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**The University of Rhode Island
Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday, April 21, 2023 · 9:00 a.m. EDT**

**The University of Rhode Island
The Alumni Room, The Ryan Center
1 Lincoln Almond Plaza, Kingston, RI 02881**

**This meeting will be held in person and will use videoconferencing.
Public viewing is available in person or remotely.**

**To view the meeting remotely,
go to <https://web.uri.edu/trustees/meetings/>
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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 February 16, 2023 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 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 (1st Cir. No. 23-1188 and 23-1192) (Consolidated)
- Alyssa Boss, General Counsel
- b. 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 and Peckham Farm.
- Abigail Rider, Vice President, Administration and Finance
- c. 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).
- Abigail Rider, Vice President, Administration and Finance

4. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Academic Affairs and Research Committee Report
 - (i) Update – April 6, 2023 Committee Meeting
 - (ii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the awarding of an additional honorary degree for Commencement 2023.
 - (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 will have completed their requirements at the conclusion of the Spring 2023 term and who are approved by the faculty of the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure](#)
 - (iv) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the awarding of tenure, effective June 18, 2023, to Dr. Kenneth Rubin, Graduate School of Oceanography, who has met the requirements for tenure at the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure](#)
 - (v) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the following academic program closures:
 - Closure of the URI B.S. in Non-Profit Administration
 - Closure of the URI B.S. in Professional Leadership Studies[Enclosure](#)

- (vi) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the creation of the Ph.D. in Education graduate degree program. [Enclosure](#)
- b. Finance and Facilities Committee Report
 - (i) Update – April 17, 2023 Committee Meeting
 - (ii) DISCUSSION ITEM: Capital Improvement Plan FY2025-2029 [Enclosure](#)
 - Abigail Rider, Vice President, Administration and Finance
 - Ryan Carrillo, Director, Planning and Real Estate
 - (iii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of a Steam Plant Services Agreement/Contract between NORESCO, LLC and the University of Rhode Island, effective April 1, 2023. [Enclosure](#)
 - (iv) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the demolition of the building located behind 3045 Kingstown Road (identified by the Town of South Kingstown Assessor's Office as Building 25, Plat 23-1, Lot 1, URI Kingston Campus). [Enclosure](#)
- c. Governance Committee Report
 - (i) Update – April 6, 2023 Committee Meeting
- d. Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee Report
 - (i) Update – April 18, 2023 Committee Meeting
- e. Student Life and Athletics Committee Report
 - (i) Update – April 6, 2023 Committee Meeting

5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

- a. Highlights URI Day – March 28, 2023
- b. Recognize outgoing Board members

6. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

- a. Campus Update
- b. Strategic Plan KPI Dashboard Demonstration
- c. Transfer Update

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. URI Campus Safety
 - Michael Jagoda, Director of Public Safety and Police Chief
- b. URI Marketing Campaign
 - Matthew McDonald, Vice President for Communications and Marketing
- c. Big Ideas. Bold Plans. The Campaign for the University of Rhode Island - Update
 - Lil Breul O'Rourke, President, URI Foundation and Alumni Engagement
 - Jeff Cabral, Vice President for Development, URI Foundation and Alumni Engagement

8. ADJOURN

The next URI Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for June 29, 2023.

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