RI Council on Postsecondary Education

# AGENDA

**Special Meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education**

**Date:** **Wednesday, November 18, 2026**
**Time:** **4:30 p.m.**
**Location:** **Community College of Rhode Island, Room 4090**
**400 East Avenue, Warwick RI 02886**
**Zoom link:** https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84534942086

1. **Acceptance of the agenda**

2. **Approval of the minutes**
   - **A.** Minutes of the October 21, 2026, Council Meeting — Enclosure2A

3. **Commissioner's Report**
   - A. Updates to Signature Authorities — Enclosure3A

4. **Report from the Committee Chairs**
   - **A.** Finance and Facilities Committee - Update on Committee's activity since its last report to the Council. — No Report
   - **B.** Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee - Update on Committee's activity since its last report to the Council. — No Enclosure
   - **C.** Personnel Committee - Update on Committee's activity since its last report to the Council. — No Report
   - **D.** Joint Alternate Retirement Plan Committee - Update on Committee's activity since its last report to the Council. — No Report

5. **Action Items**
   - **A.** Approval of the Divine Trinity School of Certified Nursing Assistant to operate as a proprietary school in the state of Rhode Island, as recommended by the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee. — Enclosure5A
   - **B.** Approval of the awarding tenure at the Community College of Rhode Island. — Enclosure5B
   - **C.** Approval of the appointment of Elizabeth Tanner as Vice President for Workforce Partnerships at the Community College of Rhode Island. — Enclosure5C

6. **Executive Session**

   **A.** Discussion regarding the Annual Report on Litigation (all cases pending in the United States Federal Court and the Rhode Island State Courts[1], and the Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights), pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2).

   **B.** Discussion regarding collective bargaining – all bargaining units, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2).

7. **Next Meeting**
   The next Council on Postsecondary Education meeting will be on Wednesday, December 16, 2026.

8. **Adjourn**

[1] Moore v. RI Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner, et al., (C.A. No. PC 2018-7522); USA v. State of Rhode Island, BOE, CPE and Shannon Gilkey, (USDC Case No. 1:26-cv-00419); Costa Companies, Inc. v. State of Rhode Island, et al. (RIC), (C.A. No. PC 2021-04947); Walsh v. RIC, et al., (C.A. No. PC 2026-04641); Colafrancesco v. ThysennKrupp Elevator Corp., and Council on Postsecondary Education (CCRI), (C.A. No. PC 2018-6460); Arocho v. CCRI, et al., (C.A. No. KC 2023-0017); Brotherton v. CCRI, (C.A. No. PC 2024-6790); Guest v. CCRI, et al. (USDC Case No. 1:26-cv-00400).