



Rhode Island Longitudinal Data System Data Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026
Time: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Location: RI Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner
80 Washington St., Room 207, Providence, RI, 02903
This meeting was recorded.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

- **DCYF:** Colleen Caron
- **DLT:** Megan Swindal
- **DOA:** Garth Hoxsie-Quinn, Delegate
- **OHHS:** Rebecca Bucci, Delegate
- **RIDE:** Brian Darrow
- **RILDS:** Sarah Cote
- **RIOPC:** Andrea Spargo
- **URI:** John Stringer

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY (non-voting):

- **ETSS:** Harris Hameed
- **OMB:** Kevin Simpson

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

- **RIDOS:** Jessica Cigna

GUESTS:

Brown University, Requestor: Silvia Robles, Anjali Pai
Electric Boat, Requestor: William Barber
RIOPC: Catherine McConnell, Taylor Young, Madeline Swarr, Neha Jammula, Jailene Colón
ETSS: Scott Gausland
OMB: Mike Matkowski

1. Welcome & Announcements

Cote opened the meeting at 2:04 PM, confirming quorum and welcoming attendees. She called for a motion to adopt the agenda.

A motion was made by **Caron** and seconded by **Stringer** that the Data Governance Committee accept the agenda for the meeting on June 10, 2026.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Bucci, Caron, Cote, Hoxsie-Quinn, Spargo, Stringer, Swindal

VOTING IN OPPOSITION: None

ABSTENTION: None

ABSENT: Cigna, Hameed (remote, non-voting attendee), Simpson (remote, non-voting)



attendee), Darrow (arrived at 2:06 PM).

2. Vote on Adoption of Minutes

Cote asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2025, meeting.

A motion was made by **Swindal** and seconded by **Spargo** that the Data Governance Committee approve the minutes of the October 8, 2025, meeting.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Bucci, Caron, Cote, Hoxsie-Quinn, Spargo, Stringer, Swindal

VOTING IN OPPOSITION: None

ABSTENTION: Darrow

ABSENT: Cigna, Hameed (remote, non-voting attendee), Simpson (remote, non-voting attendee)

3. RILDS Updates

Cote provided updates on RILDS activities since the Committee's last meeting in October 2025.

A. Staffing:

- Introduced Jailene **Colón**, Governance Coordinator, and Madeline **Swarr**, Data Analyst III, who introduced themselves to the Committee.
- Announced the upcoming addition of a Chief Data and Research Officer, who will oversee RILDS and lead development of a new institutional research function within the Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner.

B. Workflow:

- Reviewed updates to the data request workflow, which now embeds data analysts during project intake rather than after completion of the legal review.
- Explained that earlier analyst involvement allows analysts to apply their knowledge of agency and RILDS data during project scoping and throughout the data request review process.
- Noted that analysts have been involved for several months in the data requests presented for Committee action during this meeting.

C. Governance:

- Discussed an upcoming review of the Committee's governance structure and data request review process beyond the project scoping phase.
- Shared that Committee discussions will inform future policy revisions before recommendations are presented to the Executive Governing Board.
- Reviewed plans to strengthen data management practices, including data import schedules, data steward assignments, and development of an updated RILDS

data dictionary.

- Invited Committee members to provide feedback on how RILDS can better support participating agencies and the Committee.

D. Current Projects:

Cote reviewed completed, ongoing, and recurring projects before inviting analysts to provide project updates.

- **Neha Jammula**, RILDS Data Analyst, presented the Rhode to Prosperity Dashboard, an initiative of Governor McKee's Office designed to improve Rhode Islanders' quality of life by 2030 through three focus areas: higher education, higher wages, and homeownership. Jammula explained that she developed a Power BI dashboard using publicly available data that has been consistently tracked over the past 10 to 20 years to measure progress across these focus areas. She noted that RILDS plans to transition the dashboard into a publicly accessible website in the coming month.
- **Madeline Swarr**, RILDS Data Analyst, presented the FY23 Direct Admissions project, a cross-agency initiative involving the Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner, the Rhode Island Department of Education, Swarr explained that the project aims to strengthen college and career pathways. One deliverable will use high school academic data to identify students eligible for admission to Rhode Island public institutions and encourage them to apply. She also discussed other deliverables including enhancing the use of a standardized coding system for schools and districts to classify and align student classes (SCED), tracking progress toward Rhode Island's new graduation requirements, and strengthening the Rhode Island Talent Dashboard to provide a more connected view of student pathways from high school into college and the workforce
- **Taylor Young**, RILDS Data Analyst, presented updates on the annual Primary Care Physician Lead Testing Report Card project conducted in partnership with the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH). Young explained that the project combines primary care physician and lead testing data to calculate the percentage of patients meeting four lead-testing benchmarks and produces approximately 130 report cards distributed to pediatric primary care providers. He also shared that RILDS is nearing completion on additional RIDOH data stories related to juvenile justice and lead exposure and is exploring opportunities for RILDS to serve as a repository for parcel data, which currently lacks a statewide repository.

4. Discussion of & Vote on Data Requests¹

i. **Annenberg Institute – RI Education and the Economy Landscape**

Spargo made request for modification to request to exclude course data, as courses are only available for public institutions of higher education. Also, course title is only available. **Stringer** concurred and suggested that Annenberg pursue an exemption letter from IRB.

Cote called for a motion to approve The Annenberg Institute’s data request with an amendment to the request to exclude postsecondary (IHEs) course data.

A motion was made by **Spargo** and seconded by **Stringer**.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Caron, Darrow, Spargo, Stringer, Swindal

VOTING IN OPPOSITION: None

ABSTENTION: None

ABSENT: None

ii. **Rhode Island Department of Education & Electric Boat – High School Post Graduate Plans**

Due to time constraints, the Committee did not reach agenda item 5ii - Discussion of and Vote on Data Request from the Rhode Island Department of Education and Electric Boat- High School Post Graduate Plans.

This item was tabled for a future meeting’s agenda.

iii. **Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner – Workforce Pell**

Cote called for a motion to approve the RI Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner’s data request for the Workforce Pell project.

A motion was made by **Spargo** and seconded by **Swindal**.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Caron, Darrow, Spargo, Swindal

VOTING IN OPPOSITION: None

ABSTENTION: Stringer

ABSENT: None

¹ Note: Per the RILDS Data Request and Release Policies, adopted on March 26, 2024, only Data Contributing Agency members can vote on data requests. At present, this includes the following RI state agencies: DCYF, DLT, RIDE, RIOPC, and URI.

Swindal exited the meeting at 2:55 PM.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Cote called for a motion to adjourn the Data Governance Committee meeting. A motion was made by **Stringer** and seconded by **Spargo**. All in attendance voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.