

AGENDA

Meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education

Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2026
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Rhode Island College, Gaige Hall, Room 200
600 Mount Pleasant Ave, Providence RI 02908
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84514857141>

1. Acceptance of the agenda

2. Approval of the minutes

A. Minutes of the April 15, 2026, Council Meeting.

[Enclosure2A](#)

3. Reports from the Presidents

A. Rhode Island College

[Enclosure3A](#)

- i. President's Letter
- ii. Commencement
- iii. Enrollment Trends
- iv. RIC News
- v. Partnerships
- vi. Happenings at RIC/Upcoming Events

B. Community College of Rhode Island

[Enclosure3B](#)

- i. A Message from the President
- ii. By the Numbers
- iii. Institutional Highlights
- iv. Accreditation
- v. Partnerships
- vi. Our People
- vii. Our Students
- viii. Happenings
- ix. In the News
- x. Meet CeCe
- xi. Commencement 2026
- xii. Looking Ahead

4. Report from the Commissioner

[Enclosure4](#)

- A.** Federal Updates
B. Leadership

- C. Campus Security
- D. Finance
- E. Legislative Affairs
- F. Academic Affairs and Student Success
- G. NASH-SHEEO Financial Sustainability Community of Practice
- H. Workforce and Education Centers
- I. State and Local News
- J. Workforce Pell

5. Report from the Committee Chairs

- A. Finance and Facilities Committee - Update on Committee's activity since its last report to the Council. No Enclosure
- B. Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee - Update on Committee's activity since its last report to the Council. [Enclosure5B](#)
 - i. Notices of Change- Program Proposal (CCRI)- Construction Trade Readiness Certificate
 - ii. Notice of Change- Program Closure (CCRI)- Associate in Science (SCID) Degree
 - iii. Notice of Name Change at RIC- School of Business
 - iv. Notice of New Program at RIC- 3+3 Baccalaureate to Juris Doctor Program
- C. Personnel Committee - Update on Committee's activity since its last report to the Council. No Enclosure
- D. Joint Alternate Retirement Plan Committee - Update on Committee's activity since its last report to the Council. [Enclosure5D](#)

6. Action Items

- A. Approval, Non-SARA, for American University of Greece to provide distance learning courses to Rhode Island Students, as recommended by the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee. [Enclosure6A](#)
- B. Approval of the reclassification of Director, Institutional Research and Analytics to Dean Impact and Institution Effectiveness at the Community College of Rhode Island, as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee. [Enclosure6B](#)
- C. Approval of the new classification of Dean Online Learning at the Community College of Rhode Island, as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee. [Enclosure6C](#)

- D.** Approval of the reclassification of Assistant Director- Talent Acquisition and Retention to Associate Director/Human Resources-Talent Management at the Community College of Rhode Island, as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee. [Enclosure6D](#)
 - E.** Approval of the reclassification of Director, Diversity Equity and Inclusion to Director Organization Learning and Engagement at the Community College of Rhode Island, as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee. [Enclosure6E](#)
 - F.** Approval of the new classification of Executive Director of Auxiliary Services and Operations at Rhode Island College, as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee. [Enclosure6F](#)
 - G.** Approval of the new classification of Assistant Vice President of Financial Operations at Rhode Island College, as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee. [Enclosure6G](#)
 - H.** Approval of the new classification of Director, Project Management Office at Rhode Island College, as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee. [Enclosure6H](#)
 - I.** Approval of reclassification of Associate Director Office of Civil Rights and Title IX to Director Office of Civil Rights and Title IX at the Community College of Rhode Island, as recommended by the Personnel Review Committee. [Enclosure6I](#)
- 7. Executive Session**
- A.** Discussions regarding potential litigation and litigation (U.S. v. State of Rhode Island et al. (USDC RI)), pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(2).
 - B.** Discussion regarding the lease of real property for public purposes- Westerly, Rhode Island pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(5).
 - C.** Discussion regarding the lease of real property for public purposes (CCRI- Knight Campus) pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(5).
 - D.** Discussion regarding investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct (civil), pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(4).
 - E.** Discussion regarding the matter of security at the public colleges, pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(3).

8. Additional Action Item

- A. Approval (conceptual) of a proposed lease between the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner, by and through its governing council, the Rhode Island Council on Postsecondary Education, and Tower Street Center, Inc., for the use of space at 83 Tower Street, Westerly, Rhode Island, for the purposes of continued review, negotiation and finalization, and subject to final approval by the Council on Postsecondary Education. No Enclosure

9. Next Meeting

The next Council on Postsecondary Education meeting will be on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 5:30 PM.

10. Adjourn