



Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

5:30 p.m.

RIDE - Room 501

Members of the Public may also join via Zoom Webinar

Webinar ID:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83395830522>

Or

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Providing public comment: The Council strongly encourages individuals interested in providing public comment to e-mail written comments to Christine.Kechejian@ride.ri.gov . These written statements will be shared with the Council in advance of the meeting. **Any written comments submitted after 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting, will be shared with Council members after the meeting.**

If individuals prefer to provide verbal comment instead of a written statement, please e-mail Christine.Kechejian@ride.ri.gov **by 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 25, 2026**, to sign-up to comment during the Open Forum. Please note that during the Open Forum, only those individuals who have signed up in advance of the meeting will be allowed to comment. The Open Forum will be limited to no more than 20 minutes; individuals are asked to limit their remarks to two (2) minutes or less.

In the event of technical difficulties during the meeting, please email Krystofer.Redden@ride.ri.gov.

A recording of the meeting will be posted on the Board of Education's Webpage after the meeting.

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. April 28, 2026

[Enclosure 2a](#)

3. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

- RI STEAM Expo
- Menu for Success: Student Food Truck Round-up
- RIFC Attendance Matters Challenge
- Recognition of Councilmember Jo Eva Gaines

4. OPEN FORUM

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS & ACTION ITEMS

a. Board Appointments:

- i. William M. Davies, Jr. Career & Technical High School [Enclosure 5ai](#)
- ii. Nowell Academy [Enclosure 5aii](#)
- iii. Rhode Island School for the Deaf [Enclosure 5aiii](#)

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Ready for Excellence [Enclosure 6a](#)
- b. Necessity of School Construction Approvals [Enclosure 6b](#)
- c. School Redesign Updates [Enclosure 6c](#)
- d. Commissioner's Recommendation on the Turnaround Action of the Providence Public School District pursuant to RI General Laws § 16-7.1-5.1 and the Regulations Governing Intervention and Support for Failing Schools, 200-RICR-20-05-06 [Enclosure 6d](#)

7. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Necessity of School Construction Approvals
 - i. Exeter-West Greenwich Regional Schools [Enclosure 7ai](#)
 - ii. Excel Academy High School [Enclosure 7aii](#)
 - iii. Portsmouth Public Schools [Enclosure 7aiii](#)
- b. Commissioner's Recommendation on the Turnaround Action of the Providence Public School District pursuant to RI General Laws § 16-7.1-5.1 and the Regulations Governing Intervention and Support for Failing Schools, 200-RICR-20-05-06 [Enclosure 7b](#)

8. ADJOURNMENT