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## The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee Meeting Wednesday, September 13, 2023 · 2:00 p.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 26, 2023 Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee Meeting [Enclosure 1.a.](#)

#### 2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. **Fiscal Year 2023 External Audit Update**
  - Abby Benson, Interim Vice President, Administration and Finance
  - Michael Johns, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP
- b. **Compliance Review – Affirmative Action in Employment Overview**  
[Enclosure 2.b.](#)
  - Abby Benson, Interim Vice President, Administration and Finance
  - Kara Larsen, Assistant Vice President, Enterprise Risk Management
  - Dorca Paulino-Smalley, Director, Office of Equal Opportunity

*"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."*

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### **3. ACTION ITEM**

- a. Review and recommendation that the URI Board of Trustees approves the full resolution set forth in the Enclosure through which the Board, in summary, is approving the establishment and registration of a branch and/or other appropriate model under the laws of the Republic of Madagascar, in the name of “University of Rhode Island”, or such other appropriate name, and authorizes, the President of the University of Rhode Island, Dr. Marc Parlange, or his designee(s), to undertake the execution and submission of all documents, instruments, applications, authorizations and designations that may be required by the applicable governmental authorities and agencies in the Republic of Madagascar, and to take any and all other actions necessary and/or appropriate for the establishment, registration and operations of a branch and/or other appropriate operational model under the laws of the Republic of Madagascar, and for the efficient and effective conduct of “The USAID Resilient Inclusive Abundance in Key Ecosystems (RIAKE) Madagascar Program”, under the leadership and direction of the University’s Coastal Resources Center. [Enclosure 3.a.](#)**

-Dr. Elin Torell, Director of International Coastal Programs, URI Coastal Resources Center  
-Vinita Bahri-Mehra, Esq., Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter

### **4. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**The Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee may seek to enter into executive session for the following items:**

- a. Discussion regarding potential litigation pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(2).**
- b. Discussion regarding pending litigation pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(2):**
  - (i) Burt and Thomson v. Board of Trustees of the University of Rhode Island (1<sup>st</sup> Cir. No. 23-1188 and 23-1192) (Consolidated)**  
- Alyssa Boss, General Counsel
  - (ii) Louis Kwame Fosu v. The University of Rhode Island, University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees, David M. Dooley, President, The University of Rhode Island, Donald DeHayes, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Jeannette E. Riley, Dean, College of Arts & Sciences, C.A. No. 21-279-JJM-PAS (U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island).**  
- Alyssa Boss, General Counsel

### **5. ADJOURN**

The next URI Board of Trustees Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee Meeting is scheduled for October 2023.

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September 13, 2023

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