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**The University of Rhode Island
Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday, April 24, 2026 · 9:00 a.m. EDT**

**The University of Rhode Island
Brookside South Residence Hall
40 W. 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. RECOGNITION OF URI WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PROGRAM**
Margo Cook, Chair
- 3. INTRODUCTION OF TRUSTEE DAVE BARRETT**
Margo Cook, Chair
- 4. 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](#).

5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Margo Cook, Chair

- a. Recent URI Events
- b. Board Member Recognition
- c. Preparation for June Meeting

6. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Marc Parlange, President

- a. Community Updates
- b. Medical School Update
- c. Government Relations Update
- d. Strategic Priority 1

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Introduction of Vice President, Director of Athletics Patrick Lyons

Marc Parlange, President

Patrick Lyons, Vice President, Director of Athletics

b. Update on RI Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) and URI ERP Project

Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance

Becky Hill, Vice President, Human Resources

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

a. DISCUSSION ITEMS: Discussions as they relate 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:

(i) Update on the merit-based performance review and compensation process

Becky Hill, Vice President, Human Resources

(ii) Government Relations: Update on 2026 Legislation

Lauren Burgess, Executive Director, Legislative and Governmental Relations

(iii) Update on Medical School Business Plan

Marc Parlange, President

b. ACTION ITEMS: 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 R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(7) as it relates 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, specifically:

(i) Discussion of Terms Regarding the Upper College Road Mixed Use Development and Approval of Authorization to Negotiate Final Terms

Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance

(ii) Discussion of Terms Regarding the Ocean Technology Innovation Center and Approval of Authorization to Negotiate Final Terms

Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance

9. ACTION ITEM

a. Approval of an across-the-board salary increase for non-union, non-classified employees.

[Enclosure](#)

Becky Hill, Vice President, Human Resources

10. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS

a. Governance Committee Report

(i) Update – April 8, 2026, Committee Meeting

Jay Placencia, Committee Vice Chair

b. Academic Affairs and Research Committee Report

(i) Update – April 9, 2026, Committee Meeting

Neil Kerwin, Committee Chair

c. Finance and Facilities Committee Report

(i) Update – April 13, 2026 Committee Meeting

Armand Sabitoni, Committee Vice Chair

(ii) DISCUSSION ITEM: Capital Improvement Plan FY2028-2032 [Enclosure](#)

Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance

(iii) ACTION ITEM: Bond Issuance Resolution [Enclosure](#)

Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance

d. Student Life and Athletics Committee Report

- (i) Update – April 16, 2026, Committee Meeting
Tom Ryan, Committee Chair

11. 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 February 13, 2026, Board Meeting. [Enclosure](#)

Governance Committee recommended action:

- b. Approval of amendments to the Governance Committee Charter and Calendar [Enclosure](#)

Academic Affairs and Research Committee recommended action:

- c. Approval of the granting of tenure effective December 28, 2025, for Allison Sylvetsky, PhD, who has met the requirements for tenure at the University. [Enclosure](#)
- d. Approval of the awarding of a posthumous academic degree at Spring Commencement 2026. [Enclosure](#)
- e. Approval of the awarding of undergraduate and graduate degrees, diplomas, certificates, and honors to be conferred by the President to the candidates who will have completed their requirements at the conclusion of the Spring 2026 term and who are approved by the faculty of the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure](#)
- f. Approval of legislation from the Graduate Council #2025-2026-05C, College of Arts and Sciences to create a new degree opportunity in Applied Science Communication, Master of Arts which has been approved by the faculty and president of the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure](#)
- g. Approval of legislation from the Faculty Senate Curriculum & Standards Committee Report #2025-2026-06C, College of Engineering organizational change to create a new degree opportunity, Bachelor of Science, Environmental Engineering, which has been approved by the faculty and president of the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure](#)
- h. Approval of legislation from the Graduate Council #2025-2026-04C, College of Education to create a new degree opportunity in Health Professions Education, Master of Arts which has been approved by the faculty and president of the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure](#)

- i. Approval of legislation from the Faculty Senate Curriculum & Standards Committee Report #2025-2026-05C, College of Engineering, to implement an organizational change establishing a standalone Department of Biomedical Engineering, which has been approved by the faculty and the President of the University of Rhode Island. This will be accomplished by transitioning the biomedical engineering program out of the Department of Electrical, Computer, and Biomedical Engineering and renaming that unit as the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, thereby creating two separate departments. [Enclosure](#)

Finance and Facilities Committee recommended action:

- j. Acceptance of the Report on Approvals under the Delegation of Authority to the President Relating to Land and Property [Enclosure](#)
- k. Approval of the Demolition of the Sheets Building, Horn Laboratory, and Center for Atmospheric Chemistry Studies on the Narragansett Bay Campus. [Enclosure](#)
- l. Approval of amendments to the Finance and Facilities Committee Calendar. [Enclosure](#)

Student Life and Athletics Committee recommended action:

- m. Approval of amendments to the Student Life and Athletics Committee Charter and Calendar. [Enclosure](#)

12. ADJOURN

The next URI Board of Trustees Meeting and Retreat is scheduled for Friday, June 26, 2026.

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