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**The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Thursday, September 23, 2021 • 9:15 a.m., Lecture Hall 308  
Rhode Island Nursing Education Center  
350 Eddy Street, Providence, RI 02903**

**MINUTES**

Vice Chair Michael McNally welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Executive Committee of the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees. He conducted a roll call attendance and confirmed that a quorum of members was present in person. At 9:17 a.m., the meeting was called to order.

The URI Board of Trustees Executive Committee members participating in person:

- Mr. Michael McNally, Committee Vice Chair
- Ms. Christine Heenan
- Mr. Neil Kerwin
- Mr. Roby Luna
- Ms. Cortney Nicolato
- Mr. Thomas Ryan
- Dr. Marc B. Parlange, President (ex officio, non-voting)

The URI Board of Trustees Executive Committee member participating remotely:

- Mr. Michael Fascitelli (arrived at 9:20 a.m.)

The URI Board of Trustees Executive Committee member not present:

- Ms. Margo Cook, Committee Chair

URI Senior Leadership members participating in person:

- Ms. Alyssa Boss, General Counsel
- Ms. Anne Marie Coleman, Assistant Vice President, Human Resources
- Ms. Michelle Curreri, Chief of Staff and Secretary, Board of Trustees

URI Staff members in attendance:

Ms. Robin Cawley, Administrative Assistant II  
Ms. Lynn Owens, Associate Secretary

## 1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Vice Chair McNally called for a motion that the URI Board of Trustees Executive Committee accept the agenda for the September 23, 2021 meeting.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Ryan and seconded by Christine Heenan, it was

VOTED:                    THAT                    The URI Board of Trustees Executive Committee accept the agenda for the meeting of September 23, 2021.

VOTE:                    6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS:                    Christine Heenan, Neil Kerwin, Roby Luna, Michael McNally, Cortney Nicolato, and Thomas Ryan.

NAYS:                    0

ABSTAINS: 0

Michael Fascitelli was not present for the vote.

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

### a. Minutes of the June 24, 2021 Executive Committee meeting [Enclosure 2.a.](#)

Vice Chair McNally called for a motion that the URI Board of Trustees Executive Committee approve the minutes of the June 24, 2021 Executive Committee meeting.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Ryan and seconded by Roby Luna, it was

VOTED:                    THAT                    The URI Board of Trustees Executive Committee approve the minutes of the June 24, 2021 Executive Committee meeting.

VOTE: 6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: Christine Heenan, Neil Kerwin, Roby Luna, Michael McNally, Cortney Nicolato, and Thomas Ryan.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

Michael Fascitelli was not present for the vote.

### 3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice Chair McNally 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 Thomas Ryan and seconded by Cortney Nicolato, 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: 6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

YEAS: Christine Heenan, Neil Kerwin, Roby Luna,  
Michael McNally, Cortney Nicolato, and Thomas  
Ryan.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

Michael Fascitelli was not present for the vote.

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:20 a.m. Virtual public access was paused.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 9:40 a.m. Virtual public access resumed.

Vice Chair McNally 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 September 23, 2021.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Ryan 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 September 23, 2021.

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

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

#### 4. ADJOURN

Vice Chair McNally called for a motion to adjourn the meeting of September 23, 2021.

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On a motion duly made by Cortney Nicolato and seconded by Christine Heenan, it was

VOTED:	THAT	The URI Board of Trustees Executive Committee adjourn the meeting of September 23, 2021.
	VOTE:	7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
	YEAS:	Michael Fascitelli, Christine Heenan, Neil Kerwin, Roby Luna, Michael McNally, Cortney Nicolato and Thomas Ryan.
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAINS:	0

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

**The next URI Board of Trustees Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2021.**