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RIODE ISLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM

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Data Governance Committee

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Time: 3:00 PM – 4:00 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
- **RIDOS:** Jessica Cigna
- **RILDS:** Sarah Cote
- **DOA:** Meredith Brady, Delegate
- **OHHS:** Rebecca Bucci, Delegate
- **RIDE:** Brian Darrow
- **ETSS:** Mike Matkowski
- **RIOPC:** Andrea Spargo
- **URI:** John Stringer
- **DLT:** Megan Swindal

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY (non-voting):

- **OMB:** Kevin Simpson

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

GUESTS:

Electric Boat, Requestor: William Barber

ETSS: Scott Gausland

RIDOS: Semiha Salami

RIOPC: Taylor Young, Madeline Swarr, Neha Jammula, Jailene Colón, Philip Gordon, Pasquale Camastro

1. Welcome & Announcements

Cote opened the meeting at 3:03 PM, confirming quorum and welcoming attendees. She called for a motion to adopt the agenda.

A motion was made by **Stringer** and seconded by **Darrow** that the Data Governance Committee accept the agenda for the meeting on July 15, 2026.



VOTING IN FAVOR: Bucci, Caron, Cigna, Cote, Darrow, Matkowski, Spargo, Stringer, Swindal

VOTING IN OPPOSITION: None

ABSTENTION: None

ABSENT: Brady (Arrived at 3:10 PM), Simpson (remote, non-voting attendee)

2. Vote on Adoption of Minutes

Cote asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2026 meeting.

A motion was made by **Caron** and seconded by **Matkowski** that the Data Governance Committee approve the minutes of the June 10, 2026 meeting.

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

VOTING IN OPPOSITION: None

ABSTENTION: Cigna

ABSENT: Brady, Simpson

3. Discussion of & Vote on Data Requests¹

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

Cote introduces the High School Postgraduate Plans data request from The Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) and Electric Boat (EB). EB is collaborating with RIDE through their PrepareRI initiative and has submitted this request to support hiring strategies statewide. RIDE is also intending to use this data for their internal strategy. The agency data requested is an aggregate level dataset using RIDE and DLT data.

Swindal requested confirmation that the aggregate wage data will be at the CTE versus non CTE level, but not at the LEA level. **Cote** confirmed.

Stringer requested confirmation that the higher education data is coming from the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC). **Cote** confirmed.

Cote called for a motion to approve the High School Post Graduate Plans data request.

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

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



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

VOTING IN OPPOSITION: None

ABSTENTION: None

ABSENT: None

4. RILDS Discussion

- i. **Cote** led a discussion with Chief Data and Research Officer, **Gordon** and the Committee regarding current state, past successes, and future direction of RILDS. The discussion focused on identifying successful practices, areas for review, and opportunities to inform RILDS' future direction.
 - Members highlighted the quality of RILDS' work, staff expertise, responsiveness, and collaboration with agencies as key strengths
 - Members noted that RILDS has increasingly focused on internal State projects that demonstrate direct value to the State and individual agencies, and provides valuable support to agency work
 - Members identified limited awareness and understanding of RILDS across State agencies as an area for improvement and discussed opportunities for additional education and communication about RILDS' role, processes, and capabilities
 - Members discussed the importance of clarifying RILDS' role in relation to other State data resources, including where responsibilities may overlap and which types of requests are best handled by RILDS versus individual agencies
 - Members identified opportunities for RILDS to facilitate greater collaboration across agencies and with Rhode Island's public institutions, including cross-agency projects and shared outcomes
 - Members discussed the potential for a transparent framework for prioritizing projects based on statewide priorities, funding and legislative needs, alongside a statewide research agenda

5. ADJOURNMENT:

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