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**The University of Rhode Island
Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, February 13, 2025 · 9:00 a.m. EST**

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

**This meeting will be held in person and will use videoconferencing.
Board members will participate virtually.
Public viewing is available in person or remotely.**

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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 can be found via this [link](#).

3. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Margo Cook, Chair

- a. URI Board of Trustees Five-Year Anniversary
- b. URI Foundation CEO Search Update

4. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Marc Parlange, President

- a. University Updates
- b. Budget Updates
- c. Strategic Plan KPIs

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- a. **Discussion regarding potential litigation, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(2), and 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).**
Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs
Bethany Jenkins, Vice President, Research and Economic Development
- b. **Discussion regarding 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), specifically, Proprietary enrollment model discussion.**
Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance
- c. **Discussion pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(2), and 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).**
Becky Hill, Vice President, Human Resources

6. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND ACTION ITEMS

a. Ad hoc special Real Estate Committee Report

- (i) Update – December 10, 2024, ad hoc special Real Estate Committee Meeting
Michael Fascitelli, Committee Chair

b. Finance and Facilities Committee Report

- (i) Update – February 3, 2025, Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting
Vahid Ownjazayeri, Committee Chair
- (ii) DISCUSSION ITEM: Approvals under the Delegation of Authority to the President Relating to Land and Property [Enclosure](#)
Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance
- (iii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of FY2026 Tuition and Mandatory Fees Rates [Enclosure](#)
Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance
- (iv) ACTION ITEM: Approval of Contracts in Excess of \$5 Million, specifically; change order to contract with Katie Schibler & Associates. [Enclosure](#)
Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance

- (v) ACTION ITEM: Approval of Contracts in Excess of \$5 Million, specifically; change order to contract with First Transit, Inc. [Enclosure](#)
Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance

c. Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee Report

- (i) Update – February 4, 2025, Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee Meeting
Roby Luna, Committee Chair

d. Academic Affairs and Research Committee Report

- (i) Update – February 5, 2025, Academic Affairs and Research Committee Meeting
Neil Kerwin, Committee Chair

e. Governance Committee Report

- (i) Update – February 5, 2025, Governance Committee Meeting
Cortney Nicolato, Committee Chair
- (ii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees *Regulations Regarding Use of University Property* [Enclosure](#)
Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance

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 November 8, 2024, Board Meeting. [Enclosure](#)

Academic Affairs and Research Committee recommended action:

- b. Approval of legislation recommended by the Faculty Senate and the President for a College of Education organizational change to create a new degree opportunity, Master of Arts, Educational Leadership & Policy. [Enclosure](#)
- c. Approval of legislation recommended by the Faculty Senate and the President for a College of Business organizational change to create a new degree opportunity, Bachelor of Arts, Business Studies Program. [Enclosure](#)

- d. Approval of legislation recommended by the Faculty Senate and the President for a College of Health Sciences organizational change to create a new degree opportunity, Master of Public Health Program. [Enclosure](#)
- e. Approval of legislation recommended by the Faculty Senate and the President for a College of Health Sciences organizational change to create a new degree opportunity, Master of Science in Management (MSM). [Enclosure](#)

Governance Committee recommended action:

- f. Approval related to the URI Board of Trustees Policy on Nondiscrimination and Sexual Misconduct [Enclosure](#)

8. ADJOURN

The next URI Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 25, 2025.

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