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**The University of Rhode Island
Board of Trustees Meeting and Annual Retreat
Friday, June 28, 2024 · 9:00 a.m. EDT**

**The University of Rhode Island
Room 025C · The Fascitelli Center for Advanced Engineering
2 East Alumni Avenue, Kingston, RI 02881**

**This meeting will be held in person and will use videoconferencing.
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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Margo Cook, Chair

2. 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](#).

3. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Margo Cook, Chair

- a. State Support
- b. Medical School Commission

4. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Marc Parlange, President

- a. University Updates
- b. Budget Model
- c. State Budget
- d. Strategic Plan KPIs

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board may seek to enter into executive session for the following items:

- a. Discussion regarding President Parlange’s annual self-assessment and performance review, and compensation based on merit, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(1).
Margo Cook, Chair
- b. Discussion and action regarding the University’s pouring rights/beverage contract, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(6), as it relates to or concerns 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 R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(7), as it relates to the question of the investment of public funds where the premature disclosure would adversely affect the public interest.
Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance
- c. Discussions or considerations 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 public interest, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(5), and discussion of a matter related to the question of the investment of public funds where the premature disclosure would adversely affect the public interest, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(7), including:
 - Student Housing
Abby Benson, Vice President for Administration and Finance
- d. Discussion of matters related to the question of the investment of public funds, which includes any investment plan or matter related thereto, where the premature disclosure would adversely affect the public interest, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(7); specifically,
 - Investment in potential programming
Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs

6. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS

a. Ad Hoc Special Real Estate Committee Report

- (i) Update – June 6, 2024, Ad Hoc Special Real Estate Committee Meeting
Michael Fascitelli, Committee Chair

b. Finance and Facilities Committee Report

- (i) Update – June 10, 2024, Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting
Vahid Ownjazayeri, Committee Chair

c. Student Life and Athletics Committee Report

- (i) Update – June 14, 2024, Committee Meeting
Tom Ryan, Committee Chair

d. Academic Affairs and Research Committee Report

- (i) Update – June 17, 2024, Committee Meeting
Neil Kerwin, Committee Chair

e. Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee Report

- (i) Update – June 17, 2024, Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee Meeting
Matt Lenz, Committee Vice Chair

f. Governance Committee Report

- (i) Update – June 28, 2024, Committee Meeting
Cortney Nicolato, Committee Chair

g. Executive Committee and Compensation Subcommittee Report

- (i) Update – June 25, 2024, Joint Committee Meeting
Margo Cook, Chair
- (ii) ACTION ITEM: Ratification of the tentative collective bargaining agreement between the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees and the Part-Time Faculty (PTF) for a one-year extension (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025) of the existing collective bargaining agreement with an across-the-board salary increase.
- (iii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of an annual bonus to President Parlange for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

7. OMNIBUS VOTE ON COMMITTEE-RELATED ACTION ITEMS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Approval of the actions described below, as recommended by the referenced committees and presented in the referenced enclosures where applicable:

Approval of Minutes:

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the April 26, 2024, Board Meeting, as presented. [Enclosure](#)

Finance and Facilities Committee recommended action:

- b. Approval of URI Parking Regulations. [Enclosure](#)
- c. Approval of Contracts in Excess of \$5 Million. [Enclosure](#)
- d. Approval of Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the University of Rhode Island and the URI Foundation and Alumni Engagement. [Enclosure](#)
- e. Approval of Modifications to the President's House. [Enclosure](#)
- f. Approval of Amendments to the Finance and Facilities Committee Charter and Calendar. [Enclosure](#)

Academic Affairs and Research Committee recommended action:

- g. Approval of the annual granting of tenure for University of Rhode Island faculty members, effective July 1, 2024, or as specified. [Enclosure](#)
- h. Approval of legislation recommended by the Faculty Senate and the President providing a new Master of Science degree in Mental & Behavioral Health Counseling. [Enclosure](#)
- i. Approval of the awarding of a posthumous academic degree. [Enclosure](#)

Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee recommended action:

- j. Approval of amendments to the Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee Charter and Calendar. [Enclosure](#)

Governance Committee recommended action:

- k. Approval of amendments to the URI Board of Trustees Remote Meeting Participation Policy. [Enclosure](#)
- l. Approval of amendments to the University policy on Approval and Execution of Contracts and Other Binding Documents. [Enclosure](#)
- m. Approval of the URI Board of Trustees Nondiscrimination and Sexual Misconduct Policy. [Enclosure](#)

Executive Committee recommended action:

- n. Approval of a 2.5% across-the-board salary increase for non-union, non-classified employees effective June 30, 2024. [Enclosure](#)

8. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

- a. ACTION ITEM: Approval of the University of Rhode Island Capital Improvement Plan FY2026-2030 [Enclosure](#)

- b. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of an Amendment to the Contract between the University of Rhode Island and Oracle America, Inc., for license continuation of the Oracle ERP system (eCampus). [Enclosure](#)

9. DISCUSSION ITEM

- a. 2024 URI Annual Diversity Report, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 16-32-2.1, Diversity efforts and progress related to student, staff and faculty recruitment and retention at URI. [Enclosure](#)
Markeisha Miner, Vice President, Community, Equity, and Diversity

10. BOARD RETREAT

a. **Opening Remarks**

Margo Cook, Chair

Cortney Nicolato, Committee Chair

b. **Board Self-Assessment and Feedback**

Cortney Nicolato, Committee Chair

c. **Session I: State of Healthcare in RI – Panel and Discussion**

- Joseph Matthews, Chair, South County Health
- Maria Ducharme, President, Miriam Hospital
- Larry O. Warner, Chief Impact & Equity Officer, United Way of Rhode Island
- Martha L. Wofford, President and CEO, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island
- **Moderator:** Cortney Nicolato, President and CEO, United Way of Rhode Island

d. **Session II: Healthcare at URI – Panel and Discussion**

- Kerry LaPlante, Dean of the College of Pharmacy
- Patrick Vivier, Dean of the College of Health Sciences
- Danny Willis, Dean of the College of Nursing
- **Moderator:** Barbara Wolfe, URI Provost

e. **Closing Remarks**

Margo Cook, Chair

11. ADJOURN

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