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**The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees
Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 14, 2023 10:30 a.m. EDT**

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

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

**To view the meeting remotely,
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. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the June 20, 2023 Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting [Enclosure 1.a.](#)**

2. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Recommendation to the Board of Trustees to name the URI Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences to The Joseph '56 and Ruby DeChristofaro Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences.**
[Enclosure 2.a.](#)
- Lil O'Rourke, President, URI Foundation and Alumni Engagement

"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."

b. Review of the University of Rhode Island Total Budget Request for FY 2025 and recommendation to the URI Board of Trustees. [Enclosure 2.b.](#)

- Abby Benson, Interim Vice President, Administration and Finance
- John Poehlmann, Assistant Vice President, Financial Strategy and Planning

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Incentive Based Budgeting (IBB)/Strategic Investment Initiative (SII) Update. [Enclosure 3.a.](#)

- Abby Benson, Interim Vice President, Administration and Finance
- John Poehlmann, Assistant Vice President, Financial Strategy and Planning

b. PFAS in Drinking Water – New Rhode Island Interim Drinking Water Standard. [Enclosure 3.b.](#)

- Abby Benson, Interim Vice President, Administration and Finance
- Karl Calvo, Assistant Vice President for Facilities

c. Approval and Execution of Contracts and Other Binding Documents Policy Implementation. [Enclosure 3.c.](#)

- Abby Benson, Interim Vice President, Administration and Finance

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee may seek to enter into executive session for the following item:

a. 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), including:

- Student Housing
- URI Campuses

5. ADJOURN

The next URI Board of Trustees Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting is scheduled for October 2023.

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