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The University of Rhode Island
Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday, January 15, 2021 • 10:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST

PURSUANT TO GOVERNOR RAIMONDO'S EXECUTIVE ORDER, THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY

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AGENDA

1. **ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
   a. Minutes of the October 23, 2020 Plenary Session Enclosure 2a
   b. Minutes of the October 24, 2020 Meeting Enclosure 2b

3. **OPEN FORUM**
   Note: public participants must submit an online public comment form requesting permission to speak no less than 2 hours in advance of the meeting. The online request form and instructions for submission can be found via this link.

4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
   The Board may seek to enter into Executive Session for the following items:
   a. Discussion regarding the matter of security, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(3)
   b. Discussion regarding potential litigation, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2)

5. **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**
   a. **Update on Board Governance Issues**

6. **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS**
   a. **Governance Committee Report**
      - Update-1/14/2021 Committee Meeting
   b. **Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee Report**
      - Update-1/14/2021 Committee Meeting
   c. **Facilities and Finance Committee Report**
      - Update-1/14/2021 Committee Meeting
   d. **University Advancement and External Affairs Committee Report**
      - Update-12/16/20 and 1/14/2021 Committee Meetings
   e. **Academic Affairs, Research, and Student Life Committee Report**
      - Update-1/14/2021 Committee Meeting
   f. **Executive Committee Report**
      - Update-1/15/2021 Committee Meeting

7. **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**
   a. **Fall 2020 Recap and Spring 2021 Update**

8. **ACTION ITEMS**
   a. **Approval of the Request for Exemption under the Public-Private Partnership Act**
      Enclosure 8a
      Enclosure 8a(i)
      Enclosure 8a(ii)
      Enclosure 8a(iii)
      Enclosure 8a(iv)

b. **Affirmation of the awarding of Honorary Degrees Commencement 2021**

c. **Approval of the awarding of degrees, diplomas, certificates, and honors for students who have completed all applicable academic requirements at the conclusion of the Fall semester for December 2020 Enclosure 8c**

d. **Approval of the awarding of tenure for Dr. Samuel Soule, Graduate School of Oceanography Enclosure 8d**

e. **Approval of Updated Signature Authority Memorandum Enclosure 8e**

f. **Approval of the 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule Enclosure 8f**

9. **ADJOURN**

The next meeting of the URI Board of Trustees is scheduled for April 23, 2021.