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**The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees
Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting
Brookside Hall, 40 West Alumni Avenue, Kingston, RI
Thursday June 24, 2021, at 4:20 p.m. EDT**

**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 Fascitelli welcomed all members of the committee and asked for a roll call. Noting that a quorum was present, Chair Fascitelli called the meeting to order at 4:19 p.m.

The URI Board of Trustees Finance and Facilities Committee voting members in attendance:

- Mr. Michael Fascitelli, Chair (in person)
- Mr. Vahid Ownjazayeri, Vice Chair (in person)
- Mr. Matthew Lenz (in person)
- Mr. David J. Martirano (in person)
- Mr. Armand Sabitoni (in person)

Absent: Ms. Susan Petrovas

The URI Board of Trustees Finance and Facilities Committee ex-officio members in attendance:

- Ms. Margo Cook, Chair, Board of Trustees (in person)
- Dr. David M. Dooley, President (in person)
- Mr. Michael McNally, Vice Chair, Board of Trustees (in person)

Absent: Mr. Timothy DelGiudice, Chair, RI Council on Postsecondary Education

Other URI Board of Trustees members in attendance:

- Mr. Christopher Bove, Student Representative (ex-officio) (in person)
- Dr. Karina Montilla Edmonds (in person)

Invited Guest:

- Dr. Marc B. Parlange, President Elect (in person)

The University of Rhode Island Senior Leadership in attendance:

- Dr. Mary Grace Almandrez, Associate Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer
- Ms. Anne Marie Coleman, Assistant Vice President for Human Resources
- Ms. Michelle Curreri, Chief of Staff and Board Secretary
- Dr. Donald DeHayes, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Ms. Lauren Jensen, Interim General Counsel
- Dr. Karlis Kaugars, Chief Information Officer
- Ms. Abigail Rider, Vice President for Administration and Finance

The URI staff members in attendance:

- Mr. Karl Calvo, Assistant Vice President for Facilities
- Mr. Ryan Carrillo, Director, Planning & Real Estate (virtual)
- Ms. Robin Cawley, Executive Assistant II, Office of the President
- Dr. Daniel Moos, Assistant to the Vice President for Administration and Finance
- Ms. Lynn Owens, Associate Secretary, URI Board of Trustees

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Chair Fascitelli called for a motion that The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees Finance and Facilities Committee accept the agenda for the meeting of June 24, 2021.

On a motion duly made by Armand Sabitoni and seconded by Matthew Lenz, it was

VOTED:	THAT	The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees Finance and Facilities Committee accept the agenda for the meeting of June 24, 2021.
	VOTE:	5 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
	YEAS:	Michael Fascitelli, Matthew Lenz, David J. Martirano, Vahid Ownjazayeri, and Armand Sabitoni
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAINS:	0

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. Minutes of April 22, 2021 meeting [Enclosure 2a](#)

Chair Fascitelli called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2021 meeting.

On a motion duly made by Armand Sabitoni and seconded by David Martirano, it was

VOTED: THAT The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees Finance and Facilities Committee accept the Minutes for the meeting of April 22, 2021.

VOTE: 5 members voted the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: Michael Fascitelli, Matthew Lenz, David J. Martirano, Vahid Ownjazayeri, and Mr. Armand Sabitoni.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

3. ACTION ITEMS

a. Review of the Fiscal Year 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan and recommendation to the URI Board of Trustees

Chair Fascitelli introduced Vice President Abigail Rider who discussed the University's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for 2023-2027, noting that the plan will be approved in the next legislative session. Vice President Rider introduced Ryan Carrillo, Director, Planning & Real Estate, who provided detail on the plan (found [here](#)), noting three changes from the previous presentation of the CIP to the Committee. These changes include the removal of the Upper College Road Multiuse District (also known as the University Inn), the addition of a new Student Success Center, and the inclusion of an additional \$16M to the Fine Arts project budget, primarily driven by the increase in construction costs. Mr. Carrillo noted that other budgetary changes were less than 0.5%.

On a motion duly made by Matthew Lenz and seconded by Armand Sabitoni, it was

VOTED: THAT The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees Finance and Facilities Committee recommend to the Board of Trustees that it approve the Fiscal Year 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan as presented.

VOTE: 5 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: Michael Fascitelli, Matthew Lenz, David J. Martirano, Vahid Ownjazayeri, and Armand Sabitoni

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

b. Review of the Plains Road South Parking Lot Solar Array License and recommendation to the URI Board of Trustees

Vice President Rider introduced Ryan Carrillo, Director, Planning & Real Estate, who discussed the Plains Road South Parking Lot Solar Array License agreement (found [here](#)). Mr. Carrillo noted that the terms and conditions of this agreement are similar to the previous site license reviewed by the Committee. In response to questions from Committee members, Mr. Carrillo noted that the installation was a 1.5 megawatts array, that the University will monetize net metering credits generated by the project, and the

loss of parking due to the installation of the array will be minimal, noting that the array is to be built on a supplemental parking area.

On a motion duly made by Armand Sabitoni and seconded by David Martirano, it was

VOTED: THAT The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees Finance and Facilities Committee recommend to the Board of Trustees that it approve the Plains Road South Parking Lot Solar Array License as presented.

VOTE: 5 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: Michael Fascitelli, Matthew Lenz, David J. Martirano, Vahid Ownjazayeri, and Armand Sabitoni

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

At the request of Mr. Christopher Bove and with the approval of Chair Fascitelli, Mr. Bove asked Vice President Rider for additional detail on the University's plans for supporting RIPTA bus passes for students, including the possibility of other creative transportation solutions. Vice President Rider briefly discussed the history of the state's pilot program supporting UPASS for URI students. Interim General Counsel Lauren Jensen noted that any discussion of this topic by the Committee would have to be undertaken as an agenda item. There was no discussion by any member of the Committee. Mr. Bove thanked the committee for the opportunity to bring this topic to the attention of the Committee, for possible future consideration by the Committee.

4. ADJOURN

Chair Fascitelli thanked Committee members and called for a motion to adjourn the meeting of June 24, 2021.

On a motion duly made by Armand Sabitoni and seconded by Matthew Lenz, it was

VOTED: THAT The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees Finance and Facilities Committee adjourn the meeting of June 24, 2021.

VOTE: 5 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: Michael Fascitelli, Matthew Lenz, David J. Martirano, Vahid Ownjazayeri, and Armand Sabitoni

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

The meeting adjourned at 4.35 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETING

The next meeting of The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees Finance and Facilities Committee is scheduled for September 23, 2021.