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**The University of Rhode Island
Board of Trustees Meeting and Annual Retreat
Thursday, June 29, 2023 · 9:00 a.m. EDT**

**The University of Rhode Island
Brookside Residence Hall
West Alumni Road, Kingston, RI 02881**

**This meeting will be held in person and will use videoconferencing.
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and visitors attending this on-campus meeting.**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

- a. Welcome New Members
- b. Committee Membership Update
- c. ACTION ITEM: Nomination and Election of the Vice Chair of the URI Board of Trustees

"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. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS

a. Executive Committee/Compensation Subcommittee Report

- (i) Update – June 29, 2023 Joint Committee Meeting
- (ii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of an amendment to the employment contract with President Parlange.
- (ii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of a 2.5% across-the-board salary increase for all non-union, non-classified employees, effective July 1, 2023.

b. Academic Affairs and Research Committee Report

- (i) Update – June 15, 2023 and June 28, 2023 Committee Meetings
- (ii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the granting of tenure for University of Rhode Island faculty members, effective July 1, 2023. [Enclosure](#)
- (iii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of legislation recommended by the Faculty Senate and the President. [Enclosure](#)
 - Closure of the URI Joint PhD in Education
 - New Master's Degree in Environmental Management
 - New Master's Degree in Professional Science
 - New Master's Degree in Health Outcomes and Data Analytics
 - New Master's Degree in Professional Studies
 - New Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Education
- (iv) ACTION ITEM: Approval of legislation recommended by the Faculty Senate and the President: [Enclosure](#)
 - Organizational Change: Alan Shawn Feinstein College of Education and Professional Studies to be renamed the Alan Shawn Feinstein College of Education. Proposal will dissolve the school of professional studies.

c. Finance and Facilities Committee Report

- (i) Update – June 20, 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 the University of Rhode Island Capital Improvement Plan FY2025-2029 [Enclosure](#)

d. Governance Committee Report

- (i) Update – June 13, 2023 Committee Meeting

e. Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee Report

- (i) Update – June 26, 2023 Committee Meeting
- (ii) Approval of a Request for an Exemption, from Ethics Code Section 1.2(h), submitted by URI employee Azure Cygler, and of the related Conflict of Interest Management Plan, under the Public-Private Partnership Act and the URI Policy on Public Private Partnership in Research and Development. [Enclosure](#)

f. Student Life and Athletics Committee Report

- (i) Update – June 27, 2023 Committee Meeting

4. OMNIBUS VOTE ON COMMITTEE-RELATED ACTION ITEMS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Approval of the actions described below, as recommended by the referenced committees and presented in the referenced enclosures where applicable:

- a. Approval of amendments to the Executive Committee and Compensation Subcommittee Charters and its Calendar. [Enclosure](#)
- b. Approval of amendments to the Academic Affairs and Research Committee Charter and Calendar. [Enclosure](#)
- c. Approval of amendments to the Finance and Facilities Committee Charter and Calendar. [Enclosure](#)
- d. Approval of President Parlange's appointments of Primary University Liaisons and University Liaisons to Committees pursuant to Section 5.7 of the Bylaws. [Enclosure](#) (Governance Committee)
- e. Approval of amendments to the Governance Committee Charter and Calendar. [Enclosure](#)

- f. Approval of amendments to the Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee Charter and Calendar. [Enclosure](#)
- g. Approval of amendments to the Student Life and Athletics Committee Charter and Calendar. [Enclosure](#)
- h. Approval of the Minutes of the April 21, 2023 Board Meeting, as presented. [Enclosure](#)

5. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM

- a. Approval of a Resolution Delegating Authority Over User Agency Contracts to the Managerial Group at the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure](#)

6. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

- a. Budget Update

7. DISCUSSION ITEM

- a. 2023 URI Annual Diversity Report, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 16-32-2.1, Diversity efforts and progress related to student, staff and faculty recruitment and retention at URI. [Enclosure](#)
 - Dr. Sean Edmund Rogers, Dean, College of Business and former Chief Diversity Officer

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board may seek to go into executive session to consider the following items:

- a. Discussion regarding completion of the annual performance review process for President Marc Parlange, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(1).
- b. Discussion regarding amendment of the employment contract with President Parlange, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(1).

9. BOARD RETREAT

- a. Opening Remarks
 - Margo Cook, Chair
- b. Board Self-Assessment and Feedback
 - Cortney Nicolato, Governance Committee Chair

- c. Introduction of Michael Ledford, president, Lewis-Burke Associates, LLC
- Lauren Burgess, director, Legislative and Government Relations
- d. The Future of Higher Education
- Michael Ledford, president, Lewis-Burke Associates, LLC
- e. Panel Discussion with Deans Marchese, Riley and Rogers
- Barbara Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President, Moderator

10. CLOSING REMARKS

- Margo Cook, Chair

11. ADJOURN

The next URI Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2023.

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