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**The University of Rhode Island  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Friday, April 26, 2024 · 9:00 a.m. EDT**

**The University of Rhode Island  
Brookside South Residence Hall · Multipurpose Room  
40 West Alumni Avenue, Kingston, RI 02881**

**This meeting will be held in person and will use videoconferencing.  
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**

*Armand Sabitoni, Vice 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](#).

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the February 16, 2024, Board meeting. [Enclosure](#)

#### **4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

- a. President Parlange's employment contract
- b. URI Day Highlights  
*Armand Sabitoni, Vice Chair*

#### **5. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

- a. Campus Updates
- b. Budget Model Discussion
- c. Strategic Plan Key Performance Indicators: Priority 1  
*Marc Parlange, President*

#### **6. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

- a. Discussion regarding potential or anticipated litigation, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(2).  
*Ellen Reynolds, Vice President, Student Affairs*
- b. Discussion regarding collective bargaining with all bargaining units, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(2), including discussion of a one-year extension to the collective bargaining agreement between the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees and the URI Professional Staff Association, and a one-year extension to the collective bargaining agreement between the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees and the URI Marine Professional Association.  
*Anne Marie Coleman, Assistant Vice President, Human Resources*
- c. Discussions or considerations of the acquisition of real property for public purposes wherein advanced public information would be detrimental to the interest to the public, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(5), specifically:
  - Approval of Property Acquisition  
*Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance*
- d. 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,
  - Investment in potential programming  
*Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs*

## 7. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND ACTION ITEMS

### a. Finance and Facilities Committee Report

- (i) Update – April 4, 2024, Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting  
*Vahid Ownjazayeri, Committee Chair*
- (ii) DISCUSSION ITEM: Approvals Under the Delegation of Authority to the President Relating to Land and Property [Enclosure](#)  
*Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance*
- (iii) DISCUSSION ITEM: Capital Improvement Plan FY2026-2030 [Enclosure](#)  
*Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance*
- (iv) ACTION ITEM: Approval of a real estate transaction with the East Farm Commercial Fisheries Center and the Commercial Fisheries Research Foundation, and the negotiation and execution of all documents relating to such transaction. [Enclosure](#)  
*Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance*
- (v) ACTION ITEM: Approval to exercise the options to purchase 177 Plains Road, Kingston, Rhode Island and 75 and 85 Briar Lane, Kingston, Rhode Island and execute all documents relating to these acquisitions. [Enclosure](#)  
*Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance*
- (vi) ACTION ITEM: Approval of a real estate transaction with the Tomaquag Indian Memorial Museum, and the negotiation and execution of all documents relating to such transaction. [Enclosure](#)  
*Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance*
- (vii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of a Revocable Easement Agreement with Rita L. Santilli Revocable Trust, Mario and Dolores Petrarca, and Lucia Santilli. [Enclosure](#)  
*Abby Benson, Vice President, Administration and Finance*

### b. Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee Report

- (i) Update – April 4, 2024, Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee Meeting  
*Roby Luna, Committee Chair*

### c. Governance Committee Report

- (i) Update – April 8, 2024, Committee Meeting  
*Cortney Nicolato, Committee Chair*

- (ii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the policy on “Employee Recruitment, Selection and Hiring”  
*Anne Marie Coleman, Assistant Vice President, Human Resources* [Enclosure](#)

**d. Academic Affairs and Research Committee Report**

- (i) Update – April 10, 2024, Committee Meeting  
*Charles Fogarty, Committee Vice Chair*
- (ii) DISCUSSION ITEM: Update on the Division of Research and the URI Research Foundation  
*Bethany Jenkins, Interim Vice President, Research and Economic Development*
- (iii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the awarding of posthumous academic degrees at Spring Commencement 2024. [Enclosure](#)  
*Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs*
- (iv) 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 Spring 2024 term and who are approved by the faculty of the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure](#)  
*Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs*
- (v) ACTION ITEM: Approval of legislation from the Faculty Senate Curriculum & Standards Committee Report #2023-2024-07C, and the Graduate Council Report #2023-2024-10C, which have been approved by the faculty and president of the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure](#)
- Organizational Change: reducing the number of required upper division credits for BA degrees in the College of Arts & Sciences
  - New Program: MA in UX/UI Design in the College of Arts & Sciences  
*Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs*

**e. Student Life and Athletics Committee Report**

- (i) Update – April 16, 2024, Committee Meeting  
*Tom Ryan, Committee Chair*

**8. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Ratification of the tentative collective bargaining agreement between the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees and the URI Professional Staff Association 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.  
*Anne Marie Coleman, Assistant Vice President, Human Resources*

- b. Ratification of the tentative collective bargaining agreement between the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees and the URI Marine Professional Association 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.

*Anne Marie Coleman, Assistant Vice President, Human Resources*

## **9. ADJOURN**

The next URI Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2024.

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