



Special Committee on State Legislative Affairs Regular Meeting

~ Meeting Minutes ~

Wednesday June 3, 2026

Committee "B" (City Hall 3rd Floor)

Upon the Rise of the 5:30 P.M.
Committee on City Property Meeting

This meeting was streamed live on our YouTube Channel:
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PRESENT: Chairman John Goncalves; Councilwoman Althea A. Graves;
Councilwoman Shelley T. Peterson and Councilwoman Ana S. Vargas – 4.

ABSENT: Vice-Chairman Justin M. Roias – 1.

Also present are Sophia Weaver, Assistant City Solicitor, Law Department;
Brandon Welch, Policy Analyst, City Council Office; Adrianna Costa, Clerk
Liaison and Cindy DeLeon, Assistant Clerk.

1. **Resolution Supporting Early Education and Childcare Access and Affordability Legislation before the General Assembly.**
2. **Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2026 H-7317 and Senate Bill 2026 S-2369, An Act Relating to Education - Rhode Island Early Educator Workforce Act.**
3. **Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2026 H-7319 and Senate Bill 2026 S-2085, An Act Relating to Human Services - The Rhode Island Works Program.**
4. **Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2026 H-7126, An Act Relating to Making Revised Appropriations in Support of FY 2026.**
5. **Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2026 H-7680 and Senate Bill 2026 S-3077, An Act Relating to Education - The Education Equity and Property Tax Relief Act.**

6. **Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2026 H-8163, An Act Relating to Education - Rhode Island Prekindergarten Education Act.**

Discussion was held relative to the foregoing matters.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Graves
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Peterson
AYES:	Chairman Goncalves, Councilwoman Graves, Councilwoman Peterson and Councilwoman Vargas – 4.
ABSENT:	Vice-Chair Roias – 1.

7. **Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2026 H-7981 and Senate Bill 2026 S-2951, An Act Relating to Elections - Ranked Choice Voting.**

Discussion was held relative to the foregoing matter.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Peterson
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Vargas
AYES:	Chairman Goncalves, Councilwoman Graves, Councilwoman Peterson and Councilwoman Vargas – 4.
ABSENT:	Vice-Chair Roias – 1.

8. **Resolution Urging Support and Passage of the 2026 Rhode Island House of Representatives Housing Legislative Agenda.**

Discussion was held relative to the foregoing matter.

Motion to Amend Item #8 by Removing House Bill H-8000, H-8002 and H-8005.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Graves
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Vargas
AYES:	Chairman Goncalves, Councilwoman Graves, Councilwoman Peterson and Councilwoman Vargas – 4.
ABSENT:	Vice-Chair Roias – 1.

RESULT:	APPROVED, AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Peterson
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Graves
AYES:	Chairman Goncalves, Councilwoman Graves, Councilwoman Peterson and Councilwoman Vargas – 4.
ABSENT:	Vice-Chair Roias – 1.

9. **Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2026 H-8474 and Senate Bill 2026 S-3170 - Relating to The General Assembly - Permanent Joint Committee on Naming All New Buildings, Bridges, Edifices and Other State Constructions.**

RESULT:	CONTINUED INDEFINITELY [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Graves
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Peterson
AYES:	Chairman Goncalves, Councilwoman Graves, Councilwoman Peterson and Councilwoman Vargas – 4.
ABSENT:	Vice-Chair Roias – 1.

10. **Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2026 H-7997 and Senate Bill 2026 S-2507, An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government - Recognition of Native American Tribes.**

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Graves
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Vargas
AYES:	Chairman Goncalves, Councilwoman Graves, Councilwoman Peterson and Councilwoman Vargas – 4.
ABSENT:	Vice-Chair Roias – 1.

ADJOURNMENT: On Motion of Councilwoman Peterson, Seconded by Councilwoman Vargas, it is voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 o’clock P.M.



Clerk Liaison



Assistant Clerk

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