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The University of Rhode Island
Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday, September 25, 2026 · 9:00 a.m. EDT

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

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AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   Margo Cook, Board 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. **CHAIR'S REPORT**
   Margo Cook, Board Chair
   a. Recent URI Events and Board Engagement
   b. Scheduling Updates for 2027
   c. Recognition of outgoing Trustee Kris Bovy

4. **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**
   Marc Parlange, President
   a. URI Community News and Updates
   b. Budget Review

5. DISCUSSION ITEM

a. **Fundraising** Enclosure
Mark Antonucci, Vice President, Advancement, URI and CEO, URI Foundation

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

a. **Discussion with President Parlange regarding performance goals for the upcoming year, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(1).**
Margo Cook, Board Chair

b. **Discussion regarding President Parlange Retirement Account Contributions 401(a), pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(1).**
Margo Cook, Board Chair

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 R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(7) pertaining to the investment of public funds; specifically,**

(i) **Personnel-Related Costs and Budget Considerations**
Abby Benson, Senior Vice President, Administration and Finance
Becky Hill, Vice President, Human Resources

d. **Discussion regarding investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct, either civil or criminal, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(4); specifically,**

(i) **Athletics Compliance Matter**
Pat Lyons, Vice President and Athletics Director

e. **Discussion 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 interest of the public, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(5); specifically,**

(i) **Development of Property on or around Campus**
Abby Benson, Senior Vice President, Administration and Finance

f. **Discussion regarding matters related to the question of 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) **Government Relations Update and Strategic Planning**
Lauren Broccoli Burgess, Executive Director, Legislative and Government Relations

(ii) URI Medical School Update – Leadership Search and Strategic Planning
Marc Parlange, President

7. ACTION ITEMS

a. Ratification of presidential performance goals for the upcoming year.
Margo Cook, Board Chair

b. Approval of Retirement Account Contributions 401(a) for President Parlange.
Margo Cook, Board Chair

8. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND ACTION ITEMS

a. Finance and Facilities Committee Report

(i) Update – September 14, 2026, Committee Meeting
Vahid Ownjazayeri, Committee Chair

(ii) ACTION ITEM: Consideration of the Finance and Facilities Committee recommendation to approve the University of Rhode Island Total Budget Request for FY 2028. Enclosure
Abby Benson, Senior Vice President, Administration and Finance

(iii) ACTION ITEM: Consideration of the Finance and Facilities Committee recommendation to approve an Amendment to the Bond Issuance Resolution approved on April 24, 2026, and February 13, 2026. Enclosure
Abby Benson, Senior Vice President, Administration and Finance

b. Academic Affairs and Research Committee Report

(i) Update – September 16, 2026, Committee Meeting
Neil Kerwin, Committee Chair

c. Student Life and Athletics Committee Report

(i) Update – September 17, 2026, Committee Meeting
Tom Ryan, 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 June 26, 2026, Board Retreat and Meeting. Enclosure

Approval of the Annual Calendar:

b. Approval of the 2028 Board of Trustees meeting calendar. Enclosure

Approval of the Appointment of Board Secretary:

c. Appointment of Board Secretary to the URI Board of Trustees. Enclosure

Finance and Facilities Committee recommended action:

d. Acceptance of the Report on Approvals under the Delegation of Authority to the President Relating to Land and Property Enclosure

Academic Affairs and Research Committee recommended action:

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 Summer 2026 term and who are approved by the faculty of the University of Rhode Island. Enclosure

f. Approval of the granting of tenure, effective November 29, 2026 to incoming Associate Dean for Research and Scholarship of the College of Health Sciences, Stephen Sheinkopf, Ph.D., who has met the requirements for tenure at the University of Rhode Island. Enclosure

g. Approval of legislation from the Faculty Senate, CASC Bill 25-26-CASC-08-C, College of Business organizational change to create a new degree opportunity, Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary & Applied Artificial Intelligence, which has been approved by the faculty and president of the University of Rhode Island. Enclosure

10. ADJOURN

The next URI Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 6, 2026.

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