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**The University of Rhode Island
Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday, September 23, 2022 · 9:00 a.m. EDT**

**The University of Rhode Island
The Hope Room, Robert J. Higgins Welcome Center
45 Upper College Road, Kingston, RI 02881**

This meeting will be held in person and will use videoconferencing.

To view the meeting remotely,
go to <https://web.uri.edu/trustees/meetings/>
and select the meeting to watch.

**Face coverings are now optional for all faculty, staff, students,
and visitors attending this on-campus meeting.**

AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the August 4, 2022 Meeting. [Enclosure 1.a.](#)

2. OPEN FORUM

Note: Public participants must submit an online public comment form requesting permission to speak no less than 2 hours in advance of the meeting. The online request form and instructions for submission can be found via this [link](#).

"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."

3. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

- a. Standing Committees

4. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

- a. Strategic Plan
- b. U.S. News and World Report's Best Colleges Rankings
- c. Bond Campaign
- d. Federal Opportunities
- e. The George and Anne Ryan Institute for Neuroscience: History, Progress, and Looking Forward Presentation [Enclosure 4.e.](#)
 - Dr. William Van Nostrand, interim co-executive director
 - Dr. John Robinson, interim co-executive director

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board may seek to 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;
 - Maritime Professional Association (MPA)
 - URI Physicians' Association (NEA/RI)
 - Graduate Associates United (GAU)
- b. Discussion regarding potential and anticipated litigation, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(2).
- c. Discussion regarding performance goals and President Parlange's annual review, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(1).
- d. Discussion regarding a matter related to the question of the investment of public funds, which includes any investment plan or matter related thereto, where the premature disclosure would adversely affect the public interest, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(7).

6. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Executive Committee Report

- (i) Update – September 19, 2022 Committee Meeting
 - (ii) ACTION ITEM: Ratification of the 2022-2025 collective bargaining agreement between the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees and the Maritime Professional Association, AFSCME, Council 94, Local 2877A.
 - (iii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of a 2.5% across-the-board salary increase for all non-union, non-classified employees effective July 1, 2022.
- b. Academic Affairs and Research Committee Report
- (i) Update – September 9, 2022 Committee Report
 - (ii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the awarding of degrees, certificates, diplomas, and honors to be conferred by the President to the candidates who will have completed their requirements at the conclusion of the Summer 2022 term and who are approved by the faculty of the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure 6.b.\(ii\)](#)
 - (iii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the granting of tenure, effective January 1, 2023, to faculty member Dr. Zhu (Drew) Zhang, who has met the requirements for tenure at the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure 6.b.\(iii\)](#)
 - (iv) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the following academic program changes:
 - Creation of the URI Online Master’s Degree in Data Science
 - Program Closure – Special Education Program
 - Organizational Change for Criminology and Criminal Justice from Program to Department[Enclosure 6.b.\(iv\)](#)
- c. Governance Committee Report
- (i) Update – September 14, 2022 Committee Report
- d. Joint Report of the Finance and Facilities and Institutional Risk and Compliance Committees
- (i) Update – September 16, 2022 Committee Meeting
 - (ii) DISCUSSION ITEM: Approvals Under the Delegation of Authority to the President Relating to Land and Property. [Enclosure 6.d.\(ii\)](#)
 - (iii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the University of Rhode Island Total Budget Request, Tuition and Fee Rates, and Tables of Organization for FY 2024, and the Total Budget Allocations for FY 2023. [Enclosure 6.d.\(iii\)](#)

- (iv) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the URI Board of Trustees Procurement Regulations. [Enclosure 6.d.\(iv\)](#)
 - (v) ACTION ITEM: Approval of a Board Resolution for the Issuance of a Rhode Island Health and Educational Building Corporation Bond to support the Utility Infrastructure Upgrade Phase 2 Project. [Enclosure 6.d.\(v\)](#)
 - (vi) ACTION ITEM: Approval of a Board Resolution for the Issuance of a Rhode Island Health and Educational Building Corporation Bond to support the Facilities Service Sector Upgrade Project. [Enclosure 6.d.\(vi\)](#)
 - (vii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of a Lease Agreement between the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees and the Independence Square Foundation for rental of space at 25 West Independence Way, Kingston, RI for URI's Department of Communicative Disorders. [Enclosure 6.d.\(vii\)](#)
 - (viii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of a Lease Agreement between the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees and the Independence Square Foundation for rental of space at 25 West Independence Way, Kingston, RI for URI's Physical Therapy program. [Enclosure 6.d.\(viii\)](#)
 - (ix) ACTION ITEM: Approval of an Update to the University of Rhode Island's Approved Signature Authority on Behalf of the University of Rhode Island and the URI Board of Trustees effective September 23, 2022. [Enclosure 6.d.\(ix\)](#)
- e. University Advancement and External Affairs Committee Report
- (i) Update – September 20, 2022 Committee Meeting

7. DISCUSSION ITEM

- a. Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) [Enclosure 7.a.](#)
- Thorr Bjorn, Director of Athletics

8. ADJOURN

The next URI Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2022.

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