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**The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees  
Governance Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, October 28, 2025 4:00 p.m. EDT**

**The University of Rhode Island  
Robert Beagle Board Room, Alumni Center  
73 Upper College Road, Kingston, RI 02818**

**This meeting will be held in person and will use video conferencing.**

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**AGENDA**

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Minutes of the June 9, 2025, Governance Committee Meeting**  
[Enclosure](#)

**2. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. Discussion of upcoming Board vacancies and nomination process.**  
*Cortney Nicolato, Committee Chair*
- b. Launch of annual Board membership nomination form.**  
*Cortney Nicolato, Committee Chair*

- c. **Review of URI Board of Trustees Policy Review Schedule.** [Enclosure](#)  
*Christopher Barker, Coordinator of Policy Development*  
*Kara Larsen, Assistant Vice President, Enterprise Risk Management*

### 3. ACTION ITEMS

- a. **Consideration of the *Policy on Conflict of Interest and Commitment*, and recommendation for approval to the URI Board of Trustees.** [Enclosure](#)  
*Christopher Barker, Coordinator of Policy Development*  
*Kara Larsen, Assistant Vice President, Enterprise Risk Management*
- b. **Consideration of the revised *Policy on Consensual Relationships*, and recommendation for approval to the URI Board of Trustees.** [Enclosure](#)  
*Christopher Barker, Coordinator of Policy Development*  
*Kara Larsen, Assistant Vice President, Enterprise Risk Management*
- c. **Consideration of the revised *Policy on University Trademarks and Licensing*, and recommendation for approval to the URI Board of Trustees.** [Enclosure](#)  
*Christopher Barker, Coordinator of Policy Development*  
*Kara Larsen, Assistant Vice President, Enterprise Risk Management*
- d. **Consideration of the *Policy on Tuition, Fees, and Charges* and recommendation for approval to the URI Board of Trustees** [Enclosure](#)  
*Christopher Barker, Coordinator of Policy Development*  
*Kara Larsen, Assistant Vice President, Enterprise Risk Management*  
*Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs*
- e. **Consideration of the revised *Policy on Conflict of Interest in Research*, including renaming it the *Policy on Financial Conflict of Interest in Research*, and recommendation for approval to the URI Board of Trustees.** [Enclosure](#)  
*Christopher Barker, Coordinator of Policy Development*  
*Kara Larsen, Assistant Vice President, Enterprise Risk Management*  
*Bethany Jenkins, Vice President, Research and Economic Development*
- f. **Consideration of the *Policy on Conflict of Commitment in Research*, and recommendation for approval to the URI Board of Trustees.** [Enclosure](#)  
*Christopher Barker, Coordinator of Policy Development*  
*Kara Larsen, Assistant Vice President, Enterprise Risk Management*  
*Bethany Jenkins, Vice President, Research and Economic Development*
- g. **Consideration of amendments to the URI Board of Trustees Bylaws, and recommendation for approval to the URI Board of Trustees.** [Enclosure](#)  
*Cortney Nicolato, Committee Chair*

**4. ADJOURN**

**The next URI Board of Trustees Governance Committee Meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 2026.**

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