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The University of Rhode Island
Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday, November 6, 2026 · 9:00 a.m. EST

The University of Rhode Island
Brookside South Residence Hall
40 W. Alumni Avenue, 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 4:00 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. URI Board of Trustees Updates

4. **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**
   Marc Parlange, President

   a. URI Community News and Updates
   b. URI Strategic Plan - Key Performance Indicators

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. 2026-2027 Enrollment Report Presentation Enclosure
Dean Libutti, Associate Vice President, Enrollment Management and Student Success

b. 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 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) URI Medical School Update – Leadership Search and Strategic Planning
Marc Parlange, President

(ii) Enrollment strategy
Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs
Dean Libutti, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Success

(iii)Government Relations Update and Strategic Planning
Lauren Broccoli Burgess, Executive Director, Legislative and Government Relations

b. 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); specifically,

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

(ii) Review of Institutional Compliance Procedures
Abby Benson, Senior Vice President, Administration and Finance

(iii)Athletics-Related Investigation
Alyssa Boss, Vice President and General Counsel
Lauren Jensen, Deputy General Counsel

c. 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

7. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND ACTION ITEMS

a. Governance Committee Report

(i) Update – October 19, 2026, Committee Meeting
Cortney Nicolato, Committee Chair

b. Academic Affairs and Research Committee Report

(i) Update – October 21, 2026, Committee Meeting
Neil Kerwin, Committee Chair

(ii) **ACTION: Approval of the awarding of Honorary Degrees for Spring Commencement 2027.**
Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs

c. Finance and Facilities Committee Report

(i) Update – October 26, 2026, Committee Meeting
Armand Sabitoni, Committee Vice Chair

(ii) **ACTION: Approval of the University of Rhode Island FY2026 Audited Financial Statements**
Enclosure
Abby Benson, Senior Vice President, Administration and Finance

d. Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee Report

(i) Update – October 29, 2026, Committee Meeting
Roby Luna, Committee Chair

8. 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 September 25, 2026, Meeting. Enclosure

Governance Committee recommended action:

b. Approval of the revised *Policy on Financial Conflict of Interest in Research*. Enclosure

c. Approval of the revised *Policy on Conflict of Commitment in Research*. Enclosure

d. Approval of the Resolution to Delegate Certain Naming Authority to the President. Recommendation memo and supporting documents

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

f. Approval of the awarding of a posthumous academic degree at Spring Commencement 2027. Enclosure

Finance and Facilities Committee recommended action:

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

9. ADJOURN

The next URI Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 12, 2027.

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