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**The University of Rhode Island
Board of Trustees Annual Retreat and Meeting
Friday, June 26, 2026 · 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**

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AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
Margo Cook, Board Chair
- 2. ANNUAL BOARD RETREAT**
 - a. OPENING REMARKS**
Margo Cook, Board Chair
 - b. PANEL DISCUSSION**

**Artificial Intelligence and what it means for the modern research
University**

Dino Ciccone, Director, Azure Cloud, AI Specialist, Microsoft
Gabriele Fariello, Chief Information Officer, URI
Gaurav Khanna, Assistant Vice President, Research Computing, URI
Aleksandra Przegalinska, Harvard University
Yan Sun, Chair, Computer and Biomedical Engineering, URI

3. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Marc Parlange, President

- a. Update on the University Budget
- b. Strategic Priority 3

4. DISCUSSION ITEM

- a. **2026 URI Annual Report, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 16-32-2.1.** [Enclosure](#)
Markeisha Miner, Vice President, Community, Equity, and Diversity

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- a. **Discussion pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(7) regarding matters related to the question of the investment of public funds where the premature disclosure would adversely affect the public interest, specifically:**

- (i) **Tripp Umbach Business Plan for the University of Rhode Island School of Medicine**

- Marc Parlange, President*

- Paul Umbach, President, Tripp Umbach*

- (ii) **Enrollment and recruitment**

- Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs*

- Dean Libutti, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Success*

- b. **Discussion regarding President Parlange's annual self-assessment and performance review, annual performance-based incentive, and base salary, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(1).**

- Margo Cook, Board Chair*

6. LUNCH BREAK - BOARD RETREAT ACTIVITIES

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

- Margo Cook, Board Chair*

- Cortney Nicolato, Governance Committee Chair*

7. ACTION ITEMS

- a. **Proposed Vote to Authorize Next Steps on Establishing a Public Medical School at the University of Rhode Island** [Enclosure](#)

- Margo Cook, Board Chair*

b. Consideration of the Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Rhode Island and the University of Rhode Island Foundation.

Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance

8. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND ACTION ITEMS

a. Executive Committee/Compensation Subcommittee Report

(i) Update – June 15, 2026, Committee Meeting

Margo Cook, Board Chair

(ii) ACTION: Consideration of the Compensation Subcommittee recommendation to approve an annual performance-based incentive to President Parlange for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2026.

Margo Cook, Board Chair

(iii) ACTION: Consideration of the Compensation Subcommittee recommendation to approve an increase to President Parlange’s base salary.

Margo Cook, Board Chair

b. Finance and Facilities Committee Report

(i) Update – June 15, 2026 Committee Meeting

Vahid Ownjazayeri, Committee Chair

(ii) ACTION ITEM: Consideration of the Finance and Facilities Committee recommendation to approve the Capital Improvement Plan FY2028-2032 [Enclosure](#)

Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance

c. Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee Report

(i) Update – June 16, 2026, Committee Meeting

Roby Luna, Committee Chair

d. Academic Affairs and Research Committee Report

(i) Update – June 22, 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 April 24, 2026, Board Meeting. [Enclosure](#)

Finance and Facilities Committee recommended action:

- b. Acceptance of the Report on Approvals under the Delegation of Authority to the President Relating to Land and Property [Enclosure](#)
- c. Approval of a Contract in Excess of \$5 Million: Advertising and Marketing Services: One Sixty Over Ninety, LLC (160/90) [Enclosure](#)
- d. Approval of a Contract in Excess of \$5 Million: Chiller Preventative Maintenance and HVAC Repairs [Enclosure](#)
- e. Approval of a Contract in Excess of \$5 Million: Owner's Program Management Services for Asset Protection Program: LiRo Program and Construction Management [Enclosure](#)
- f. Approval of a Contract in Excess of \$5 Million: Dining Services - Food and paper supply services: Performance Food Group, Inc. [Enclosure](#)
- g. Approval of a Contract in Excess of \$5 Million: Underground Utilities Maintenance and Repair/Utility System Service Contract (Time and Materials) [Enclosure](#)

Academic Affairs and Research Committee recommended action:

- h. Approval of the annual granting of tenure, effective July 1, 2026 to University of Rhode Island faculty members, who have met the requirements for tenure at the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure](#)
- i. Approval of the granting of tenure, effective July 26, 2026 to incoming Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Pamela E. Swett, Ph.D., who has met the requirements for tenure at the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure](#)
- j. Approval of the granting of tenure, effective August 9, 2026, to incoming University Librarian, Brian W. Keith, who has met the requirements for tenure at the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure](#)
- k. Approval of legislation from the Faculty Senate Curriculum & Standards Committee Report #2025-2026-07C, College of Arts and Sciences organizational change to create a new degree opportunity, Bachelor of Arts in Film which has been approved by the faculty and president of the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure](#)
- l. Approval of legislation from the Faculty Senate Curriculum & Standards Committee Report #2025-2026-07C, College of Environment and Life Sciences organizational change to create a new degree

opportunity, Bachelor of Arts in Sustainable Food Systems which has been approved by the faculty and president of the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure](#)

Compensation Subcommittee recommended action:

m. Approval of amendments to the Compensation Subcommittee Calendar. [Enclosure](#)

10. ADJOURN

The next URI Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 25, 2026.

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