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The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees ad hoc special Real Estate Committee Meeting Monday, October 30, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. EDT

The University of Rhode Island
Beagle Board Room, The Alumni Center
73 Upper College Road, Kingston, RI 02881

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Committee Chair, Michael Fascitelli welcomed everyone to the October 30, 2023, meeting of the University of Rhode Island (URI) Board of Trustees ad hoc special Real Estate Committee and asked Michelle Curreri, Secretary to the URI Board of Trustees for a roll call. Noting that a quorum of members was present, the meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. The meeting was held in person with Committee members participating remotely. Public access to the meeting was available via the YouTube video platform and can be viewed at <https://web.uri.edu/trustees/meetings/>.

The URI Board of Trustees ad hoc special Real Estate Committee members in attendance:

- Michael Fascitelli, Committee Chair (remote)
- Margo Cook (remote)
- Vahid Ownjazayeri (remote)
- Armand Sabitoni (remote)
- President Marc Parlange (ex officio, non-voting) (remote)

URI President's Leadership Council members in attendance:

- Abby Benson, Interim Vice President, Administration and Finance (remote)
- Ellen Reynolds, Vice President, Student Affairs (remote)
- Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs (remote)

"The University of Rhode Island occupies the traditional stomping ground of the Narragansett Nation and the Niantic People. We honor and respect the enduring and continuing relationship between the indigenous people and this land by teaching and learning more about their history and present-day communities, and by becoming stewards of the land we, too, inhabit."

URI staff members in attendance:

- Ryan Carrillo, Director, Planning and Real Estate Development (remote)
- Thomas Cooley, Assistant Vice President, Housing and Residential Life and Student Development (remote)
- Michelle Curreri, Secretary, Board of Trustees (in person)
- Dulcie Ilgenfritz, Specialist, Real Estate Transactions, Planning and Real Estate Development (remote)
- Lauren Jensen, Associate General Counsel (remote)
- Daniel Moos, Assistant to the Vice President for Administration and Finance (remote)
- Lynn Owens, Associate Secretary, Board of Trustees (in person)

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. Minutes of the April 6, 2023, ad hoc special Real Estate Committee Meeting, [Enclosure 1.a.](#)

Chair Fascitelli called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2023 meeting.

On a motion duly made by Vahid Ownjazayeri and seconded by Margo Cook, it was

VOTED:	THAT	The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees ad hoc special Real Estate Committee accept the Minutes for the meeting of April 6, 2023.
	VOTE:	4 members voted the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
	YEAS:	Margo Cook, Michael Fascitelli, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Armand Sabitoni
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAINS:	0

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee may seek to enter into executive session for the following 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 discussion of a matter related to the question of the 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) including:**

- Student Housing
- Peckham Farm
- URI Campuses

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Chair Fascitelli called for a motion that the ad hoc special Real Estate Committee convene into executive session for 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 discussion of a matter related to the question of the 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), including:

- Student Housing
- Peckham Farm
- URI Campuses

On a motion duly made by Armand Sabitoni and seconded by Margo Cook, it was

VOTED: THAT The ad hoc special Real Estate Committee of the URI Board of Trustees convene into executive session pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(5) for a discussion or consideration 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 and R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(7) for a discussion regarding a matter related to the question of the investment of public funds where the premature disclosure would adversely affect the public interest, including:

- Student Housing
- Peckham Farm
- URI Campuses

VOTE: 4 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: Margo Cook, Michael Fascitelli, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Armand Sabitoni

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

At 2:08 p.m., the ad hoc special Real Estate Committee convened into Executive Session. Virtual public access was paused.

At 3:30 p.m., the ad hoc special Real Estate Committee returned to Open Session. Virtual public access resumed.

Chair Fascitelli called for a motion that the URI Board of Trustees ad hoc special Real Estate Committee seal the minutes of the Executive Session that took place on October 30, 2023.

On a motion duly made by Margo Cook and seconded by Vahid Ownjazayeri, it was

VOTED: THAT The URI Board of Trustees ad hoc special Real Estate Committee seal the minutes of the Executive Session that took place on October 30, 2023.

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VOTE: 4 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: Margo Cook, Michael Fascitelli, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Armand Sabitoni

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

3. ADJOURN

Chair Fascitelli called for a motion that the ad hoc special Real Estate Committee of the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting of October 30, 2023.

On a motion duly made by Vahid Ownjazayeri and seconded by Armand Sabitoni, it was

VOTED: THAT The URI Board of Trustees ad hoc special Real Estate Committee adjourn the October 30, 2023, meeting.

VOTE: 4 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: Margo Cook, Michael Fascitelli, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Armand Sabitoni

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

The meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.