

**RHODE ISLAND LIFE SCIENCE HUB
MEETING OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING**

January 27, 2025

The Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of the Rhode Island Life Science Hub (the “**RILSH**”) met on January 27, 2025, in Special Meeting Session, beginning at 8:00 a.m., pursuant to the public notice of meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, as required by applicable Rhode Island law.

The following Directors were present and participated throughout the meeting as indicated: Brian Britson, Ted Carr*, Dr. Kerry Evers, John Fernandez, Dr. Mukesh Jain, Patrick Vivier designee of Dr. Marc Parlange, Dr. Christina Paxson**, Vincent Massino designee of Armand Sabitoni, Chair Neil Steinberg, Commerce Secretary Liz Tanner, Dr. Chris Thanos, Dr. William Grobman designee of Dr. Michael Wagner, and Dr. Jack Warner.

The following Director was present and participated throughout the meeting virtually: Armand Sabitoni.

The following Directors were absent: Ernie Almonte.

Also present were: Hailey Bathurst, Senior Grant Project Manager of the RILSH; Dr. Patrice Milos, Interim President of the RILSH; Lilia Holt, Vice President of the RILSH; Dr. Mark Turco, President and CEO of the RILSH; Susan Windham-Bannister; and Karen Grande, Esq. and Douglas Gray, Esq. of Troutman Pepper Locke LLP.

*Joined the meeting at 8:10 a.m.

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS.

At 8:07 a.m., Chair Steinberg called the meeting to order, indicating that a quorum was present.

Chair Steinberg thanked the Board for its efforts in 2024 and expressed optimism for its continued efforts in 2025. He also thanked Dr. Milos for her service as Interim President.

2. TO CONFIRM THE REVISED BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE AND APPROVE THE 2025 MEETING DATES.

Chair Steinberg then sought a motion to approve the 2025 meeting dates circulated to the Board and listed below. Upon a motion duly made by Director Fernandez and seconded by Director Evers, the RILSH Board unanimously adopted the following motion:

VOTED: To approve the 2025 meeting dates.

Rhode Island Life Science Hub		
2025 Meeting Schedule		
Thursday, February 20, 2025	BOD Meeting	Special Date
Tuesday, April 22, 2025	BOD Meeting	
Tuesday, June 24, 2025	BOD Meeting	
Tuesday, August 26, 2025	BOD Meeting	
Tuesday, October 28, 2025	BOD Meeting	
Tuesday, December 16, 2025	BOD Meeting	Special Date/Holiday Schedule

3. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE RHODE ISLAND NEUROSCIENCE SYMPOSIUM AND OPENING REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT AND CEO.

Chair Steinberg then called on Dr. Milos and Ms. Holt to provide an update on the Rhode Island Neuroscience Symposium. They reported that over 340 people were registered to attend, and there would be various expert speakers from across the state.

Chair Steinberg then introduced the new President and CEO of the RILSH as of January 13, 2025, Dr. Mark Turco, and invited him to provide opening remarks and updates. Dr. Turco began by again thanking Dr. Milos for her work. Dr. Turco addressed himself, described his background and thanked the Board for the opportunity to lead the RILSH.

Dr. Turco provided an update that Ms. Holt was promoted to Vice President of Strategic Initiatives and Corporate Partnership. He also highlighted two new hires: Hailey Bathurst, hired as Senior Grant Project Manager, and Christina McKenzie, hired as Senior Operations Manager.

4. TO INTRODUCE THE STRATEGIC SESSION FACILITATOR AND DISCUSS THE STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION OBJECTIVES.

Dr. Turco then introduced the Strategic Planning Session facilitator, Susan Windham-Bannister, and thanked her for her assistance with the Strategic Session. He stated that his goals for the Strategic Session were to identify strategic priorities of the RILSH, set out principles for the RILSH to work from, and understand the Board's definition of success.

Chair Steinberg then announced that once the Strategic Plan is finalized in writing, it will be published on the RILSH's website in accordance with the requirements of the Quasi-Public Corporation Accountability and Transparency Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-155.

5. TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Chair Steinberg sought a motion to convene in Executive Session, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 42-46-5(a)(5), 42-46-5(a)(6) and 42-46-5(a)(7). Chair Steinberg noted that advanced public information regarding the RILSH strategies would adversely affect the public interest. Thereafter, upon a motion made by Director Fernandez and seconded by Director Britson, the Board unanimously upon a roll call vote:

VOTED: To convene in Executive Session to carry out the Strategic Planning Session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 42-46-5(a)(5), 42-46-5(a)(6) and 42-46-5(a)(7).

At 11:30 a.m., the Executive Session was concluded, and the Board returned to the Special Meeting Open Session.

6. TO REPORT IN OPEN SESSION REGARDING THE VOTES, IF ANY, TAKEN IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Chair Steinberg announced that there were no votes taken in the Executive Session.

Dr. Turco thanked the Board for the dialogue from the morning's Strategic Session and welcomed a discussion as to how the Board and the perspective of the Board can help strengthen the Board's initiatives. Dr. Turco expressed the importance of the Board speaking with a collective voice, having unified goals and objectives, and testifying to the legislature. For the next steps, he highlighted the creation of an Advisory Group.

7. TO VOTE TO MAINTAIN THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES.

After a brief discussion, Chair Steinberg sought a motion to maintain the confidentiality of the Executive Session meeting minutes for the January 27, 2025 Executive Session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 42-46-4 and 42-46-5. Upon a motion by Director Paxson and seconded by Director Fernandez, it was unanimously adopted by the RILSH Board upon a roll call vote:

VOTED: To maintain the confidentiality of the Executive Session meeting minutes for the January 27, 2025 Executive Session.

8. TO CONFIRM THE NEXT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING.

Chair Steinberg confirmed that the next monthly Board meeting will take place on February 20, 2025.

9. TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE OMNIBUS BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS AND THE GENERAL AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION FOR THE RILSH.

Chair Steinberg then sought a motion to approve the Omnibus Business Resolutions and the General Authorizing Resolution.

Upon a motion duly made by Director Fernandez and seconded by Director Warner, the following was unanimously approved:

OMNIBUS BUSINESS RESOLUTION

VOTED: That, the President, CEO, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer (each, an "Authorized Officer") of the RILSH be, and each of them hereby is,

severally authorized, empowered and directed, in the name of and for and on behalf of the RILSH to negotiate, execute, deliver, enter into and perform such further agreements, instruments, guarantees and other documents as may be necessary or advisable in connection with, or as may be required by, the foregoing votes and related documents.

VOTED: That the Authorized Officers of the RILSH are authorized and directed on behalf of the RILSH to make such filings and applications, to execute and deliver such documents and instruments, and to do such acts and things as such Authorized Officer deems necessary or advisable in order to implement the foregoing votes and resolutions;

VOTED: That the Authorized Officers of the RILSH are authorized and directed on behalf of the RILSH to take such further action as each may deem necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of the above resolutions; and

VOTED: That all instruments, certificates, and documents previously executed and delivered and all prior actions taken by the directors and officers of the RILSH prior to the effectiveness of this consent with respect to the foregoing resolutions and the transactions contemplated thereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted in all respect.

10. TO ADJOURN.

There being no further business in Public Session, Chair Steinberg sought a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote of the Board at 11:50 a.m. after a motion made by Director Paxson and seconded by Director Fernandez.

Dr. Michael Wagner, Secretary

EXHIBIT A

**RHODE ISLAND LIFE SCIENCE HUB
PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
January 27, 2025**

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

January 27, 2025

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rhode Island Life Science Hub will be held on January 27, 2025, at [8:00 a.m.]. The meeting will be held at the District Hall, 225 Dyer Street, 2nd floor – Matunuck Room, Providence, RI 02903.

Members of the public may attend the meeting via online videoconferencing or telephone conference. To access the meeting by video conference, please click on the meeting link below.

Zoom Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82820323431?pwd=U1BUECaxsGujC3DYpk4sLjpYyWjl1e.1>

Zoom Dial-in: 1-646 931 3860

Webinar ID: 828 2032 3431

Passcode: 220354

1. Call to order, confirm quorum and opening remarks by RI Life Science Hub Chairman and President and CEO.
2. Confirm revised board meeting schedule and approve 2025 board meeting dates. *
3. To receive an update on the RI Neuroscience Symposium.
4. Introduce Strategic Planning Session facilitator, Susan Windham-Bannister and discuss Strategic Planning Session objectives.
5. Vote to convene in Executive Session, pursuant to*
 - (a) R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(5) to discuss matters related to the acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes, or of the disposition of publicly held property wherein advanced public information would be detrimental to the interest of the public;
 - (b) R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(6) to discuss matters related to or concerning a prospective business or industry locating in the state of Rhode Island when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the interest of the public; and
 - (c) R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(7) to discuss matters related to the question of the investment of public funds through the RI Life Science Hub where the premature disclosure would adversely affect the public interest.*
6. Vote to conclude the Executive Session and return to Open Session.*
7. To report in Open Session regarding the votes taken in Executive Session.

8. Vote to maintain confidentiality of Executive Session minutes. *
9. Confirm the next monthly Board Meeting.
10. To consider for approval Omnibus Business Resolutions and General Authorizing Resolution for the RI Life Science Hub. *
11. Motion and vote to adjourn. *

* Indicates a vote is, or may be, needed.

Pursuant to the Open Meetings Law, any additional items added to the agenda by a majority vote of the members shall be for “informational purposes only and may not be voted on except where necessary to address an unexpected occurrence that requires immediate action to protect the public or to refer the matter to an appropriate committee or to another body or official.”

Those persons requiring reasonable accommodations requested to contact **Rhode Island Relay** (Dial 711) in advance of the meeting date. Information regarding Rhode Island Relay may be found at <https://hamiltonrelay.com/rhode-island/>.

Dated: January 22, 2025