



**Members**

- Margo Cook '86, *Chair*
- Michael D. Fascitelli '78
- Charles Fogarty '80
- Christine Heenan
- Richard S. Humphrey
- Neil Kerwin '73
- Matthew Lenz '11
- Roby Luna '04
- David Martirano '91
- Michael F. McNally '81, *Vice Chair*
- Dr. Karina Montilla Edmonds '92
- Cortney M. Nicolato '01
- Vahid Ownjazayeri
- Susan Petrovas '92
- Yahaira "Jay" Placencia '01
- Thomas Ryan '75
- Armand E. Sabitoni '73

**Ex Officio Members**

- Tim DelGiudice, *Chair*  
*R.I. Council on Postsecondary Education*
- Barbara Cottam, *Chair*  
*R.I. Board of Education*
- Mayrai Gindy  
*Faculty Representative*
- Christopher Bove '23  
*Student Representative*

**The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Thursday, June 24, 2021 • 2:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. EDT  
Brookside Hall, 40 West Alumni Avenue, Kingston, RI 02881**

**PURSUANT TO GOVERNOR MCKEE'S EXECUTIVE ORDER,  
THE COMMITTEE HELD A HYBRID MEETING.  
BOARD MEMBERS GATHERED IN PERSON AND  
PARTICIPATED REMOTELY USING THE WEBEX PLATFORM.  
FACEBOOK LIVE STREAM WAS USED FOR PUBLIC VIEWING.**

**MINUTES**

Chair Margo Cook welcomed members to the hybrid meeting and conducted a formal roll call of those in attendance. Chair Cook acknowledged that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m.

The URI Board of Trustees Executive Committee voting members in attendance:

- Ms. Margo Cook, Committee Chair (in person)
- Mr. Michael McNally, Committee Vice Chair (in person)
- Mr. Michael Fascitelli (in person)
- Ms. Christine Heenan (in person)
- Mr. Neil Kerwin (remote)
- Mr. Roby Luna (in person)
- Mr. Thomas Ryan (in person)

The URI Board of Trustees Executive Committee ex officio member in attendance:

- President David M. Dooley (in person)

The URI Board of Trustees non-committee members in attendance:

- Ms. Barbara Cottam (in person)
- Dr. Mayrai Gindy (in person)
- Mr. Charles Fogarty (in person)
- Ms. Karina Montilla Edmonds (in person)
- Mr. David Martirano (in person)
- Ms. Cortney Nicolato (in person)
- Ms. Jay Placencia (in person)
- Mr. Armand Sabitoni (in person)

The URI Senior Leadership members attending in person:

- Ms. Anne Marie Coleman, Assistant Vice President for Human Resources
- Ms. Michelle Curreri, Chief of Staff and Board Secretary
- Ms. Lauren Jensen, Interim General Counsel

The URI staff members attending in person:

- Ms. Robin Cawley, Executive Assistant II
- Ms. Lynn Owens, Associate Secretary

Special guest:

- Dr. Marc Parlange, URI President-elect (in person)

## 1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Chair Cook called for a motion that the URI Board of Trustees Executive Committee accept the agenda for the June 24, 2021 meeting.

On a motion duly made by Vice Chair McNally and seconded by Roby Luna, it was

VOTED:	THAT	The URI Board of Trustees Executive Committee accept the agenda for the meeting of June 24, 2021.
	VOTE:	7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
	YEAS:	Margo Cook, Michael Fascitelli, Christine Heenan, Neil Kerwin, Roby Luna, Michael McNally, and Thomas Ryan.
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAINS:	0

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

### a. Minutes of the January 15, 2021 Meeting [Enclosure 2a](#)

Chair Cook called for a motion that the URI Board of Trustees Executive Committee approve the minutes of the January 15, 2021 meeting of the Committee.

On a motion duly made by Vice Chair McNally and seconded by Christine Heenan, it was

VOTED:	THAT	The URI Board of Trustees Executive Committee approve the January 15, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes.
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VOTE: 7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

### 3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Cook called for a motion that the Executive Committee enter into Executive Session for the following items:

a. Discussion regarding collective bargaining pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(2) with the following:

1. PSA/NEA/NEARI
2. PTAA - Professional Technical Administration Association
3. Marine Professional Association
4. PTFU - Part Time Faculty Union

On a motion duly made by Neil Kerwin and seconded by Roby Luna, it was:

VOTED: THAT The URI Board of Trustees Executive Committee enter into Executive Session for discussion regarding collective bargaining pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(2) with the following:

1. PSA/NEA/NEARI
2. PTAA – Professional Technical Administration Association
3. Marine Professional Association
4. PTFU – Part Time Faculty Union

VOTE: 7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

The Board entered Executive Session at 2:48 p.m. Virtual public access was paused.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 3:17 p.m. Virtual public access resumed.

Chair Cook called for a motion that the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees seal the minutes of the Executive Committee's Executive Session that took place on June 24, 2021.

On a motion duly made by Vice Chair McNally and seconded by Roby Luna, it was

VOTED:	THAT	The URI Board of Trustees Executive Committee seal the minutes of the Executive Committee's Executive Session that took place on June 24, 2021.
	VOTE:	7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
	YEAS:	Margo Cook, Michael Fascitelli, Christine Heenan, Neil Kerwin, Roby Luna, Michael McNally, and Thomas Ryan.
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAINS:	0

#### 4. ADJOURN

Chair Cook called for a motion to adjourn the meeting of June 24, 2021.

On a motion duly made by Christine Heenan and seconded by Roby Luna, it was

VOTED:	THAT	The URI Board of Trustees Executive Committee adjourn the meeting of June 24, 2021.
	VOTE:	7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
	YEAS:	Margo Cook, Michael Fascitelli, Christine Heenan, Neil Kerwin, Roby Luna, Michael McNally, and Thomas Ryan.
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAINS:	0

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The meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

**The next URI Board of Trustees Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2021.**