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The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees Meeting Friday, November 3, 2023 · 9:00 a.m. EDT

The University of Rhode Island
The Great Room, Green Hall
35 Campus Avenue, Kingston, RI 02881

**This meeting will be held in person and will use videoconferencing.
Public viewing is available in person or remotely.**

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go to <https://web.uri.edu/trustees/meetings/>
and select the meeting to watch.**

**Face coverings are now optional for all faculty, staff, students,
and visitors attending this on-campus meeting.**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER *Margo Cook, Chair*

2. OPEN FORUM

Note: Public participants must submit an online public comment form requesting permission to speak no less than 2 hours in advance of the meeting. The online request form and instructions for submission can be found via this [link](#).

"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."

3. WELCOME REMARKS

Margo Cook, Chair

Invited Guest: Representative K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker of the House

4. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

- a.** University Update
- b.** Government Relations Update
- c.** Budget Update

Marc Parlange, President

5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

- a.** Board Engagement

Margo Cook, Chair

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Discussion regarding an assessment of information technology security, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(3), as it relates to the matter of security including, but not limited to, the deployment of security personnel or devices, and R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(7), as it relates to the question of the investment of public funds.

Abby Benson, Interim Vice President, Administration and Finance

Discussion of the job performance, character, or physical or mental health of a person or persons provided that the person or persons affected shall have been noticed in advance in writing and advised that they may require that the discussion be held at an open meeting, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(1).

Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Housing and Residential Life Master Plan** [Enclosure](#)

Abby Benson, Interim Vice President, Administration and Finance

- b. Safety & Security on campus** [2023 Clery Report Presentation](#) [2023 Clery Report](#)

Michael Jagoda, Director, Public Safety & Chief of Police

8. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND ACTION ITEMS

a. Executive Committee/Compensation Subcommittee Report

- (i) Update – October 24, 2023 Joint Committee Meeting
Margo Cook, Chair
- (ii) DISCUSSION ITEM: Comprehensive Presidential Performance Review Process –
Update on steps associated with the process, and commencement of the process.
Margo Cook, Chair

b. Ad Hoc Special Real Estate Committee Report

- (i) Update – October 30, 2023 Committee Meeting
Michael Fascitelli, Committee Chair

c. Finance and Facilities Committee Report

- (i) Update – October 23, 2023 Joint Meeting of the Finance and Facilities and
Institutional Risk and Compliance Committees
Vahid Ownjazayeri, Committee Chair
- (ii) DISCUSSION ITEM: Approvals Under the Delegation of Authority to the President
Relating to Land and Property: An Easement Agreement between the University of
Rhode Island and the Narragansett Electric Company for an overhead and
underground distribution system on the southerly side of South Ferry Road,
Narragansett (Plats N-C, Lots 6B & 7). [Enclosure](#)
Abby Benson, Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance
Ryan Carrillo, Director, Planning and Real Estate Development
- (iii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of an Amendment to the Contract between the University
of Rhode Island and Atlantic Control Systems. [Enclosure](#)
Abby Benson, Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance
Tracey Angell, Assistant Vice President, Strategic Procurement
- (iv) ACTION ITEM: Approval of a Contract between the University of Rhode Island and
Nexgen Mechanical. [Enclosure](#)
Abby Benson, Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance
Tracey Angell, Assistant Vice President, Strategic Procurement
- (v) ACTION ITEM: Approval of a Communications Site License Agreement between
the University of Rhode Island and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for a
Rooftop Facility on Eddy Hall. [Enclosure](#)
Abby Benson, Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance
Ryan Carrillo, Director, Planning and Real Estate Development

d. Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee Report

- (i) Update – October 23, 2023 Joint Meeting of the Finance and Facilities and Institutional Risk and Compliance Committees
Matthew Lenz, Committee Vice Chair
- (ii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the audited financial statements for the University of Rhode Island for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023. [Enclosure](#)
Abby Benson, Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance
Angela Miller, Assistant Vice President for Financial Operations and Controller

e. Academic Affairs and Research Committee Report

- (i) Update – October 26, 2023 Committee Meeting
Neil Kerwin, Committee Chair
- (ii) Fall Enrollment Report 2023 [Enclosure](#)
Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President, Student Affairs
Dean Libutti, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Success
- (iii) ACTION ITEM: 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 2023 term and who are approved by the faculty of the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure](#)
Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
- (iv) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the granting of tenure, effective January 1, 2024, to an incoming faculty member who has met the requirements for tenure at URI.
Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
- (v) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the awarding of honorary degrees for Commencement 2024.
Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

f. Governance Committee Report

- (i) Update – October 26, 2023 Committee Meeting
Cortney Nicolato, Committee Chair

- (ii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of Proposed Amendments to the University's Policy on the Awarding of Honorary Degrees. [Enclosure](#)
Kara Larsen, Assistant Vice President, Enterprise Risk Management
Dan Moos, Assistant to the Vice President, Administration and Finance

g. Student Life and Athletics Committee Report

- (i) Update – October 25, 2023 Committee Meeting
Thomas 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:

- a. Approval of minutes of the September 22, 2023 Board of Trustees meeting. [Enclosure](#)

10. ADJOURN

The next URI Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2024.

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