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**The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees
Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 2, 2022 · 4:00 p.m. EDT**

**The University of Rhode Island
Alumni Center – Beagle Board Room
73 Upper College Road, Kingston, RI 02881**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Committee Chair Michael 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 4:00 p.m.

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

- Michael Fascitelli, Chair (remote)
- Vahid Ownjazayeri, Vice Chair (remote)
- Matthew Lenz (remote)
- David Martirano (remote)
- Michael McNally, Vice Chair, Board of Trustees (ex officio, voting) (remote)
- President Marc Parlange (ex officio, non-voting) (remote)
- Susan Petrovas (remote)
- Armand Sabitoni (remote)

The URI Board of Trustees Finance and Facilities Committee members not in attendance:

- Margo Cook (ex-officio, voting)
- Christine Heenan

Members of the President's Leadership Council in attendance:

- Laura Beauvais, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs (remote)
- Alyssa Boss, General Counsel (remote)
- Anne Marie Coleman, Assistant Vice President for Human Resources (in person)
- Abigail Rider, Vice President for Administration and Finance (in person)

The URI staff members in attendance:

- Karl Calvo, Assistant Vice President for Facilities (in person)
- Ryan Carrillo, Director, Planning & Real Estate Development (in person)
- Michelle Curreri, Secretary, Board of Trustees (in person)
- Daniel Moos, Assistant to the Vice President for Administration and Finance (in person)
- Lynn Owens, Associate Secretary, Board of Trustees (in person)

Committee Chair Fascitelli read into the record the University of Rhode Island Land Acknowledgement Statement:

“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.”

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 August 2, 2022. 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 agenda for the meeting of August 2, 2022.

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

YEAS: Michael Fascitelli, Matthew Lenz, David Martirano, Michael McNally, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Susan Petrovas, Armand Sabitoni.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. Minutes of June 14, 2022 ([Enclosure 2.a.](#))

Chair Fascitelli called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2022 meeting of the Finance and Facilities Committee. On a motion duly made by David Martirano and seconded by Armand Sabitoni, it was

VOTED: THAT The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees Finance and Facilities Committee accept the Minutes for the June 14, 2022 meeting as presented in Enclosure 2.a.

VOTE: 7 members voted the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
YEAS: Michael Fascitelli, Matthew Lenz, David Martirano, Michael McNally, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Susan Petrovas, Armand Sabitoni
NAYS: 0
ABSTAINS: 0

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Discussion regarding the acquisition or lease of real property pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5(a)(5).

Chair Fascitelli called for a motion that the Finance and Facilities Committee of the URI Board of Trustees enter into Executive Session for the following item: Discussion regarding the acquisition or lease of real property pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5(a)(5).

On a motion duly made by Armand Sabitoni and seconded by Vahid Ownjazayeri, it was

VOTED: THAT The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees Finance and Facilities Committee enter into Executive Session to discuss the acquisition or lease of real property pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5(a)(5).

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

YEAS: Michael Fascitelli, Matthew Lenz, David Martirano, Michael McNally, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Susan Petrovas, Armand Sabitoni.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

The Committee entered Executive Session at 4:15 p.m. Virtual public access was paused. Meeting participants who were not required to participate in the Executive Session and members of the public were asked to leave the meeting room.

The Committee reconvened in Open Session at 4:50 p.m. Virtual public access resumed.

Chair Fascitelli called for a motion that the Finance and Facilities Committee of the URI Board of Trustees seal the minutes of the Committee's Executive Session that took place on August 2, 2022. On a motion duly made by Mathew Lenz and seconded by David Martirano, it was

VOTED: THAT Finance and Facilities Committee of the URI Board of Trustees seal the minutes of the Committee's Executive Session that took place on August 2, 2022.

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

YEAS: Michael Fascitelli, Matthew Lenz, David Martirano, Michael McNally, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Susan Petrovas, Armand Sabitoni.
NAYS: 0
ABSTAINS: 0

4. ACTION ITEMS

a. Review of changes in the University of Rhode Island Capital Improvement Plan FY2024-2028, and recommendation to the URI Board of Trustees. [Enclosure 4.b.\(i\)](#) [Enclosure 4.b.\(ii\)](#)

Chair Fascitelli introduced Vice President Abigail Rider, who discussed the proposed changes to the University of Rhode Island Capital Improvement Plan, FY2024-2028. The documents can be found here: [Enclosure 4.b.\(i\)](#) [Enclosure 4.b.\(ii\)](#)

With support from Ryan Carrillo, Director of Planning and Real Estate Development, Vice President Rider discussed two requested changes. First Change: Athletics Complex Renovation (\$82.3 million). The request is only to change the requested funding source from General Obligation Bonds (FY24 Referendum) with a project start in FY26 (July 2025), to RICAP funding in FY24, with a project start of July 2023. Second Change: Add PFAS Water Treatment Plant to the CIP, with an estimated cost of up to \$20 million. This addition is necessary due to recent legislative changes with regard to PFAS in drinking water that will impact the University of Rhode Island water systems.

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

VOTED: THAT The Finance and Facilities Committee of the URI Board of Trustees recommend that the Board of Trustees approve changes to the University of Rhode Island Capital Improvement Plan for FY2024-2028, as recommended and presented in [Enclosure 4.b.\(i\)](#) and [Enclosure 4.b.\(ii\)](#).

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

YEAS: Michael Fascitelli, Matthew Lenz, David Martirano, Michael McNally, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Susan Petrovas, Armand Sabitoni.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

5. ADJOURN

Chair Fascitelli thanked Committee members and called for a motion to adjourn the meeting of August 2, 2022.

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 adjourn the meeting of August 2, 2022.

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

YEAS: Michael Fascitelli, Matthew Lenz, David Martirano, Michael McNally, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Susan Petrovas, Armand Sabitoni

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETING

The next meeting of The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees Finance and Facilities Committee is scheduled for September 16, 2022.

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