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**The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees  
Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting  
Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 10:30 a.m., Lecture Hall 308  
Rhode Island Nursing Education Center  
350 Eddy Street, Providence, RI 02903**

**MINUTES**

Vice Chair Ownjazayeri welcomed all members of the committee and asked for a roll call. Noting that a quorum of members was present in person, the meeting was called to order at 10:33 a.m.

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

- Mr. Michael Fascitelli, Committee Chair (remote)
- Mr. Vahid Ownjazayeri, Committee Vice Chair
- Ms. Christine Heenan
- Mr. Matthew Lenz
- Mr. David J. Martirano
- Mrs. Susan Petrovas (remote)
- Mr. Armand Sabitoni
- President Marc Parlange (ex officio, non-voting)

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

- Ms. Margo Cook, Board of Trustees Chair (ex officio, voting)
- Mr. Michael McNally, Board of Trustees Vice Chair (ex officio, voting)

The University of Rhode Island Senior Leadership in attendance:

- Ms. Laura Beauvais, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Ms. Alyssa Boss, General Counsel
- Ms. Anne Marie Coleman, Assistant Vice President for Human Resources
- Mr. Donald DeHayes, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Dr. Karlis Kaugars, Chief Information Officer
- Mr. Dean Libutti, Associate Vice President for Enrollment & Student Success
- Ms. Lil O'Rourke, President URI Foundation
- Ms. Abigail Rider, Vice President for Administration and Finance

The URI staff members in attendance:

- Mr. Ryan Carrillo, Director, Planning & Real Estate Development (remote)
- Ms. Robin Cawley, Executive Assistant II, Office
- Ms. Cheryl Hinkson, Associate Director, Budget & Financial Planning (remote)
- Mrs. Dulcie Ilgenfritz, Coordinator, Planning & Real Estate Development (remote)
- Mr. Karl Kalvo, Assistant Vice President for Facilities (remote)
- Ms. Kelly Slocum, Assistant Director, Budget & Financial Planning (remote)

## 1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Vice Chair Ownjazayeri called for a motion that The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees Finance and Facilities Committee accept the agenda for the meeting of September 23, 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 September 23, 2021.
	VOTE:	7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
	YEAS:	Michael Fascitelli, Matthew Lenz, David J. Martirano, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Christine Heenan, Susan Petrovas, and Armand Sabitoni
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAINS:	0

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

### a. Minutes of June 24, 2021 [Enclosure 2a](#)

Vice Chair Ownjazayeri called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2021 meeting.

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 Minutes for the meeting of June 24, 2021.
	VOTE:	7 members voted the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
	YEAS:	Michael Fascitelli, Matthew Lenz, David J. Martirano, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Christine Heenan, Susan Petrovas, and Armand Sabitoni.
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAINS:	0

### 3. ACTION ITEMS

**a. Review of the University of Rhode Island Total Budget Request, Tuition and Fee Rates, and Tables of Organization for FY 2023, and the Total Budget Allocations for FY 2022, and recommendation to the Board of Trustees. (Enclosure 3.a.)**

Vice Chair Ownjazayeri introduced Vice President Abigail Rider who discussed the University's total budget request for FY 2023 along with other items. This presentation can be found [here](#). Dean Libutti, Associate Vice President for Enrollment & Student Success, gave the committee a brief overview of enrollment.

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 that the Board of Trustees approve the University of Rhode Island Total Budget Request, Tuition and Fee Rates, and Tables of Organization for FY 2023, and the Total Budget Allocations for FY 2022, as recommended and presented.

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

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

**b. Review of the demolition of the Fernwood Building and an East Farm shed and recommendation to the Board of Trustees. (Enclosure 3.b.)**

Vice Chair Ownjazayeri introduced Vice President Rider who discussed the demolition of the Fernwood Building. This presentation can be found [here](#). Ryan Carrillo, Director, Planning & Real Estate, assisted with questions and provided a google map view of the location of the Fernwood building.

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 that the Board of Trustees approve the demolition of the Fernwood Building and an East Farm shed, as recommended, and presented.

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

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

**c. Review of Signature Authority on behalf of the University of Rhode Island and the URI Board of Trustees effective August 1, 2021, and Ratification of All Actions Taken Consistent with such Authority, and recommendation to the Board of Trustees. (Enclosure 3.c.)**

Vice Chair Ownjazayeri introduced Vice President Abigail Rider who discussed the need to update signature authorities due to staff changes. Enclosure 3.c. can be found [here](#).

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 that the Board of Trustees approve the Signature Authority on behalf of the University of Rhode Island and the URI Board of Trustees effective August 1, 2021, and Ratification of All Actions Taken Consistent with such Authority, as recommended and presented.

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

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

**d. Review of Signature Authority on behalf of the University of Rhode Island and the URI Board of Trustees effective October 1, 2021, and recommendation to the Board of Trustees. (Enclosure 3.d.)**

Vice Chair Ownjazayeri introduced Vice President Abigail Rider who discussed signature authority changes due to Provost DeHayes' retirement. Enclosure 3.d can be found [here](#).

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 recommend that the Board of Trustees approve the Signature Authority on behalf of the University of Rhode Island and the URI Board of Trustees effective October 1, 2021, as recommended and presented.

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

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

#### 4. ADJOURN

Vice Chair Ownjazayeri thanked Committee members and called for a motion to adjourn the meeting of September 23, 2021.

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 September 23, 2021.
	VOTE:	7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.
	YEAS:	Michael Fascitelli, Matthew Lenz, David J. Martirano, Vahid Ownjazayeri, Christine Heenan, Susan Petrovas, and Armand Sabitoni
	NAYS:	0
	ABSTAINS:	0

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

#### UPCOMING MEETING

**The next meeting of The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees Finance and Facilities Committee is scheduled for November 4, 2021.**