

AGENDA

Meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education

Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2026
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Community College of Rhode Island College, Room 4090
400 East Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886, Room 4090
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84038179152>

1. **Acceptance of the agenda**
2. **Approval of the minutes**
 - A. Minutes of the October 22, 2025, Council Meeting. [Enclosure2A](#)
 - B. Minutes of the October 23, 2025, Council Retreat. [Enclosure2B](#)
3. **Report from the Commissioner** [Enclosure3](#)
 - A. Federal Updates
 - B. Leadership
 - C. Professional Development
 - D. Passages
 - E. Attainment Update
 - F. Workforce and Education Centers
 - G. Academic Affairs and Student Success
 - H. National and State News
4. **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. No Enclosure
 - i. Notices of Program Change at CCRI
 - a. Creation of Associate in Arts, Community Planning
 - b. Creation of a Certificate, Community Planning
 - ii. Notices of New Joint Admission Agreements at CCRI
 - a. Fine Arts Transfer, Music Education – B.M. (URI)
 - b. Mathematics Transfer, Data Science – B.S. (RIC)
 - 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. [Enclosure4D](#)

5. Reports from the Presidents

- A.** Community College of Rhode Island [Enclosure5A](#)
- i. Message from the President
 - ii. By the Numbers- Enrollment
 - iii. Inauguration of Rosemary A. Costigan
 - iv. Academic Affairs
 - v. Student Affairs
 - vi. Workforce Partnerships
 - vii. Happenings- Campus Events & Highlights
 - viii. Our People- Staff Updates & Acknowledgments
- B.** Rhode Island College [Enclosure5B](#)
- i. President's Letter
 - ii. Update on Campus Safety
 - iii. Enrollment Trends
 - iv. RIC News
 - v. On the Move
 - vi. Happenings- Events on Campus

6. Action Items

- A.** Approval of the reclassification of Dean, Career and Technical Education, Early College, and Community Partnerships to AVP- Career, Technical and Continuing Education at the Community College of Rhode Island, as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee. [Enclosure6A](#)
- B.** Approval of the new classification of Executive Vice President at the Community College of Rhode Island, as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee. [Enclosure6B](#)
- C.** Approval of the reclassification of Chief of Staff to Senior Advisor to the President at the Rhode Island College, as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee. [Enclosure6C](#)
- D.** Approval of the new classification of Director of Emergency Management at Rhode Island College, as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee. [Enclosure6D](#)
- E.** Approval of amendment to Council Policy S-12 (Joint Admissions Agreement) as recommended by the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee. [Enclosure6E](#)
- F.** Approval of the Council on Postsecondary Education 2026 meeting schedule, including committee schedule. [Enclosure6F](#)

G Approval of the appointment of the Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer at the Community College of Rhode Island. [Enclosure6G](#)

H. Approval of the appointment of Vice President of Academic Affairs at the Community College of Rhode Island. [Enclosure6H](#)

7. Executive Session

A. Discussion regarding potential litigation, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2).

B. Discussion regarding security at CCRI and RIC, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(3).

8. Next Meeting

The next Council on Postsecondary Education meeting will be on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 5:30 PM.

9. Adjourn