RI Council on Postsecondary Education

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AGENDA

Meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education

Date: **Wednesday, September 16, 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/87626396097

1. **Acceptance of the agenda**

2. **Approval of the minutes**
   - **A.** Minutes of the August 19, 2026, Council Meeting — Enclosure2A

3. **Report from the Commissioner** — No Enclosure
   - i. Federal and National Updates
   - ii. Local Updates
   - iii. Legislative Update
   - iv. Affordability Report
   - v. Academic Affairs and Student Success
   - vi. Workforce Centers
   - vii. Council Retreat Preview

4. **Reports from the Presidents**
   - **A.** Community College of Rhode Island — Enclosure4A
     - i. President's Letter
     - ii. Fall 2026
     - iii. By the Numbers
     - iv. Investing in Campus Safety
     - v. Building RI's Talent Pipeline
     - vi. Partnerships
     - vii. Expanding Access
     - viii. Our People
     - ix. Improving Communications
     - x. In the News
     - xi. Looking Ahead

   - **B.** Rhode Island College — Enclosure4B
     - i. President's Letter
     - ii. 2026-27 Academic Year
     - iii. RIC News

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iv. Partnerships
v. Happenings at RIC

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. — Enclosure5B

C. Personnel Committee - Update on Committee's activity since its last report to the Council. — No Report

D. Joint Alternate Retirement Plan Committee - Update on Committee's activity since its last report to the Council. — Enclosure5D

6. Action Items

A. Approval of the new classification of Partnership Manager, Clinical Placements and Rural Healthcare Workforce at the Rhode Island Nursing Education Center, as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee. — Enclosure6A

B. Approval of the new classification of Coordinator, Business Operations and Technology at the Rhode Island Nursing Education Center, as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee. — Enclosure6B

C. Approval of the reclassification of Chief Communications Officer to Director, Communications at the Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner, as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee. — Enclosure6C

D. Approval of the reclassification of Chief Policy Officer to Director, Policy at the Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner, as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee. — Enclosure6D

E. Approval of the reclassification of Strategic Initiatives and Operations Manager to Director, Innovation at the Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner, as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee. — Enclosure6E

F. Approval of the public postsecondary education system's (CCRI, RIC, and the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner) Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2028-2032 and recommendation — Enclosure6F

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to the Board of Education, as recommended by the Finance and Facilities Committee.

7. Executive Session

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

B. Discussion regarding the lease of real property for public purposes- Westerly, Rhode Island pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(5).

8. Additional Action Item

A. Approval of a lease between the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner, by and through its governing council, the Rhode Island Council on Postsecondary Education, and Tower Street Center, Inc., for the use of space at 83 Tower Street, Westerly, Rhode Island. No Enclosure

9. Next Meeting

The next Council on Postsecondary Education meeting will be on Wednesday, October 21, 2026.

10. Adjourn