-04947); Colafrancesco v. ThysennKrupp Elevator Corp., and Council on Postsecondary Education (CCRI), (C.A. No. PC 2018-6460); Arocho v. CCRI, et al., (C.A. No. KC 2023-0017); Coes v. CCRI, et al. (USDC Case 1:24-cv-00035-WES-LDA); Brotherton v. CCRI, (C.A. No. PC 2024-6790).