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# The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees Meeting Friday, November 8, 2024 · 9:00 a.m. EST

The University of Rhode Island The Alumni Room, The Ryan Center 1 Lincoln Almond Plaza, Kingston, RI 02881

## **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Margo Cook, Chair

Chair Margo Cook welcomed everyone to the November 8, 2024, meeting of the University of Rhode Island (URI) Board of Trustees and noted that the meeting was being held in person with some Board members participating remotely via Webex. Virtual access to the meeting was available via the YouTube video platform. A recording of the meeting is available for viewing at https://web.uri.edu/trustees/meetings/.

Board secretary Michelle Curreri conducted a roll call attendance and reported that a quorum of members was present. Chair Cook called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

URI Board of Trustees members in attendance:

- Ms. Margo Cook, Chair (in person)
- Mr. Armand E. Sabitoni, Vice Chair (in person)
- Ms. Maria Ducharme (in person)
- Mr. Michael Fascitelli (remote)
- Honorable Charles J. Fogarty, Jr. (in person) (arrived at 12:00 p.m.)
- Mr. Joseph Formicola (in person)
- Dr. Neil Kerwin (remote)
- Mr. Matthew Lenz (in person)
- Mr. Roby Luna (remote) (arrived at 9:49 a.m.)
- Mr. David Martirano (in person)
- Mr. Joseph Matthews (in person)
- Ms. Cortney Nicolato (in person until 11:53 a.m., remote starting at 11:59 a.m.)
- Mr. Vahid Ownjazayeri (in person) (arrived at 9:10 a.m.)

- Ms. Jay Placencia (remote)
- Honorable Robert Weygand (in person)
- Dr. Marc B. Parlange, President (ex officio, non-voting) (in person)
- Mr. Michael Grey (ex officio, non-voting) (in person)
- Mr. David Caprio (ex officio, non-voting) (in person)
- Dr. Kristine Bovy (faculty representative, non-voting) (in person)
- Ms. Revaa Goyal (student representative, non-voting) (in person)

URI Board of Trustees members not participating:

- Ms. Monica Garnes
- Mr. Thomas Ryan

URI President's Stewardship Council members in attendance:

- Ms. Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance (in person)
- Mr. Thorr Bjorn, Director, Athletics (in person)
- Ms. Alyssa Boss, General Counsel (in person)
- Ms. Lauren Burgess, Executive Director, Legislative and Government Relations (in person)
- Mr. Gabriele Fariello, Chief Information Officer (in person)
- Ms. Becky Hill, Vice President, Human Resources (in person)
- Ms. Jeanne Hruska, Senior Advisor and Chief of Staff, Provost's Office (in person)
- Dr. Bethany Jenkins, Vice President, Research and Economic Development (in person)
- Dr. Dean Libutti, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Success (in person)
- Mr. Matthew McDonald, Vice President, Communications and Marketing (in person)
- Ms. Markeisha Miner, Vice President, Community, Equity and Diversity (in person)
- Ms. Elizabeth Breul O'Rourke, President, URI Foundation and Alumni Engagement (URIFAE) (in person)
- Mr. John Poehlmann, Assistant Vice President, Financial Strategy and Planning (in person)
- Dr. Ellen Reynolds, Vice President for Student Affairs (in person)
- Dr. John Stringer, Executive Director, Institutional Research (in person)
- Dr. Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs (in person)

URI staff members in attendance:

- Ms. Robin Cawley, Legal Assistant (in person)
- Ms. Michelle Curreri, Secretary to the Board of Trustees (in person)
- Ms. Lynn Owens, Associate Secretary to the Board of Trustees (in person)
- Mr. Jay Walsh, URI Affiliate, AAUP (in person)

Open Forum speakers:

- Ms. Laura Lowe (in person)
- Mr. Anthony Burnett-Testa (remote)

- Mr. Tom Leard (remote)
- Mr. Doug Tare (remote)

Chair Cook acknowledged that the University of Rhode Island occupies the traditional stomping ground of the Narragansett Nation and the Niantic People.

Chair Cook welcomed Dr. Kristine Bovy to her first official meeting of the Board of Trustees.

There were no proposed amendments to the agenda.

#### 2. OPEN FORUM

Note: Public participants must submit an online public comment form requesting permission to speak no less than 2 hours in advance of the meeting. The online request form and instructions for submission can be found via this <u>link</u>.

Chair Cook noted that four people signed up to speak during the open forum. Laura Lowe, Anthony Burnett-Testa, Tom Leard, and Doug Tare provided public comment regarding the W. Alton Jones campus, encouraging the renewed use of the campus including the Whispering Pines Conference Center and the Environmental Education Center. They shared their personal experiences and spoke about the value of providing learning experiences to students in the natural environment.

Chair Cook thanked the speakers for participating in the Open Forum. She noted that the University is exploring opportunities at the W. Alton Jones campus.

#### **3. REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Margo Cook, Chair

#### a. URI Foundation President Search

Chair Cook noted that the University of Rhode Island Foundation and Alumni Engagement (URIFAE) President Search is progressing well. The Search Committee has hired a recruiting firm and is drafting a job description. She remarked on the positive aspects of the University that will attract the right Foundation and Alumni Engagement leader, including its strategic vision, a relatively new President, its ranking as the number one public university in New England, and the strong foundation built by URIFAE President O'Rourke.

b. Medical Commission Update

Chair Cook reported that the state's Medical Commission had its second meeting last week to explore the feasibility of a medical school and alternative models for improving healthcare access. Commission members and Dr. Eugenio Fernandez, a URI Talent Development scholar and founder of Asthenis Pharmacy, discussed integrating pharmacy, health sciences, and nursing to ease the burden on primary care physicians. The Commission plans to issue a Request for Proposals to hire a firm to conduct a feasibility study.

c. Corporate Partnerships

Chair Cook shared that URI leadership met with Hasbro representatives this week, noting the University's history of forming strategic partnerships with companies to enhance student employment opportunities. She emphasized the need for a more focused effort across majors, leveraging the Business Engagement Center and the Research Foundation to develop a stronger, more comprehensive approach.

## 4. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Marc Parlange, President

President Parlange's presentation slides can be found here.

#### a. University Update

President Parlange acknowledged outgoing URIFAE President O'Rourke for her contributions to the Foundation and welcomed incoming Vice President for Human Resources, Becky Hill. He highlighted recent campus events, including an honor for the University's military community with U.S. Senator Jack Reed and award-winning documentary filmmaker Tim Gray '89. He celebrated sports team and club accomplishments and graduate and undergraduate research. He also noted celebrations for first-generation students and Native American Month.

President Parlange thanked Rhode Island voters, the Board, and elected officials for supporting bond funding to build a new biomedical sciences building at URI. He recognized URI staff members who were critical to the campaign's success. He thanked Diane and Ken Fannon for their significant gift to establish a research endowment at the Feinstein College of Education.

The President acknowledged community events this fall, such as the College of Pharmacy and College of Nursing white coat ceremonies, the Journalism Department's Christiane Amanpour Lecture with Nancy Gibbs, the Guitar and Mandolin Festival, and the Langevin Symposium Series lecture with Former U.S. Congressman Adam Kinzinger. He also highlighted recent alumni events on campus, including Homecoming, Family Weekend, and football events. He thanked all involved in planning these community-building events.

President Parlange discussed the proposed Board regulation on Campus and Facility Use, open for community comment until November 15<sup>th</sup>. A group of faculty, staff, and students will review the feedback and incorporate it into the draft language for Board consideration. He spoke about the Rhode Island Crime Lab (located at URI), which identified a non-conformity with lab standards on a single case within the lab's firearms and tool marks section earlier this summer. The lab director is working with the Crime Lab Commission and the Office of Attorney General.

The President's presentation showcased the Foundation's new fundraising efforts and its \$34 million commitment goal. He also mentioned that URI is in the final stages of closing a significant financial commitment for the Fine Arts Center. A historic gift announcement is planned for November 15<sup>th</sup>. He highlighted the recent success of the special Rhody Athletics Challenge.

#### b. Strategic Plan KPIs

President Parlange focused on Priority 4: Powering the University of the Future. He identified key performance indicators like total revenue per student full-time equivalent (FTE), revenue diversity, and operating cash flow margin. He reviewed baseline, recent, and target numbers to support the University's progress. The President responded to Chair Cook's inquiry about raising the total revenue per student FTE, noting efforts to grow the research portfolio, support faculty in securing research funding, strengthen connections with foundations outside of the University for potential funding opportunities, expand professional masters and online programs, build community relations and partnerships with businesses and other universities, and grow state support.

c. Enrollment Update

President Parlange acknowledged Dean Libutti and his enrollment team's hard work. URI set a record with 26,987 applications, including a strong in-state presence. A detailed enrollment update presentation is included under Agenda Item 5.a.

d. Budget Update

The President noted that URI presented the proposed FY2026 budget to the Office of Management and Budget last week; the budget will be presented to the State in January.

President Parlange invited the Board to participate in the Fall Commencement on Saturday, December 14, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Ryan Center.

# 5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### a. Enrollment Report Presentation Enclosure

Dean Libutti, Associate Vice President, Enrollment Management and Student Success

Associate Vice President Dean Libutti shared a PowerPoint on enrollment data as of October 15, 2024. His slides can be found <u>here</u>. Highlights of his presentation include:

• Record number of undergraduate applications, despite a national decline in high school graduates.

- Importance of transfer students and robust transfer articulation agreements.
- Increase in diversity, particularly among Hispanic students.
- Top issues for incoming students: mental health, academic readiness, and sense of belonging.

Dr. Libutti reviewed the Fall 2024 student demographics, including 50.3% in-state and 49.7% out-of-state students, 58.2% female, 41.1% male and .6% other or no response. The presentation also included data on students' race/ethnicity, diversity index by degree type, enrollment by college, the top 10 program enrollments, and changes in graduate enrollment since last year.

In response to Board inquiry, Dr. Libutti discussed the shift in enrollment between in-state and out-of-state students, the impact of FAFSA, factors driving the increase in student transfers, and the impacts of the Hope and Promise Scholarships.

#### b. University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees Regulations Regarding Use of University Property <u>Enclosure</u>

Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance

Vice President Benson reported that the Board's enabling statute empowers it to make regulations and rules for the control and use of University property. This fall, the Administration drafted a regulation and shared it with a number of community groups, including the Faculty Senate, the Student Senate, the Administrative Policy Committee, the Public Safety Advisory Committee, and the University community for public comment. An ad hoc committee comprised of faculty, student, and staff representatives was formed to review the public comments and strengthen the proposed regulation to protect university property. Substantive comments included:

- Address concerns about vague or overly broad language in the regulations
- Clarify that the regulations will not infringe on free speech rights or the ability to protest
- Review and revise language regarding mobility aids, use of bicycles and scooters, and building access
- Provide more clarity about public hours for non-residential buildings
- General impact on campus culture and community

Vice President Benson noted that the community comment period ends on November 15<sup>th</sup>. The draft regulation will be updated where appropriate to address stakeholder concerns and presented to the Board for approval at the February meeting. Chair Cook spoke about the obligation of the Board to protect University property and that the regulations are not an effort by the Board to impede people's ability to speak out.

#### 6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board may seek to enter into executive session for the following items:

- a. Discussion regarding potential litigation, pursuant to R.I.G.L.§ 42-46-5(a)(2).
- b. Discussion and action regarding matters related to the question of the investment of public funds where the premature disclosure would adversely affect the public interest, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5 (a)(7), specifically:
  - (i) Discussion and Action: Approval of a Contract for Enterprise Resource Planning Software. *Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance*
  - (ii) Discussion regarding research support from partner organizations Marc Parlange, President Bethany Jenkins, Vice President, Research and Economic Development
  - (iii) Discussion regarding enrollment and recruitment Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Chair Cook called for a motion, and on a motion duly made by Armand Sabitoni and seconded by Vahid Ownjazayeri, and hearing no discussion on the motion, it was

VOTED:	That the URI Board of Trustees convene into executive session pursuant to:
	R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(2) for discussion regarding potential litigation; and
	R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(7) for discussion and action regarding matters related to the question of the investment of public funds where the premature disclosure would adversely affect the public interest, specifically:
	Approval of a Contract for Enterprise Resource Planning Software; Discussion regarding research support from partner organizations; and Discussion regarding enrollment and recruitment.
VOTE:	14 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
YEAS:	Margo Cook, Maria Ducharme, Michael Fascitelli, Joseph Formicola, Neil Kerwin, Matthew Lenz, Roby Luna, David Martirano, Joseph Matthews, Cortney Nicolato, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Jay Placencia, Armand Sabitoni, Robert Weygand
NAYS:	0
ABSTAINS:	0

Board members Michael Fascitelli, Neil Kerwin, Roby Luna and Jay Placencia, participating remotely, confirmed that no other person was present or able to hear the discussion at the remote locations.

Chair Cook noted that there will be a break during executive session.

At 10:27 a.m., the Board entered executive session. Virtual public access was paused.

Board member Charles Fogarty joined the meeting during the executive session. Board member David Martirano left the meeting during the executive session.

At 12:27 p.m., the Board returned to open session. Virtual public access resumed.

Chair Cook called for a motion, and on a motion duly made by Armand Sabitoni and seconded by Cortney Nicolato, and hearing no discussion on the motion, it was

- VOTED: That the Board seal the minutes of the November 8, 2024, executive session.
- VOTE: 13 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
- YEAS: Margo Cook, Maria Ducharme, Michael Fascitelli, Charles Fogarty, Joseph Formicola, Neil Kerwin, Roby Luna, Joseph Matthews, Cortney Nicolato, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Jay Placencia, Armand Sabitoni, Robert Weygand

NAYS:

ABSTAINS: 0

Board member Matthew Lenz was not present for the vote.

## 7. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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#### a. Governance Committee Report

(i) Update – October 22, 2024, Committee Meeting Cortney Nicolato, Committee Chair

Committee Chair Cortney Nicolato reported on the October 22, 2024, Governance Committee meeting. The Committee explored Board member growth and learning opportunities to serve the University. They discussed criteria for Board members and opportunities to make recommendations to the Governor in advance of the appointment and reappointment process. Committee Chair Nicolato noted that Vice President Miner and the Committee plan to integrate diversity training into the Board's work throughout the year. She added that General Counsel Boss reviewed ongoing streamlining efforts to optimize the trustees' time, energy, and expertise, reducing committee meetings while enhancing efficiency. The Committee recommended favorable action on amendments to the Governance Committee calendar under the Omnibus Vote.

(ii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of amendments to the URI Board of Trustees Bylaws. Enclosure

Governance Committee Chair Nicolato noted that the proposed amendments, outlined in the enclosure, align with the University Manual, current University practices, and Board best practices, especially in presidential succession planning.

Chair Cook called for a motion, and on a motion duly made by Cortney Nicolato and seconded by Michael Fascitelli, and hearing no discussion on the motion, it was

VOTED:	That the Board approve amendments to the URI Board of Trustees Bylaws, as presented.
VOTE:	13 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
YEAS:	Margo Cook, Maria Ducharme, Michael Fascitelli, Charles Fogarty, Joseph Formicola, Neil Kerwin, Roby Luna, Joseph Matthews, Cortney Nicolato, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Jay Placencia, Armand Sabitoni, Robert Weygand
NAYS:	0

ABSTAINS: 0

Board member Matthew Lenz was not present for the vote.

At 12:33 p.m., the Board took a brief recess for lunch.

Board member Jay Placencia left the meeting during the lunch break.

At 12:53 p.m., the Board resumed its public meeting.

#### b. Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee Report

(i) Update – October 16, 2024, Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee Meeting *Roby Luna, Committee Chair* 

Committee Chair Roby Luna reported on the October 16, 2024, Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee (IRCC) meeting. URI's external auditors, CliftonLarsenAllen (CLA), presented the University's Fiscal Year 2024 financial audit and single audit. CLA issued a clean unmodified opinion on the financial statements. There were no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies, and they indicated that URI was well prepared for the audit. CLA also discussed the single audit. Committee Chair Luna reported that the Committee reviewed proposed changes to the IRCC calendar resulting from Governance Committee streamlining efforts. Standing IRCC meetings will be reduced to three annually. The Committee recommends favorable action on amendments to the IRCC calendar under the Omnibus Vote.

#### c. Finance and Facilities Committee Report

(i) Update – October 21, 2024, Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting *Vahid Ownjazayeri, Committee Chair* 

Committee Chair Vahid Ownjazayeri reported on the October 21, 2024, Finance and Facilities Committee meeting, including approval of the FY24 audited Financial Statements. He noted Vice President Benson's update on implementing RhodyBuy, the University's new eProcurement system. Vice President Benson reminded the Committee that the recommendation for tuition and fees schedule will be presented to the Board in February 2025.

 (ii) DISCUSSION ITEM: Approvals under the Delegation of Authority to the President Relating to Land and Property <u>Enclosure</u>

Vice President Benson provided an update on the current Facilities Use Agreement between URI and the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner regarding the use of the Rhode Island Nursing Education Center for MBA courses offered by the College of Business.

(iii)ACTION ITEM: Approval of the FY 2024 University of Rhode Island Audited Financial Statements. <u>Enclosure</u>

Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance

Vice President Benson reported that the external auditors, CLA, provided a clean unmodified opinion on the University's financial statements. Vice President Benson stated that the University received a clean audit, noting in particular that the University's overall financial position for FY24 saw an increase in Net Position of \$45.56M compared to a \$40.25M increase for the previous year. She explained that the Financial Statements show both operating and non-operating revenues; the state appropriation is considered non-operating revenues (despite being used for operations). In FY24, operating revenues rose by \$18M (3.57%).

Vice President Benson noted that the state appropriation is the largest component of nonoperating revenues, and in FY24 the University received \$105.4M in ongoing general appropriation, which is a 15.4% increase compared to the previous year.

Chair Cook called for a motion, and on a motion duly made by Armand Sabitoni and seconded by Matthew Lenz, and hearing no discussion on the motion, it was

VOTED:	That the Board approve the University's Financial Statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, as presented.
VOTE:	13 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
YEAS:	Margo Cook, Maria Ducharme, Michael Fascitelli, Charles Fogarty, Joseph Formicola, Neil Kerwin, Matthew Lenz, Roby Luna, Joseph Matthews, Cortney Nicolato, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Armand Sabitoni, Robert Weygand
NAYS:	0
ABSTAINS:	0

(iv)ACTION ITEM: Approval of a Contract in Excess of \$5 Million: Change Order to Contract with Oracle America, Inc. Enclosure

Vice President Benson reported that, under the Policy on Execution and Approval of Contracts and other Binding Documents, URI brings any change orders or contracts exceeding \$5 million to the Board for approval. This is a contract change order in support of URI's PeopleSoft database annual maintenance and cloud hosting for an additional year.

Chair Cook called for a motion, and on a motion duly made by Armand Sabitoni and seconded by Joseph Matthews, and hearing no discussion on the motion, it was

	VOTED:	That the Board approve the purchase of Services from Oracle America Inc. as presented on substantially the terms in the enclosed documents, and that any authorized signatory (as defined in the Policy on Approval and Execution of Contracts and Other Binding Documents) be authorized to negotiate the terms of any documents relating to such transaction on substantially the terms in the enclosure, with any such changes and additional terms as are deemed necessary or appropriate by the authorized signatory.
	VOTE:	13 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
	YEAS:	Margo Cook, Maria Ducharme, Michael Fascitelli, Charles Fogarty, Joseph Formicola, Neil Kerwin, Matthew Lenz, Roby Luna, Joseph Matthews, Cortney Nicolato, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Armand Sabitoni, Robert Weygand
	NAYS:	0

#### ABSTAINS: 0

#### d. Academic Affairs and Research Committee Report

(i) Update – October 22, 2024, Committee Meeting Neil Kerwin, Committee Chair

Committee Chair Neil Kerwin reported on the October 22, 2024, Academic Affairs and Research Committee meeting. The Committee discussed "research support from partner organizations" and "enrollment and recruitment" in executive session. Provost Wolfe and Vice President Jenkins briefed the Board on their discussion items.

Provost Wolfe reported on current searches for a university librarian and a dean of the College of Environment and Life Sciences. Vice President Jenkins shared research expenditures, noting that last year's dollars matched state support, and \$72.24M in new awards were secured for FY2025.

The Committee reviewed and recommended favorable action on the awarding of undergraduate and graduate degrees listed in the Omnibus Vote.

(ii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the awarding of honorary degrees for Commencement 2025.

A confidential list of proposed recipients was distributed to the Board by the Office of the President in advance of the meeting. Committee Chair Kerwin called for a motion, and on a motion duly made by Charles Fogarty and seconded by Cortney Nicolato, and hearing no discussion on the motion, it was

VOTED:	That the Board approve the awarding of honorary degrees to the recipients proposed by the Office of the President and the nominating committee.
VOTE:	13 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
YEAS:	Margo Cook, Maria Ducharme, Michael Fascitelli, Charles Fogarty, Joseph Formicola, Neil Kerwin, Matthew Lenz, Roby Luna, Joseph Matthews, Cortney Nicolato, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Armand Sabitoni, Robert Weygand
NAYS:	0
ABSTAINS:	0

(iii)ACTION ITEM: Approval of amendments to the Academic Affairs and Research Committee Calendar. <u>Enclosure</u>

Committee Chair Kerwin explained that the Committee was not able to vote to recommend the enclosed proposed calendar amendments due to timing considerations so this is being separately presented to the Board for vote instead of including it in the Omnibus Vote. He called for a motion, and on a motion duly made by Joseph Matthews and seconded by Maria Ducharme, and hearing no discussion on the motion, it was

- VOTED: That the Board approve amendments to the Academic Affairs and Research Committee calendar as presented.
  VOTE: 13 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
  YEAS: Margo Cook, Maria Ducharme, Michael Fascitelli, Charles
- Fogarty, Joseph Formicola, Neil Kerwin, Matthew Lenz, Roby Luna, Joseph Matthews, Cortney Nicolato, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Armand Sabitoni, Robert Weygand

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

# 8. OMNIBUS VOTE ON COMMITTEE-RELATED ACTION ITEMS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Approval of the actions described below, as recommended by the referenced committees and presented in the referenced enclosures where applicable:

## **Approval of Minutes:**

a. Approval of the Minutes of the September 27, 2024, Board Meeting. Enclosure

#### Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee recommended action:

b. Approval of amendments to the Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee Calendar Enclosure

#### Academic Affairs and Research Committee recommended action:

c. Approval of the awarding of undergraduate and graduate degrees, diplomas, certificates, and honors to be conferred by the President to the candidates who will have completed their requirements at the conclusion of the Fall 2024 term and who are approved by the faculty of the University of Rhode Island. <u>Enclosure</u>

#### **Governance Committee recommended action:**

d. Approval of amendments to the Governance Committee Calendar. Enclosure

Before proceeding with an Omnibus Vote to approve the past meeting's minutes and the committeerecommended action items, Chair Cook asked if there were any action items listed in the Omnibus Vote for which any member had any questions or would like to discuss, oppose or remove from the Omnibus Vote to be voted on individually.

Hearing none, she called for an omnibus motion, and on a motion duly made by Joseph Formicola and seconded by Vahid Ownjazayeri, and hearing no discussion on the motion, it was

VOTED:	That the Board approve agenda action items 8.a. through 8.d. as recommended and presented.
VOTE:	13 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
YEAS:	Margo Cook, Maria Ducharme, Michael Fascitelli, Charles Fogarty, Joseph Formicola, Neil Kerwin, Matthew Lenz, Roby Luna, Joseph Matthews, Cortney Nicolato, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Armand Sabitoni, Robert Weygand
NAYS:	0
ABSTAINS:	0

#### 9. ADJOURN

Chair Cook called for a motion, and on a motion duly made by Armand Sabitoni and seconded by Michael Fascitelli, and hearing no discussion on the motion, it was

VOTED:	That the Board adjourn the meeting.
VOTE:	13 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
YEAS:	Margo Cook, Maria Ducharme, Michael Fascitelli, Charles Fogarty, Joseph Formicola, Neil Kerwin, Matthew Lenz, Roby Luna, Joseph Matthews, Cortney Nicolato, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Armand Sabitoni, Robert Weygand
NAYS:	0
ABSTAINS:	0

At 1:10 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next URI Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 13, 2025.