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**The University of Rhode Island
Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday, February 16, 2024 · 9:00 a.m. EST**

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

This meeting will use videoconferencing, with Board members participating virtually. Public viewing is available in person or remotely.

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

**Face coverings are 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the November 3, 2023, Board meeting. [Enclosure](#)

4. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

- a. University Updates
- b. Review of Governor's Budget
- c. Strategic Plan KPIs

Marc Parlange, President

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- a. Discussion regarding President Parlange's performance, renewal and employment agreement, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(1).

Margo Cook, Chair

- b. 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 where the premature disclosure would adversely affect the public interest, and R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(2) for discussion of potential litigation; specifically,

- Update on External Audit IT Management Observations
- Update on Series 2018A and 2018B Bonds – Audit

Abby Benson, Interim Vice President, Administration and Finance

Gabriele Fariello, Interim Chief Information Officer

Mike Khalfayan, Chief Information Security Officer

- c. Discussion of matters related to the question of the investment of public funds, which includes any investment plan or matter related thereto, where the premature disclosure would adversely affect the public interest, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(7); specifically,

- Investments in graduate and professional programs
- Proprietary enrollment model

Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs

Abby Benson, Interim Vice President, Administration and Finance

Dean Libutti, Associate Vice President, Enrollment Management

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. **Ethics Training [Enclosure](#)**
Lynne Radiches, Staff Attorney, Education Coordinator, RI Ethics Commission
- b. **Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) Update [Enclosure](#)**
Thorr Bjorn, Athletics Director

7. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND ACTION ITEMS

a. Executive Committee/Compensation Subcommittee Report

- (i) Update – January 8, 2024 Compensation Subcommittee Meeting
Margo Cook, Chair
- (ii) Update – February 12, 2024 Joint meeting of the Executive Committee and the Compensation Subcommittee
Margo Cook, Chair
- (iii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the recommendations of the Compensation Subcommittee on performance, renewal, and employment agreement for President Parlange.
- (iv) ACTION ITEM: Ratification of the tentative collective bargaining agreement between the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees and the Professional Technical Administrative Association (PTAA) for a one-year extension (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025) of the existing collective bargaining agreement with a 2.5% across the board salary increase.

b. Ad Hoc Special Real Estate Committee Report

- (i) Update – January 25, 2024 Committee Meeting
Abby Benson, Interim Vice President, Administration and Finance

c. Finance and Facilities Committee Report

- (i) Update – February 5, 2024 Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting
Armand Sabitoni, Committee Vice Chair
- (ii) DISCUSSION ITEM: Approvals Under the Delegation of Authority to the President Relating to Land and Property [Enclosure](#)
 - First Amendment of Lease Agreement Between URI and Rhode Island AG Technologies, LLC (RIAT)

- A Facilities Use and License Agreement between the University of Rhode Island and the University of Rhode Island Research Foundation (URIRF)
Abby Benson, Interim Vice President, Administration and Finance
- (iii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of Tuition and Fee Rates for FY2025 [Enclosure](#)
Abby Benson, Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance
- (iv) ACTION ITEM: Approval under the Policy on Approval and Execution of Contracts and Other Binding Documents greater than \$5 million, including:
 - Approval of an Amendment to the Contract between the University of Rhode Island and Katie Schibler & Associates, LLC (KSA) for Media Campaign Advice of Change (AOC) for URI Communications and Marketing [Enclosure](#)
 - Approval of Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) Regarding Commodity Purchases with the State of Rhode Island
[Recommendation Memo](#), [Natural Gas MOU](#), [Electricity MOU](#)
Abby Benson, Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance
- (v) ACTION ITEM: Approval of Changes to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees Procurement Regulations Relative to Outside Attorney Engagements.
[Enclosure](#)
Alyssa Boss, General Counsel
- (vi) ACTION ITEM: Approval of a Lease Agreement with the Town of South Kingstown for land to house the University of Rhode Island's Sailing Center. [Enclosure](#)
Abby Benson, Interim Vice President, Administration and Finance

d. Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee Report

- (i) Update – January 29, 2024 Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee Meeting
Matthew Lenz, Committee Vice Chair

e. Academic Affairs and Research Committee Report

- (i) Update – February 7, 2024 Committee Meeting
Neil Kerwin, Committee Chair
- (ii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the granting of tenure, effective January 8, 2024, to incoming dean of the College of Health Sciences, Dr. Patrick Vivier, who has met the requirements for tenure at the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure](#)
Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

- (iii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the granting of tenure, effective April 1, 2024, to incoming faculty member Dr. Yoshitaka Ota, who has met the requirements for tenure at the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure](#)
Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
- (iv) ACTION ITEM: Approval of legislation from the Faculty Senate Curriculum & Standards Committee Report #2023-2024-04B, College of Arts & Sciences organizational change to create the Department of Journalism & Public Relations, which has been approved by the faculty and president of the University. [Enclosure](#)
Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

f. Governance Committee Report

- (i) Update – February 7, 2024 Committee Meeting
Cortney Nicolato, Committee Chair

8. ADJOURN

The next URI Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2024.

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