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The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees Joint Meeting of the Finance and Facilities and Institutional Risk and Compliance Committees Monday, October 23, 2023 12:00 p.m. EDT

The University of Rhode Island
Beagle Board Room, 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,
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**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 September 13, 2023, Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee Meeting [Enclosure 1.a.](#)
- b. Minutes of the September 14, 2023, Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting. [Enclosure 1.b.](#)

"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."

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Fiscal Year 2023 External Audit Report [Enclosure 2.a.](#)

- Abby Benson, Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance
- Angela Miller, Assistant Vice President for Financial Operations and Controller
- Mike Johns, Principal, Clifton, Larsen & Allen

b. Housing and Residential Life Master Plan [Enclosure 2.b.](#)

- Abby Benson, Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance
- Ellen Reynolds, Vice President for Student Affairs

c. 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 2.c.](#)

- Abby Benson, Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance
- Ryan Carrillo, Director, Planning and Real Estate Development

d. Approvals under the Policy on Approval and Execution of Contracts and Other Binding Documents greater than \$5 million [Enclosure 2.d.](#)

- Atlantic Controls Systems
- Abby Benson, Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance
- Tracey Angell, Assistant Vice President, Strategic Procurement

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committees may seek to enter Executive Session for the following items:

a. Discussion regarding an annual report on litigation, including all federal, state, and administrative proceedings currently pending or that were resolved after June 30, 2022,¹ and potential and anticipated litigation, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(2).

- Lauren Jensen, Associate General Counsel

¹ [Mendonca, et al. v. R.I. Council on Postsecondary Educ.](#) (C.A. No. PC-2016-1418); [Univ. of R.I. Bd. of Trs., et al. v. Hellenic Soc’y Paideia – R.I. Chapter](#) (C.A. No. WC-2016-0402); [Karshis v. Gikas, et al.](#) (C.A. No. 1:18-cv-00412); [Massucci v. University of Rhode Island, et al.](#) (C.A. No. WC-2019-0174); [Habeeb, et al. v. Univ. of R.I., et al.](#) (C.A. No. PC-2019-9694); [Jean-Pierre v. Univ. of R.I., et al.](#) (C.A. No. KC-2020-0584); [Burt/Thomson v. Bd. of Trs. of the Univ. of R.I.](#) (1st Cir. Nos. 23-1188 and 23-1192) (Consolidated); [Fitton v. Univ. of R.I., et al.](#) (C.A. No. WC-2020-0477); [O’Connor v. Univ. of R.I.](#) (USDC No. 1:21-cv-00343); [Fosu v. Univ. of R.I., et al.](#) (USDC No. 1:21-cv-00279); [Vierra v. Univ. of R.I., et al.](#) (C.A. No. WC-2021-0273); [Schilling v. Schilling](#) (Fla. File No. 21-CA-001706); [Dargazany v. Univ. of R.I. Bd. of Trs.](#) (USDC No. 1:22-cv-00217); [Lenz v. Univ. of R.I.](#) (USDC No. 1:22-cv-00352); [Univ. of R.I. Bd. of Trs. v. The 3M Co., et al.](#) (USDC No. 2:23-cv-00951)

- 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.**

- Mike Johns, Principal, Clifton, Larsen & Allen

4. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approval of the audited financial statements for the University of Rhode Island for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023, and recommendation to the Board of Trustees. [Enclosure 4.a.](#)**

- Abby Benson, Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance
- Angela Miller, Assistant Vice President for Financial Operations and Controller

- b. Approval of a Communications Site License Agreement between the University and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for a Rooftop Facility on Eddy Hall, and recommendation to the Board of Trustees. [Enclosure 4.b.](#)**

- Abby Benson, Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance
- Ryan Carrillo, Director, Planning and Real Estate Development

- c. Approval of a Contract between the University and Nexgen Mechanical, and recommendation to the Board of Trustees. [Enclosure 4.c.](#)**

- Abby Benson, Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance
- Tracey Angell, Assistant Vice President, Strategic Procurement

5. ADJOURN

The next meetings of the Finance and Facilities Committee and the Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee are tentatively scheduled for February 2024.

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