



Council on Elementary and Secondary Education
Tuesday, July 30, 2024
5:30 p.m.
RIDE

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If individuals prefer to provide verbal comment instead of a written statement, please e-mail Christine.Kechejian@ride.ri.gov **by 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 29, 2024**, to sign-up to comment during the Open Forum. Please note that during the Open Forum, only those individuals who have signed-up in advance of the meeting will be allowed to comment. The Open Forum will be limited to no more than 20 minutes; individuals are asked to limit their remarks to two (2) minutes or less.

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1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. May 28, 2024

[Enclosure 2a](#)

3. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

- Attendance
- Summer Learning
- Meal Benefit Applications
- Secondary Regulations
- Job Fair
- Redesign

4. OPEN FORUM

5. BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTMENTS

- a. Discussion and approval of RI School for the Deaf Board of Trustees appointment. [Enclosure 5a](#)
- b. Discussion and approval of the W.M. Davies Career & Technical School Board of Trustees appointment. [Enclosure 5b](#)

6. REDESIGN UPDATE

- a. Discussion on updates from Providence Public Schools' redesign models [Enclosure 6a](#)

7. CONCEPTUAL CERTIFICATION CHANGES

- a. Discussion on Conceptual Certification Changes [Enclosure 7a](#)

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO R.I. GEN. LAWS §§ 42-46 and 42-46-5

- a. Discussion and approval of personnel contract pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46 5(a)(1)
Review and approval of the proposed contract for the Central Falls Superintendent
- b. Discussion of personnel evaluation pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(1)
Review of the proposed evaluation of RIDE's Commissioner
- c. Discussion and approval of matters relating to pending litigation pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2)

Discussion Items:

- (i) *K.L., through her parent L.L. and on behalf of a Class v. R.I. Board of Education, et al., C.A. No. 17-517 (1st Cir.) (October 29, 2018) (remedy phase of the remand from the First Circuit Court of Appeals, which held that LEAs in Rhode Island must provide a free, appropriate public education (a FAPE) to special education students until their 22nd birthday, thus in some cases adding a year to the amount of time these students remained eligible for the services mandated under the IDEA); and*
- (ii) *Providence Teachers' Union on behalf of Fifty Providence Teachers v. RIDE's Commissioner and PPSD's Superintendent, RIDE No. 24-042A (June 5, 2024 Notice of Appeal filed with the Commissioner on behalf of fifty (50) PPSD teachers whose contracts had not been renewed and challenging the Commissioners*

authority to vacate the vote of the Providence School Board on May 22, 2024, declining to approve the recommendations of the PPSD Superintendent not to renew the contracts).

Action Item:

- (i) *Providence Teachers' Union on behalf of Fifty Providence Teachers v. RIDE's Commissioner and PPSD's Superintendent*, RIDE No. 24-042A (approval of the procedure reflected in the parties' Consent Order enabling a direct appeal to Superior Court of the Commissioner's decision with respect to the challenge to her authority to vacate the vote of the Providence School Board on May 22, 2024).

9. ADJOURNMENT