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**The University of Rhode Island
Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday, February 13, 2026 · 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.**

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go to <https://web.uri.edu/trustees/meetings/>
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**Virtual access is being provided only as a convenience and is not an
official "location" where access to the meeting is guaranteed.
Being physically present at the meeting is the only way to guarantee
complete access to the meeting.**

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 **by 4:30 p.m. the day prior to the meeting**. The online request form can be found via this [link](#).

3. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Margo Cook, Board Chair

- a. State Support for URI**
- b. Campus Security**
- c. Endowment**
- d. Medical School**

4. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Marc Parlange, President

- a. Campus Updates**
- b. Strategic Plan: Priority 2**
- c. Narragansett Bay Campus Strategy – Preliminary Concepts**

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Presentation by the RI Department of Environmental Management Regarding the Lease of a Portion of the W. Alton Jones Campus – Planned Use [Enclosure](#)**

Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance

Terrence Gray, Director, RI Department of Environmental Management

- b. Discussion of Proposed FY2027 Tuition and Mandatory Fees Rates [Enclosure](#)**

Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance

Dean Libutti, Associate Vice President, Enrollment Management and Student Success

- c. Fundraising [Enclosure](#)**

Mark Antonucci, Vice President for Advancement, URI, and CEO, URI Foundation

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

- (i) University of Rhode Island Maritime Professional Association – Local 2877A, RI Council 94, AFSME, AFL/CIO**

Becky Hill, Vice President, Human Resources

- b. Discussion regarding litigation, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(2):**

- (i) Fosv v. Univ. of R.I., et al. (USDC No. 1:21-cv-00279)**

Alyssa Boss, Vice President and General Counsel

Lauren Jensen, Deputy General Counsel

- c. Discussion regarding the 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):**

- (i) Physical Security Strategy**

Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance

Michael Jagoda, Assistant Vice President, Public Safety, Chief of Police

- d. Discussion regarding 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:**
- (i) Review of recommendations made by the Special Legislative Commission to make a Comprehensive Study of Rhode Island's Healthcare Workforce related to Educating and Retaining Primary Care Physicians and Establishing a State Medical School at The University of Rhode Island**
Marc Parlange, President
Paul Umbach, President, Tripp Umbach
 - (ii) Government Relations: 2026 Legislative Session**
Lauren Broccoli Burgess, Executive Director, Legislative and Government Relations
 - (iii) Proprietary enrollment model discussion**
Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance
Dean Libutti, Associate Vice President, Enrollment Management and Student Success
- e. Discussion regarding a matter related to or concerning 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, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5 (a)(6), and 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:**
- (i) Endowment Management Update**
Margo Cook, Board Chair
Michael Ice, Investment Committee Chair, URI Foundation
Adam Quinlan, Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of Enterprise Risk Management, URI Foundation

7. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Ratification of a Memorandum of Agreement between the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees and the University of Rhode Island Maritime Professional Association – Local 2877A, RI Council 94, AFSME, AFL/CIO [Enclosure](#)**
Becky Hill, Vice President, Human Resources
- b. URI Board of Trustees Vote of Confidence regarding recommendations made by the Special Legislative Commission to Make a Comprehensive Study of Rhode Island's Healthcare Workforce Related to Educating and Retaining Primary Care Physicians and Establishing a State Medical School at the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure](#)**
Margo Cook, Board Chair

- c. **Approval of the proposal to name the URI football practice field adjacent to the Ryan Center and Meade Stadium the “Mark S. Cruise ’81 ’84 Football Practice Field”.** [Enclosure](#)

8. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS

a. Finance and Facilities Committee Report

- (i) Update – February 2, 2026 Committee Meeting
Vahid Ownjazayeri, Committee Chair
- (ii) ACTION: Approval of FY2027 Tuition and Mandatory Fees Rates [Enclosure](#)
Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance
- (iii) ACTION: Approval of a Resolution on Bond Reimbursement [Enclosure](#)
Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance

b. Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee Report

- (i) Update – February 9, 2026, Committee Meeting
Roby Luna, Committee Chair

c. Governance Committee Report

- (i) Update – February 9, 2026, Committee Meeting
Cortney Nicolato, Committee Chair

d. Academic Affairs and Research Committee Report

- (i) Update – February 10, 2026, Committee Meeting
Neil Kerwin, Committee Chair

9. 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 7, 2025, Board Meeting. [Enclosure](#)

Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee recommended action item:

- b. Approval of amendments to the IRCC Calendar. [Enclosure](#)

Governance Committee recommended action:

- c. Approval of the revised *URI Board of Trustees Policy on Sexual Misconduct*. [Enclosure](#)
- d. Approval of the revised *URI Board of Trustees Procurement Regulations*. [Enclosure](#)

Academic Affairs and Research Committee recommended action:

- e. Approval of legislation from the Graduate Council #2025-2026-03C, College of Education organizational change to create a new degree opportunity, Doctorate of Education, which has been approved by the faculty and president of the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure](#)
- f. Approval of legislation from the Faculty Senate Curriculum & Standards Committee Report #2025-2026-02C, College of Education organizational change to create a new degree opportunity, Bachelor of Arts, Learning and Education in Action, which has been approved by the faculty and president of the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure](#)
- g. Approval of the granting of tenure effective March 1, 2026, to incoming Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, Dr. Mary Elizabeth Meyerand, who has met the requirements for tenure at the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure](#)

10. ADJOURN

The next URI Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 24, 2026.

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