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**The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Friday, April 22, 2022 • 9:00 a.m. EDT**

**The University of Rhode Island**  
**The Coastal Institute, Hazard Room**  
**Narragansett Bay Campus**  
**215 South Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI 02882**

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

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

**AGENDA**

**1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- a. Minutes of the January 21, 2022 Meeting. [Enclosure 2.a.](#)

**3. 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](#).

#### **4. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board may seek to enter into Executive Session for the following items:

- a. Discussion regarding litigation, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2):
  - (i) Sean Burt, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated v. Board of Trustees of the University of Rhode Island, and Does 1-10 inclusive, C.A. No. 20-465-JJM-LDA (U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island).
  - (ii) Logan Thomson, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated v. Board of Trustees of the University of Rhode Island, C.A. No. 20-295-JJM-LDA (U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island).
  - (iii) Louis Kwame Fosu v. The University of Rhode Island, University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees, David M. Dooley, President, The University of Rhode Island, Donald DeHayes, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Jeannette E. Riley, Dean, College of Arts & Sciences, C.A. No. 21-279-JJM-PAS (U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island).
- b. Discussion regarding collective bargaining pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2) with the following: Part-Time Faculty Union, AAUP, PSA, PTAA, Marine Professional Association, Physicians Association, Graduate Assistants Union.  
-Anne Marie Coleman, Assistant Vice President for Human Resources
- c. Discussion regarding the matter of security including, but not limited to, the deployment of security personnel or devices pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(3).  
- Karlis Kaugars, Chief Information Officer

#### **5. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Executive Committee Report
  - (i) Update – April 21, 2022 Committee Meeting
  - (ii) DISCUSSION ITEM: Draft URI Board of Trustees Policy on URI Presidential Performance Review
  - (iii) ACTION ITEM: Ratification of the collective bargaining agreement between the University of Rhode Island and the Part-Time Faculty Union.
  - (iv) ACTION ITEM: Approval and Ratification of the Retirement Plan Agreement with the Council on Postsecondary Education, the Joint Alternate Retirement Plan Committee Mission and Composition, and the appointment and indemnification

of Joint Alternate Retirement Plan Committee members, as recommended and presented in [Enclosure 5.a.\(iv\)](#)

b. Governance Committee Report

- (i) Update – April 21, 2022 Committee Report
- (ii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of Revisions to the Sexual Misconduct Policy  
[Enclosure 5.b.\(ii\)](#)
- (iii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of Revisions to the Policy on Board of Trustees Remote Meeting Participation  
[Enclosure 5.b.\(iii\)](#)

c. Finance and Facilities Committee Report

- (i) Update – April 21, 2022 Committee Meeting
- (ii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Renewal of the License Agreement between the URI Board of Trustees and the Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission.  
[Enclosure 5.c.\(ii\)](#)
- (iii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the demolition of the Quonset hut (76 Pier Road) and the Perkins building (80 Pier Road), Narragansett Bay Campus  
[Enclosure 5.c.\(iii\)-1](#) [Enclosure 5.c.\(iii\)-2](#)
- (iv) ACTION ITEM: Approval of an Update to the University of Rhode Island Approved Signature Authority effective February 21, 2022. [Enclosure 5.c.\(iv\)](#)
- (v) ACTION ITEM: Approval of an Update to the University of Rhode Island Approved Signature Authority effective March 21, 2022. [Enclosure 5.c.\(v\)](#)

d. Academic Affairs and Research Committee Report

- (i) Update – April 21, 2022 Committee Meeting
- (ii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the awarding of undergraduate and graduate degrees, diplomas, certificates, and honors to be conferred by the President to the candidates who will have completed their requirements at the conclusion of the Spring 2022 term and who have been approved by the faculty of the University of Rhode Island. [Enclosure 5.d.\(ii\)](#)
- (iii) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the creation of a new Bachelor of Science in Nutrition within the College of Health Services. [Enclosure 5.d.\(iii\)](#)

- (iv) ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Awarding of Posthumous Academic Degrees to the following students at Commencement 2022:

Ms. Leah Ribner-Martin, College of Environment and Life Sciences  
Ms. Kathryn Bergmann, College of Environment and Life Sciences  
Mr. Brian Banner, College of Business  
Mr. Maximus Julian, College of Business  
[Enclosure 5.d.\(iv\)](#)

- e. Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee Report
  - (i) Update – April 21, 2022 Committee Meeting
- f. Student Life and Athletics Committee Report
  - (i) Update – April 21, 2022 Committee Report
- g. University Advancement and External Affairs Committee Report
  - (i) Update – April 21, 2022 Committee Meeting

## 6. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM

- a. Resolution Delegating Authority Over User Agency Contracts to the Managerial Group at the University of Rhode Island: [Enclosure 6.a.](#)

## 7. DISCUSSION ITEM

The University of Rhode Island Land Acknowledgement Statement [Enclosure 7](#)

## 8. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

- a. Update on Board Engagement, Meeting Practices and Recent Activities

## 9. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

- a. Update on Strategic Planning Process
- b. Presidential Priorities

## 10. ADJOURN

**The next URI Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2022.**

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