



Enclosure 3b.  
December 2, 2015

## Minutes of the Council on Postsecondary Education Special Meeting

Friday, November 20, 2015, 8:00 a.m.  
Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner  
McKenna Conference Room  
560 Jefferson Blvd., Suite 100  
Warwick, RI 02886

The Council on Postsecondary Education met on Friday, November 20, 2015, at the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner in Warwick, RI. At 8:00 a.m. Chair William Foulkes welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. He then asked for the roll to be taken.

**Present:** Michael Bernstein, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Senator Thomas Izzo, Judith Ouellette, Kerry Rafanelli, John Rainone, John J. Smith Jr., and Dr. Jeffery Williams.

**Absent:**

### 1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Chair Foulkes entertained a motion to accept the agenda. On a motion duly made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Duffy, it was

**VOTED:**                   **THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education accepts the agenda for the meeting of November 20, 2015 as presented.

**VOTE:** 9 members voted in the affirmative and no members voted in the negative as follows:

**YEAS:** Michael Bernstein, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Senator Thomas Izzo, Judith Ouellette, Kerry Rafanelli, John J. Smith Jr., and Dr. Jeffery Williams.

**NAYS:** 0

## 2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:15 a.m. Chair William Foulkes entertained a motion to enter into executive session for:

Interviews of and discussion regarding the candidates (finalists) recommended by the CCRI Presidential Search Committee, pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(1).

Chair Foulkes noted that the candidates (finalists) have been notified of their right to have these discussions/interviews take place in open session, and that no objection has been received to proceeding in executive session.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Rafanelli and seconded by Mr. Smith, it was

**VOTED:**                   **THAT** The Council on Postsecondary Education convenes in executive session for interviews of and discussion regarding the candidates (finalists) recommended by the CCRI Presidential Search Committee, pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(1).

**VOTE:** 9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

**YEAS:** Michael Bernstein, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Senator Thomas Izzo, Judith Ouellette, Kerry Rafanelli, John J. Smith Jr., and Dr. Jeffery Williams.

**NAYS:** 0

All non-Council members in the audience were excused with the exception of:

- Dr. Purcell, Commissioner of Postsecondary Education;
- Lisa Shevlin, Executive Assistant.

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The Council reconvened in open session at 12:12 pm.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Duffy, it was:

**VOTED:**                    **THAT**    The Council on Postsecondary Education seals the minutes of the executive session held on September 16, 2015.

**VOTE:**    9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

**YEAS:**    Michael Bernstein, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Senator Thomas Izzo, Judith Ouellette, Kerry Rafanelli, John J. Smith Jr., and Dr. Jeffery Williams.

**NAYS:**    0

### **3.     UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- a)**    The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education is scheduled for Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the Community College of Rhode Island, 400 East Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island, in Room 4090

### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion duly made by Mr. Bernstein and seconded by Dr. Williams, it was:

**VOTED:**                    **THAT**    The Council on Postsecondary Education adjourns its meeting.

**VOTE:**    9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

**YEAS:**    Michael Bernstein, Barbara Cottam, Dennis Duffy, William Foulkes, Senator Thomas Izzo, Judith Ouellette, Kerry Rafanelli, and John J. Smith Jr.

**NAYS:**    0

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p. m.