

AGENDA

Meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education

Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2026
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/83370067877>

1. Acceptance of the agenda

2. Approval of the minutes

A. Minutes of the March 18, 2025, Council Meeting.

[Enclosure2A](#)

3. Reports from the Presidents

A. Community College of Rhode Island

[Enclosure3A](#)

- i. A Message from the President
- ii. By the Numbers
- iii. Innovation
- iv. Partnerships
- v. Leaderships
- vi. Our People
- vii. Happenings
- viii. In the News
- ix. Arming of Campus Police at CCRI

B. Rhode Island College

[Enclosure3B](#)

- i. President's Letter
- ii. Enrollment Trends
- iii. RIC News
- iv. Partnerships
- v. On the Move
- vi. Happening at RIC
- vii. Arming of Campus Police at RIC

4. Report from the Commissioner

[Enclosure4](#)

- A. Federal Updates
- B. Leadership
- C. Finance
- D. Academic Affairs and Student Success
- E. Workforce and Education Centers
- F. Local and State News
- G. Arming of Campus Police

5. Open Forum**6. 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 Closures at CCRI
 - a.** Physical Education, Personal Trainer- Certificate
 - b.** Public Safety- Certificate
 - ii.** Notices of New Joint Admission Agreements at CCRI
 - a.** Psychology Transfer, Behavioral Health Science BA- Associate in Arts (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. [No Enclosure](#)

7. Action Items

- A.** Approval of Rhode Island School of Medical Massage to operate as a proprietary school in the state of Rhode Island, as recommended by the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee. [Enclosure7A](#)
- B.** Approval of William James College to operate as an institution of higher education in the state of Rhode Island, as recommended by the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee. [Enclosure7B](#)
- C.** Approval of a 3.5% across the board salary increase for all non-union non-classified Council employees effective July 1, 2026. No Enclosure
- D.** Approval of the conferral of degrees, diplomas, and certificates at Rhode Island College. [Enclosure7D](#)
- E.** Approval of the Facilities Use and License Agreement, by and among the Community College of Rhode Island, its governing board, the Rhode Island Council on Postsecondary Education, and DESIGNxRI for the non-exclusive use of an electronic classroom at the Community College of Rhode Island Newport County Campus Building. [Enclosure7E](#)

F. Approval of the awarding tenure at the Community College of Rhode Island. No Enclosure

G. Approval of the awarding tenure at Rhode Island College. No Enclosure

8. Executive Session

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

B. Discussion regarding the Commissioner's contract renewal, pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1).

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

9. Additional Action Items

A. Authorization for campus/college police officers at CCRI and RIC to carry firearms, as per R.I.G.L. §16-52-2.

10. Next Meeting

The next Council on Postsecondary Education meeting will be on Wednesday, June 17, at 5:30 PM.

11. Adjourn