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**The University of Rhode Island
Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, February 16, 2023 · 9:00 a.m. EST**

**The University of Rhode Island
The Hope Room, Robert J. Higgins Welcome Center
45 Upper College Road, Kingston, RI 02881**

This meeting will use videoconferencing, with Board members participating virtually. Public viewing is available in person or remotely.

**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 November 4, 2022 Board Meeting. [Enclosure 1.a.](#)

2. OPEN FORUM

Note: Public participants must submit an online public comment form requesting permission to speak no less than 2 hours in advance of the meeting. The online request form and instructions for submission can be found via this [link](#).

"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."

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board may seek to enter into executive session for the following items:

- 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 pending litigation, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(2):
 - (i) Sean Burt, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated v. Board of Trustees of the University of Rhode Island, and Does 1-10 inclusive, C.A. No. 20-465-JJM-LDA (U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island).
 - (ii) Logan Thomson, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated v. Board of Trustees of the University of Rhode Island, C.A. No. 20-295-JJM-LDA (U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island).
 - (iii) 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).
- c. 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
 - Peckham Farm
- d. Discussion related to or concerning a prospective business or industry locating in the state of Rhode Island when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the interest of the public, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(6).
- e. Discussion of a matter related to the question of the investment of public funds where the premature disclosure would adversely affect the public interest, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(7).

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

- a. Board Appointment Update
- b. Strategic Plan

5. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND ACTION ITEMS

a. Executive Committee Report

- (i) Update – February 7, 2023 Committee Meeting
- (ii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of performance goals associated with President Parlange’s annual review.
- (iii) ACTION ITEM: Ratification of the tentative collective bargaining agreement between the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees and the URI Physicians’ Association/NEARI.
- (iv) ACTION ITEM: Ratification of the tentative collective bargaining agreement between the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees and the URI Graduate Assistants United (URIGAU)/NEARI.

b. Academic Affairs and Research Committee Report

- (i) Update – February 7, 2023 Committee Meeting
- (ii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the granting of tenure effective August 27, 2023 to incoming faculty member Dr. Jean Gordon who has met the requirements for tenure at the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure](#)
- (iii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the awarding of undergraduate and graduate degrees, diplomas, certificates, and honors to be conferred by the President to the candidates who have completed their requirements at the conclusion of the Fall 2022 term and who are approved by the faculty of the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure](#)

c. Ad hoc special sponsored Research Committee Report

- (i) Update – December 5, 2022 and January 26, 2023 Committee Meetings

d. Finance and Facilities Committee Report

- (i) Update – February 9, 2023 Committee Meeting
- (ii) DISCUSSION ITEM: Approvals Under the Delegation of Authority to the President Relating to Land and Property. [Enclosure](#)
- (iii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of a lease agreement between the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees and the United States Government through the United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service (USDA), for use

of space in the Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences (CBLS), Morrill Hall and Woodward Hall. [Enclosure](#)

- e. Ad hoc special Real Estate Committee Report
 - (i) Update – November 30, 2022 and February 8, 2023 Committee Meetings
- f. Governance Committee Report
 - (i) Update – February 7, 2023 Committee Meeting
 - (ii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the URI Board of Trustees Policy on Approval and Execution of Contracts and Other Binding Documents. [Enclosure](#)
 - (iii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of President Parlange’s appointment of Primary Liaisons and University Liaisons to Committees pursuant to Section 5.7 of the Bylaws. [Enclosure](#)
- g. Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee Report
 - (i) Update – January 31, 2023 Committee Meeting

6. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

- a. University Financial Update
- b. Strategic Plan Key Performance Indicators
- c. University Rankings

7. ADJOURN

The next URI Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2023.

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