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**The University of Rhode Island
Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday, November 4, 2022 · 9:00 a.m. EDT**

**The University of Rhode Island
Hermann Viets Conference Room 410, Bliss Hall
1 Lippitt Road, Kingston, RI 02881**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Chair Margo Cook welcomed everyone to the November 4, 2022, meeting of the University of Rhode Island (URI) Board of Trustees and noted that the Board was meeting in person, with some members participating remotely via Webex. Public access to the meeting was available via the YouTube video platform and is available at: <https://web.uri.edu/trustees/meetings/>.

Board Secretary Michelle Curreri conducted a roll call attendance and reported that a quorum of voting members was present. Chair Cook called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Attendees present for this meeting included:

The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees members:

- Ms. Margo Cook, Chair (in person)
- Mr. Michael F. McNally, Vice Chair (in person)
- Dr. Karina Montilla Edmonds (remote)
- Mr. Michael Fascitelli (in person)
- Honorable Charles J. Fogarty, Jr. (in person)
- Ms. Christine Heenan (remote)
- Dr. Neil Kerwin (remote)
- Mr. Matthew D. Lenz (in person)
- Mr. Roby Luna (remote)
- Mr. David Martirano (in person)
- Ms. Cortney Nicolato (remote)
- Mr. Vahid Ownjazayeri (in person)

“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.”

The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees (continued):

- Ms. Jay Placencia (in person)
- Mr. Thomas Ryan (remote)
- Mr. Armand Sabitoni (in person)
- Dr. Marc Parlange, President (ex officio) (non-voting) (in person)
- Ms. Hannah Bachert, Student Representative (non-voting) (in person)
- Dr. Bethany Jenkins, Faculty Representative (non-voting) (in person)

The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees members not present:

- Mr. Richard Humphrey
- Ms. Susan Petrovas
- Mr. David Caprio, Chair, Council on Postsecondary Education

The University of Rhode Island President's Leadership Council members in attendance:

- Dr. Laura L. Beauvais, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs (in person)
- Ms. Abby Benson, Senior Advisor to the President and Chief of Staff (in person)
- Ms. Alyssa Boss, General Counsel (in person)
- Ms. Anne Marie Coleman, Assistant Vice President, Human Resources (remote)
- Dr. Dean Libutti, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Success (in person)
- Mr. Matthew McDonald, Vice President for Communications and Marketing (in person)
- Ms. Lil Breul O'Rourke, President, URI Foundation and Alumni Engagement (in person)
- Dr. Ellen Reynolds, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs (in person)
- Ms. Abigail Rider, Vice President for Administration and Finance (in person)
- Dr. Peter Snyder, Vice President for Research and Economic Development (in person)

The University of Rhode Island staff members in attendance:

- Ms. Lauren Burgess, Director, Legislative and Government Relations (in person)
- Mr. Jeff Cabral, Vice President, Development, URI Foundation and Alumni Engagement (in person)
- Ms. Robin Cawley, Legal Assistant (in person)
- Ms. Michelle Curreri, Secretary to the Board of Trustees (in person)
- Mr. Carlos Lopez Estrada, Director, Legislative and Government Relations (in person)
- Dr. Paul Larrat, Dean, College of Pharmacy (in person)
- Dr. Anthony Marchese, Dean, College of Engineering (in person)
- Ms. Lynn Owens, Associate Secretary to the Board of Trustees (in person)
- Dr. Michael Rice, President, Faculty Senate (in person)
- Dr. John Stringer, Director, Institutional Research (in person)

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

Dean Marchese welcomed board members to Bliss Hall and highlighted recent renovations and new construction within the engineering complex at the Kingston campus. He celebrated the vision of former Dean Ray Wright – to provide world class facilities to enable the recruitment of world class students and faculty. He noted his excitement about the University’s new strategic plan.

Chair Cook noted that today is Interim Provost Laura Beauvais’ last board meeting, as she plans to retire on December 31. She thanked Dr. Beauvais for her great work over 38 years at URI, particularly her service to the University, the Board of Trustees and President Parlange over the past year.

Chair Cook informed the Board that Barbara Cottam has resigned from the URI Board of Trustees, as she has taken a position with the U.S. Department of Commerce to help to build out the internet throughout the country. Barbara served as chair of the Board of Education and has been a great resource in providing board members with an understanding of education in the state. Chair Cook wished Ms. Cottam the best.

Additionally, Chair Cook introduced Dr. Michael Rice, president of the URI Faculty Senate. She highlighted the importance of having a good relationship and a good flow of information between the Board and the Faculty Senate. Dr. Rice thanked the Board and the President for being part of the shared governance system at URI.

Chair Cook asked if there were any proposed amendments to the published agenda. Hearing none, the Board proceeded to the first item on the Agenda.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the September 23, 2022 Meeting. [Enclosure](#)

Chair Cook called for a motion that the URI Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the September 23, 2022 Board meeting.

On a motion duly made by Jay Placencia and seconded by Michael Fascitelli, it was

VOTED: THAT The URI Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the September 23, 2022 Board meeting.

VOTE: 15 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: Margo Cook, Michael Fascitelli, Charles Fogarty, Christine Heenan, Neil Kerwin, Matthew Lenz, Roby Luna, David Martirano, Michael McNally, Karina Montilla Edmonds, Cortney Nicolato, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Jay Placencia, Thomas Ryan, Armand Sabitoni.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

2. OPEN FORUM

Chair Cook reported that no one signed up to speak during the Open Forum.

3. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND ACTION ITEMS

a. Executive Committee Report

(i) Update – November 1, 2022 Committee Meeting

Chair Cook stated that the Committee met on November 1, 2022 to consider collective bargaining and the President's performance goals. She reported that there were no labor negotiation updates. The Executive Committee considered in executive session the President's performance goals as they relate to the Strategic Plan and key performance indicators (KPIs). She added that President Parlange will return to the Board in February with his specific performance goals and refined KPIs reflective of what is contained in the Strategic Plan.

b. Governance Committee Report

(i) Update – October 17, 2022 Committee Meeting

Committee Chair Cortney Nicolato stated that the Committee met on October 17, 2022 to review policies and discuss board succession, details around board composition and other issues related to board health and wellness. She noted that opportunities for streamlining and optimizing the board materials packet are being explored.

(ii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the URI Board of Trustees Policy on Reporting Violations of Law, Regulations, or University Policy & Procedure [Enclosure](#)

Committee Chair Nicolato noted that this policy provides avenues to report misconduct that are not defined in other university policies. She noted that Chief Jagoda suggested one update to the policy, specifically around adding the URI Police Department as a reporting option to the numerous venues to report violations.

Committee Chair Nicolato called for a motion that the Board of Trustees approve the URI Board of Trustees Policy on Reporting Violations of Law, Regulations, or University Policy & Procedure, as recommended and presented in the enclosure, with the addition of the URI Police Department as one of the reporting outlets for complaints of alleged noncompliance, under the policy section titled "Reporting".

On a motion duly made by Margo Cook and seconded by David Martirano, it was

- VOTED: THAT The Board of Trustees approve the URI Board of Trustees Policy on Reporting Violations of Law, Regulations, or University Policy & Procedure, as recommended and presented in the enclosure, with the addition of the URI Police Department as one of the reporting outlets for complaints of alleged noncompliance, under the policy section titled “Reporting”.
- VOTE: 15 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
- YEAS: Margo Cook, Michael Fascitelli, Charles Fogarty, Christine Heenan, Neil Kerwin, Matthew Lenz, Roby Luna, David Martirano, Michael McNally, Karina Montilla Edmonds, Courtney Nicolato, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Jay Placencia, Thomas Ryan, Armand Sabitoni.
- NAYS: 0
- ABSTAINS: 0

(iii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of Amendments to the URI Board of Trustees Policy on Trademarks and Licensing [Enclosure](#)

Committee Chair Nicolato reported that the policy is designed to promote and protect the University’s brand standards by ensuring proper usage of its name and symbols. She noted that the only material change to this policy from the current version is that authorized signatories for the University can allow non-commercial use of URI marks for vendors who want to identify URI as a partner or as a collaborator.

Committee Chair Nicolato called for a motion that the Board of Trustees approve amendments to the URI Board of Trustees Policy on Trademarks and Licensing, as recommended and presented in the enclosure.

On a motion duly made by Matthew Lenz and seconded by Michael McNally and Neil Kerwin, it was

- VOTED: THAT The Board of Trustees approve amendments to the URI Board of Trustees Policy on Trademarks and Licensing, as recommended and presented in the enclosure.
- VOTE: 15 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
- YEAS: Margo Cook, Michael Fascitelli, Charles Fogarty, Christine Heenan, Neil Kerwin, Matthew Lenz, Roby Luna, David Martirano, Michael McNally, Karina Montilla Edmonds, Courtney Nicolato, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Jay Placencia, Thomas Ryan, Armand Sabitoni.

Nicolato, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Jay Placencia, Thomas Ryan,
Armand Sabitoni.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

- (iv) ACTION ITEM: Approval of Amendments to the Board’s Bylaws, with a one-time suspension of the 3-week notice requirement of Section 11.1 of the Board’s Bylaws pursuant to Section 11.2 of the Board’s Bylaws for amendments added in Sections 5.2, 5.4, 5.6 and 7.2, as recommended and presented in the [Enclosure](#).

Committee Chair Nicolato reported that these amendments align with recent changes to the Board’s enabling legislation made this legislative session. Changes related to appointment reflect the governance structure that was approved in the statutory change signed into law by the Governor. Amendments are listed in the enclosure in red and green lettering.

Committee Chair Nicolato reported that, with the sunseting of the University Advancement and External Affairs Committee, the work of that committee will be interwoven into the URI Foundation.

Committee Chair Nicolato called for a motion that the Board of Trustees approve amendments to the Board’s Bylaws, with a one-time suspension of the 3-week notice requirement of Section 11.1 of the Board’s Bylaws pursuant to Section 11.2 of the Board’s Bylaws for amendments added in Sections 5.2, 5.4, 5.6 and 7.2., as recommended and presented in the enclosure.

On a motion duly made by Charles Fogarty and seconded by Jay Placencia, it was

VOTED: THAT The Board of Trustees approve amendments to the Board’s Bylaws, with a one-time suspension of the 3-week notice requirement of Section 11.1 of the Board’s Bylaws pursuant to Section 11.2 of the Board’s Bylaws for amendments added in Sections 5.2, 5.4, 5.6 and 7.2., as recommended and presented in the enclosure.

VOTE: 15 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: Margo Cook, Michael Fascitelli, Charles Fogarty, Christine Heenan, Neil Kerwin, Matthew Lenz, Roby Luna, David Martirano, Michael McNally, Karina Montilla Edmonds, Cortney Nicolato, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Jay Placencia, Thomas Ryan, Armand Sabitoni.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

c. Student Life and Athletics Committee

(i) Update – October 17, 2022 Committee Meeting

Committee Chair Thomas Ryan reported that the October 17, 2022 Committee meeting focused on housing and security. Dr. Ellen Reynolds gave the Committee a housing update and noted the challenge of providing housing for all students who want to live on campus. The committee discussed the need for a master housing plan and an overall real estate and asset management plan for URI that may include public/private partnerships, with the goal to increase the housing supply and improve aging buildings.

Committee Chair Ryan noted that URI Chief of Police, Michael Jagoda, gave an overview of security at URI, focusing on the recently completed annual Clery Report. There were no major material concerns in that report.

Concluding his report, Committee Chair Ryan reported that URI is in the late stages of forming a collective “Rhode to Excellence” to manage Name, Image and Likeness matters.

d. Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee

(i) Update – October 18, 2022 Joint Committee Meeting

Committee Vice Chair Karina Montilla Edmonds reported that the Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee (IRCC) met jointly with the Finance and Facilities Committee to consider the Fiscal Year 2022 External Audit Report. Because a quorum of IRCC voting members was not present, no action was taken regarding the audited financial statements. During the executive session of the joint meeting, the General Counsel presented a report on material litigation disputes, settlements and pending or threatened litigation during FY2022 and through the date of the meeting. The Committee also heard from the Chief Information Officer in executive session regarding ongoing enhancements and optimization to the University’s security program.

e. Finance and Facilities Committee

(i) Update – October 18, 2022 Committee Meeting

Committee Chair Michael Fascitelli reported that the October 18, 2022 meeting of the Finance and Facilities Committee focused on the external audit report. The new external auditors issued an unqualified report – the most favorable opinion – and did not notice any material weaknesses.

The Committee also considered the budget. URI continues to run an operating deficit after state appropriations for operations. President Parlange is advocating vigorously at the State House to get more funding.

Additionally, the Committee reviewed amended budget documents reflective of changes to tuition rates approved at the September 23, 2022 Board meeting. The changes were included in URI's budget submittal presented to the State in late September.

- (i) Update – October 18, 2022 Joint Committee Meeting
- (ii) DISCUSSION ITEM: Approvals Under the Delegation of Authority to the President Relating to Land and Property. [Enclosure](#)

Committee Chair Fascitelli reported that the Committee reviewed the approvals that the President has made since the last Board meeting under the Board's Delegation of Authority to the President to approve certain transactions related to land and property.

- (iii) DISCUSSION ITEM: Independent Auditors' Letter for FY 2022
[Enclosure](#)

Enclosure 4.e.(iii) Entitled "Independent Auditors' Report" was produced by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP following its review of URI's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2022, and reflects the points discussed by the auditors during their presentation at the Joint Committee meeting on October 18th.

- (iv) ACTION ITEM: Ratification of the Total Budget Request, Tuition and Fee Rates and Tables of Organization for FY2024 and the Total Budget Allocations for FY2023 as approved at the September 23, 2022, Board of Trustees meeting.
[Enclosure](#)

Committee Chair Fascitelli called for a motion that the Board of Trustees ratify the Total Budget Request, Tuition and Fee Rates and Tables of Organization for FY2024 and the Total Budget Allocations for FY2023 as approved at the September 23, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting, and as recommended and presented in the enclosure.

On a motion duly made by Armand Sabitoni and seconded by Jay Placencia, it was

VOTED: THAT The Board of Trustees ratify the Total Budget Request, Tuition and Fee Rates and Tables of Organization for FY2024 and the Total Budget Allocations for FY2023 as approved at the September 23, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting, and as recommended and presented in the enclosure.

VOTE: 15 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: Margo Cook, Michael Fascitelli, Charles Fogarty, Christine Heenan, Neil Kerwin, Matthew Lenz, Roby Luna, David Martirano, Michael McNally, Karina Montilla Edmonds, Cortney Nicolato, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Jay Placencia, Thomas Ryan, Armand Sabitoni.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

- (v) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the audited financial statements for the University of Rhode Island for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022. [Enclosure](#)

Committee Chair Fascitelli called for a motion that the Board of Trustees approve the University of Rhode Island's Financial Statements ending June 30, 2022 and authorize President Marc B. Parlange to execute the representation letter as a duly authorized agent, pursuant to the Approved Signature Authority of the University of Rhode Island, as recommended and presented in the enclosure.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Ryan and seconded by Matthew Lenz, it was

VOTED: THAT The Board of Trustees approve the University of Rhode Island's Financial Statements ending June 30, 2022 and authorize President Marc B. Parlange to execute the representation letter as a duly authorized agent, pursuant to the Approved Signature Authority of the University of Rhode Island, as recommended and presented in the enclosure.

VOTE: 15 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: Margo Cook, Michael Fascitelli, Charles Fogarty, Christine Heenan, Neil Kerwin, Matthew Lenz, Roby Luna, David Martirano, Michael McNally, Karina Montilla Edmonds, Cortney Nicolato, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Jay Placencia, Thomas Ryan, Armand Sabitoni.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

f. Academic Affairs and Research Committee

- (i) Update – October 31, 2022 Committee Meeting

Committee Chair Neil Kerwin reported that the Committee received an update from Provost Beauvais on fall enrollment, international programming and student activities, and discussed the academic portion of the University's strategic plan. Dr. Snyder provided a report to the Committee on sponsored research and reported on a temporary fix to the shortfall of personnel in the research area.

Committee Chair Kerwin acknowledged the exemplary service of Laura Beauvais as URI's acting provost and shared his thanks and gratitude for all she has done to improve the work of the Committee.

(ii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the following academic program changes:

- Creation of the URI B.S. in Early Childhood Education, Pre-K-2
- Creation of the URI B.A. in World Language Education

[Enclosure](#)

Provost Beauvais explained the two new programs within the College of Education and Professional Studies.

Committee Chair Kerwin called for a motion that the Board of Trustees approve the following academic program changes, as recommended and presented in the enclosure 3.f.(ii):

- Creation of the URI B.S. in Early Childhood Education, Pre-K-2
- Creation of the URI B.A. in World Language Education

On a motion duly made by Charles Fogarty and seconded by Matthew Lenz and Karina Montilla Edmonds, it was

VOTED: THAT The Board of Trustees approve the following academic program changes, as recommended and presented in the enclosure 3.f.(ii):

- Creation of the URI B.S. in Early Childhood Education, Pre-K-2
- Creation of the URI B.A. in World Language Education

VOTE: 15 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: Margo Cook, Michael Fascitelli, Charles Fogarty, Christine Heenan, Neil Kerwin, Matthew Lenz, Roby Luna, David Martirano, Michael McNally, Karina Montilla Edmonds, Cortney Nicolato, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Jay Placencia, Thomas Ryan, Armand Sabitoni.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

(i) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the awarding of honorary degrees for Commencement 2023.

Provost Beauvais explained the honorary degree selection process and noted that this year's list of candidates had been provided to members of the Board of Trustees in advance of this meeting.

President Parlange noted that all candidates are exceptional and have gone far beyond in the fields of art, environment, science, the humanities and public service. At Commencement 2023, each honorary degree will be distributed at the particular college best associated with the candidate, to give more visibility to the honorary degrees.

Committee Chair Kerwin called for a motion that the Board of Trustees approve the awarding of honorary degrees for Commencement 2023 as recommended.

On a motion duly made by Matthew Lenz and seconded by Cortney Nicolato, it was

VOTED: THAT The Board of Trustees approve the awarding of honorary degrees for Commencement 2023 as recommended.

VOTE: 15 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: Margo Cook, Michael Fascitelli, Charles Fogarty, Christine Heenan, Neil Kerwin, Matthew Lenz, Roby Luna, David Martirano, Michael McNally, Karina Montilla Edmonds, Cortney Nicolato, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Jay Placencia, Thomas Ryan, Armand Sabitoni.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

- (ii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of amendments to the Academic Affairs and Research Committee Charter. [Enclosure](#)

Committee Chair Kerwin characterized the amendments as clarifying, as opposed to altering some fundamental area of the committee's jurisdiction. The amendments include defining research very broadly, including pertinent professional activities and art. Changes to the charter clarify explicit elements of the Committee's oversight of research, including the type of reports evaluated, the working relationship with the Research Foundation, performance of the different schools and colleges with regard to sponsored research, and the incentives or obstacles that faculty may face in attempting to promote their own research. Given the importance of sponsored research at URI to advance the students or the University's reputation, the amendments make that part of the Committee's scope.

Committee Chair Kerwin called for a motion that the Board of Trustees approve amendments to the Academic Affairs and Research Committee Charter as recommended and presented in the enclosure.

On a motion duly made by Charles Fogarty and seconded by Michael McNally, it was

VOTED:	THAT	The Board of Trustees approve amendments to the Academic Affairs and Research Committee Charter as recommended and presented in the enclosure.
	VOTE:	15 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
	YEAS:	Margo Cook, Michael Fascitelli, Charles Fogarty, Christine Heenan, Neil Kerwin, Matthew Lenz, Roby Luna, David Martirano, Michael McNally, Karina Montilla Edmonds, Courtney Nicolato, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Jay Placencia, Thomas Ryan, Armand Sabitoni.
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAINS:	0

At 10:21 a.m., the Chair Cook called for a brief recess. The livestream was paused.

At 10:41 a.m. the Board returned to session. The livestream resumed. Chair Cook took up the “Report of the Chair” at this time.

5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

a. Committee Structure and Membership

Chair Cook spoke about two new special committees, an ad hoc special Sponsored Research and an ad hoc special Real Estate, to be created by Board action during this meeting. She introduced the new committee roster as a means to create room for new ideas. She thanked Christine Heenan for her work with the University Advancement and External Affairs Committee, and noted that while the Committee has been dissolved, the Board will continue to hear reports from Communications and Marketing Vice President Matt McDonald, Foundation President Lil O’Rourke, and government relations directors, Carlos Lopez Estrada and Lauren Burgess.

6. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

- a. Budget Update
- b. Strategic Plan Update
- c. Personnel Updates
- d. Campus Highlights

At 11:03 a.m., President Parlange made a presentation on the above listed topics. His presentation can be found [here](#).

President Parlange noted that November is Native American Heritage Month and highlighted the new Land Acknowledgement website and events on campus. He acknowledged Provost Beauvais for her collaboration and guidance over the past year. President Parlange spoke about the importance of the “Vote Yes on 1” bond campaign. The \$100 million revenue bond will be significant in URI’s

continued development of the Narragansett Bay Campus as the University works to advance its leadership role in the Blue Economy.

The President also discussed the University’s budget request for fiscal year 2024 (\$123.3M in state appropriation, \$122.8M in RICAP FY24-28 total). After more than 20 years of declining state appropriations, URI falls below its New England peers in almost every measure. URI has significant deferred maintenance and has not been able to fully address several critical areas of regional and national need. While URI continues to offer a world-class education, the state has not realized the full benefit of its flagship research university. The University’s request for increased and sustained support will impact not just URI, but the entire state of Rhode Island. With renewed investment by the state, URI will be able to better attract, retain, and graduate its students; grow federal funding to support important research; and bring industry partnerships and critical job creation to Rhode Island.

President Parlange noted that achieving financial sustainability of Rhode Island's flagship public research university, so that the state and our community can thrive, is a critical strategic priority in URI’s new strategic plan. The 10-year strategic plan focuses on four strategic priorities with action items and corresponding key performance indicators to track and measure the plan’s progress. The strategic plan’s vision asserts that “The University of Rhode Island will be a leading global research university that drives positive social, cultural, economic, and environmental change by contributing and instilling new knowledge to address the world’s greatest challenges”. The final plan will be shared with the University community and with its global community of partners and stakeholders in January.

4. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approval of the URI Strategic Plan [Enclosure](#)

Chair Cook called for a motion that the Board of Trustees approve the URI Strategic Plan, as presented in the enclosure.

On a motion duly made by Jay Placencia and seconded by Armand Sabitoni, it was

VOTED:	THAT	The Board of Trustees approve the URI Strategic Plan, as presented in the enclosure.
	VOTE:	14 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
	YEAS:	Margo Cook, Michael Fascitelli, Christine Heenan, Neil Kerwin, Matthew Lenz, Roby Luna, David Martirano, Michael McNally, Karina Montilla Edmonds, Cortney Nicolato, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Jay Placencia, Thomas Ryan, Armand Sabitoni.
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAINS:	0

Charles Fogarty left the meeting prior to the vote.

b. Approval of Amendments to the 2023 Board of Trustees Meetings Calendar [Enclosure](#)

Chair Cook called for a motion that the Board of Trustees approve amendments to the 2023 Board of Trustees Meetings Calendar, as recommended and presented in the enclosure.

On a motion duly made by Matthew Lenz and seconded by Jay Placencia, it was

VOTED: THAT The Board of Trustees approve amendments to the 2023 Board of Trustees Meetings Calendar, as presented in the enclosure.

VOTE: 14 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: Margo Cook, Michael Fascitelli, Christine Heenan, Neil Kerwin, Matthew Lenz, Roby Luna, David Martirano, Michael McNally, Karina Montilla Edmonds, Cortney Nicolato, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Jay Placencia, Thomas Ryan, Armand Sabitoni.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

c. Approval of the 2024 Board of Trustees Meetings Calendar [Enclosure](#)

Chair Cook called for a motion that the Board of Trustees approve the 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar, as presented in the enclosure.

On a motion duly made by Jay Placencia and seconded by Matthew Lenz, it was

VOTED: THAT The Board of Trustees approve the 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar, as presented in the enclosure.

VOTE: 14 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: Margo Cook, Michael Fascitelli, Christine Heenan, Neil Kerwin, Matthew Lenz, Roby Luna, David Martirano, Michael McNally, Karina Montilla Edmonds, Cortney Nicolato, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Jay Placencia, Thomas Ryan, Armand Sabitoni.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

d. Approval of the creation of an ad hoc special Real Estate Committee.

Chair Cook called for a motion that the Board of Trustees approve the creation of an ad hoc special Real Estate Committee, as presented.

On a motion duly made by Armand Sabitoni and seconded by Jay Placencia and Roby Luna, it was

VOTED: THAT The Board of Trustees approve the creation of an ad hoc special Real Estate Committee, as presented.

VOTE: 14 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: Margo Cook, Michael Fascitelli, Christine Heenan, Neil Kerwin, Matthew Lenz, Roby Luna, David Martirano, Michael McNally, Karina Montilla Edmonds, Cortney Nicolato, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Jay Placencia, Thomas Ryan, Armand Sabitoni.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

Charles Fogarty left the meeting prior to the vote.

e. Approval of the creation of an ad hoc special Sponsored Research Committee.

Chair Cook called for a motion that the Board of Trustees approve the creation of an ad hoc special Sponsored Research Committee, as presented.

On a motion duly made by Matthew Lenz and seconded by Michael Fascitelli, it was

VOTED: THAT The Board of Trustees approve the creation of an ad hoc special Sponsored Research Committee, as presented.

VOTE: 14 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: Margo Cook, Michael Fascitelli, Christine Heenan, Neil Kerwin, Matthew Lenz, Roby Luna, David Martirano, Michael McNally, Karina Montilla Edmonds, Cortney Nicolato, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Jay Placencia, Thomas Ryan, Armand Sabitoni.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

Charles Fogarty left the meeting prior to the vote.

At 12:04 a.m., the Board recessed for lunch. The livestream was paused.

At 12:25 p.m., the Board returned to open session. The livestream resumed.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Fall Enrollment Report [Enclosure](#)

Dean Libutti, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Success, made a brief presentation on the Fall Enrollment Report. The presentation can be found [here](#). The Fall 2022 Enrollment Report provides an annual update on the University's enrollment following the October 15 census date. Despite continuing challenging times for higher education that have been documented in the media, URI experienced strong new and transfer student enrollment and solid overall enrollment. Use of new data sets from Institutional Research has provided greater understanding of various important enrollment areas that will help inform the URI community.

b. Update on Big Ideas, Bold Plans – The Campaign for URI

Lil Breul O'Rourke, President, and Jeff Cabral, Vice President, Development, URI Foundation and Alumni Engagement, made a brief presentation on the Campaign for the University of Rhode Island, overall giving totals from the Day of Giving, and presidential engagement opportunities held in 2022 and upcoming in 2023. The presentation can be found [here](#). To date, the Campaign has raised \$243.71M - 81.1% of the \$300M goal.

c. Narragansett Bay Campus Bond Campaign Update

Matthew McDonald, Vice President, Communications and Marketing, provided an update on the Narragansett Bay Campus Bond Campaign. The "Vote Yes on 1" campaign is in support of Question 1 on the 2022 Rhode Island ballot that, if passed, will provide a \$100M higher education facilities bond to invest in repairs and construction of new facilities at the University of Rhode Island Narragansett Bay Campus. Vice President McDonald outlined the collaborative effort and multifaceted approach to promote the passage of Question 1. His presentation can be found [here](#).

Cortney Nicolato asked that the polling numbers be distributed.

d. Government Relations Update: Midterm Elections, Legislative Timeline, Developing Champions, Government Relations Priorities [Enclosure](#)

Lauren Burgess and Carlos Lopez Estrada, co-directors of legislative and government relations, made a brief presentation on URI's coordinated and strategic government relations strategy at the local, state and federal levels, and highlighted financial and legislative success over the past year. Their presentation can be found [here](#).

Board members discussed the importance of consistent messaging in terms of state funding and support of URI and the impact that funding has on the State of Rhode Island.

8. ADJOURN

Chair Cook called for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion duly made by Matthew Lenz and seconded by Thomas Ryan and Jay Placencia, it was

VOTED: THAT The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: 13 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: Margo Cook, Michael Fascitelli, Christine Heenan, Neil Kerwin, Matthew Lenz, Roby Luna, David Martirano, Michael McNally, Cortney Nicolato, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Jay Placencia, Thomas Ryan, Armand Sabitoni.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS : 0

Board member Karina Montilla Edmonds left the meeting prior to the vote.

At 2:52 p.m. this meeting ended.

The next URI Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2022.