

**The University of Rhode Island
Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday, September 27, 2024 · 9:00 a.m. EDT**

**The University of Rhode Island
The Hope Room, Robert J. Higgins Welcome Center
45 Upper College Avenue, Kingston, RI 02881**

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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. Outgoing Board Member Recognition
- b. Update on Community Activities

4. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Marc Parlange, President

- a. Community News
- b. Fundraising
- c. Rankings
- d. Budget

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- a. **Discussion regarding an assessment of information technology security, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(3), as it relates to the matter of security including, but not limited to, the deployment of security personnel or devices, and R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(2) for discussion of potential litigation; specifically,**
 - **Phishing Attacks**
Gabriele Fariello, Chief Information Officer
- b. **Discussion with President Parlange regarding performance goals for the upcoming year, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(1).**
Margo Cook, Chair
- c. **Discussion and action 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 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, including:**
 - **New University Housing**
 - **Approval of Preliminary Development Transaction for New University Housing P3 (Public Private Partnership)**
Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance
- d. **Discussion regarding a matter of security including, but not limited to, the deployment of security personnel or devices, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(3), specifically:**
 - **Regulation of Control and Use of URI Property**
Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance
- e. **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), including:**
 - **Use of W. Alton Jones Campus**
 - **Development of Property on or around Campus**
 - **URI Property Acquisition and Use Planning**
Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance
- f. **Discussion of matters 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), specifically:**

- **Update on URI Campus Store**
Ellen Reynolds, Vice President, Student Affairs

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. **Introduction of Student Senate Leadership**
Ellen Reynolds, Vice President, Student Affairs
- b. **URI Center for Student Leadership Development**
 - **URI Leadership Institute**
 - **Student Introductions**
Melissa Boyd-Colvin, Director, Center for Student Leadership Development

7. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- a. **Student Life and Athletics Committee Report**
 - (i) Update – September 11, 2024, Committee Meeting
Tom Ryan, Committee Chair
[Athletics Presentation](#): *Thorr Bjorn, Athletics Director*
- b. **Finance and Facilities Committee Report**
 - (i) Update – September 11, 2024, Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting
Armand Sabitoni, Committee Vice Chair
 - (ii) DISCUSSION ITEM: Approvals under the Delegation of Authority to the President Relating to Land and Property [Enclosure](#)
 - (iii) ACTION: Approval of the University of Rhode Island Total Budget Request for FY 2026.
[Enclosure](#)
Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance
- c. **Academic Affairs and Research Committee Report**
 - (i) Update – September 16, 2024, Committee Meeting
Neil Kerwin, Committee Chair
- d. **Executive Committee/Compensation Subcommittee Report**
 - (i) Update – September 18, 2024, Joint Committee Meeting
Margo Cook, Chair

- (ii) **ACTION:** Ratification of presidential performance goals for the upcoming year.
Margo Cook, Board Chair

e. Governance Committee Report

- (i) Update – September 18, 2024, Committee Meeting
Cortney Nicolato, Committee Chair

f. Ad Hoc Special Real Estate Committee Report

- (i) Update – September 26, 2024, Ad Hoc Special Real Estate Committee Meeting
Michael Fascitelli, Committee Chair

8. 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 June 28, 2024, Board Meeting, as presented. [Enclosure](#)

Approval of the Annual Calendar:

- b. Approval of the 2026 Board of Trustees meeting calendar. [Enclosure](#)

Academic Affairs and Research Committee recommended action:

- c. Approval of the awarding of undergraduate and graduate degrees, diplomas, certificates, and honors to be conferred by the President to the candidates who have completed their requirements at the conclusion of the Summer 2024 term and who are approved by the faculty of the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure](#)

9. ADJOURN

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