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**The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees
Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 1, 2022 · 2:00 p.m. EDT**

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

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Chair Margo Cook welcomed everyone to the November 1, 2022, meeting of the University of Rhode Island (URI) Board of Trustees Executive Committee and noted that the meeting was being held in person with board members participating remotely. Public access to the meeting was available via the YouTube video platform and is available for viewing at <https://web.uri.edu/trustees/meetings/>.

Chair Cook conducted a roll call attendance and reported that a quorum of members was present. She called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

The URI Board of Trustees Executive Committee members participating:

- Ms. Margo Cook, Board and Committee Chair (remote)
- Mr. Michael McNally, Board and Committee Vice Chair (remote)
- Mr. Michael Fascitelli (remote)
- Ms. Christine Heenan (remote)
- Mr. Neil Kerwin (remote)
- Mr. Thomas Ryan (remote)
- Dr. Marc B. Parlange, President (ex officio, non-voting) (remote)

The URI Board of Trustees Executive Committee members not participating:

- Roby Luna
- Cortney Nicolato

"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."

URI President’s Leadership Council members in attendance:

- Dr. Laura Beauvais, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs (remote)
- Ms. Abby Benson, Senior Advisor to the President and Chief of Staff (remote)
- Ms. Alyssa Boss, General Counsel (remote)

URI Staff members in attendance:

- Ms. Robin Cawley, Legal Assistant (in person)
- Ms. Michelle Curreri, Secretary to the Board of Trustees (in person)
- Ms. Lynn Owens, Associate Secretary to the Board of Trustees (in person)

Chair Cook acknowledged that the University of Rhode Island occupies the traditional homeland of the Narragansett Nation and the Niantic People.

Chair Cook asked committee members if there were any proposed amendments to the published agenda. Hearing none, the Committee considered the first agenda item, “Approval of the Minutes”.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. Minutes of the September 19, 2022 Meeting. [Enclosure 1.a.](#)

Chair Cook called for a motion that the URI Board of Trustees Executive Committee approve the minutes of the September 19, 2022 Committee meeting.

On a motion duly made by Neil Kerwin and seconded by Michael Fascitelli, it was

VOTED: THAT The URI Board of Trustees Executive Committee approve the minutes of the September 19, 2022 Committee meeting.

VOTE: 6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: Margo Cook, Michael Fascitelli, Christine Heenan, Neil Kerwin, Michael McNally, Thomas Ryan.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Discussion regarding performance goals and President Parlange’s annual review pursuant to R.I.G.L.§ 42-46-5(a)(1).
- b. Discussion regarding collective bargaining pursuant to R.I.G.L.§ 42-46-5(a)(2) with the following bargaining units: URI Physicians’ Association and Graduate Assistants United.

Chair Cook reported that Assistant Vice President Anne Marie Coleman has informed her that there are no collective bargaining updates to discuss. As such, Chair Cook called for a motion that the Executive Committee of the URI Board of Trustees enter into Executive Session for a discussion regarding performance goals and President Parlange’s annual review pursuant to R.I.G.L.§42-46-5(a)(1).

Chair Cook noted that President Parlange has been notified in writing that review of his performance goals and discussion of his annual review will be conducted in Executive Session.

On a motion duly made by Christine Heenan and seconded by Michael Fascitelli, it was:

VOTED: THAT The URI Board of Trustees Executive Committee enter into Executive Session for:
a. Discussion regarding performance goals and President Parlange’s annual review pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(1).

VOTE: 6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: Margo Cook, Michael Fascitelli, Christine Heenan, Neil Kerwin, Michael McNally, Thomas Ryan.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

At 2:09 p.m., the Executive Committee convened into Executive Session. Virtual public access paused.

At 3:15 p.m., the Executive Committee returned to Open Session. Virtual public access resumed.

Chair Cook called for a motion that the Executive Committee of the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees seal the minutes of the Executive Session that took place on November 1, 2022.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Ryan and seconded by Michael Fascitelli, it was

VOTED: THAT The URI Board of Trustees Executive Committee seal the minutes of the Executive Session that took place on November 1, 2022.

VOTE: 6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: Margo Cook, Michael Fascitelli, Christine Heenan, Neil Kerwin, Michael McNally, Thomas Ryan.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

3. ACTION ITEM

a. Review of performance goals associated with President Parlange’s annual review, and recommendation to the URI Board of Trustees.

Chair Cook reported that this action item will be deferred to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

4. ADJOURN

Chair Cook called for a motion that the URI Board of Trustees Executive Committee adjourn the meeting of November 1, 2022.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Ryan and seconded by Michael Fascitelli, it was

VOTED: THAT The URI Board of Trustees Executive Committee adjourn the meeting of November 1, 2022.

VOTE: 6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: Margo Cook, Michael Fascitelli, Christine Heenan, Neil Kerwin, Michael McNally, Thomas Ryan.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

At 3:16 p.m. this meeting ended.

The next URI Board of Trustees Executive Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 2023.