



Council on Elementary and Secondary Education
Tuesday, August 26, 2025
5:30 p.m.
RIDE - Room 501

Members of the Public may also join via Zoom Webinar

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Providing public comment: The Council strongly encourages individuals interested in providing public comment to e-mail written comments to Christine.Kechejian@ride.ri.gov . These written statements will be shared with the Council in advance of the meeting. **Any written comments submitted after 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting, will be shared with Council members after the meeting.**

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, August 25, 2025**, 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.

In the event of technical difficulties during the meeting, please email Elizabeth.Cruz@ride.ri.gov

A recording of the meeting will be posted on the Board of Education's Webpage after the meeting.

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. July 29, 2025

[Enclosure 2a](#)

3. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

- Back to School
- RIDE and Bradley Mental Health Partnership
- AI Guidance
- School Construction Update

4. OPEN FORUM

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. School Redesign Updates
 - i. RIDE Updates on School Redesign [Enclosure 5ai](#)
 - ii. Chariho Alternative Learning Academy [Enclosure 5aii](#)

6. ACTION ITEMS

- a. School Redesign Plan [Enclosure 6a](#)
 - Chariho Alternative Learning Academy
- b. Regulations Governing Charter Schools for Public Comment [Enclosure 6b](#)

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2):

- a. Discussion and possible action with respect to potential litigation arising from Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (“EEOC”) Charge No. 523-2023-01383 filed by Mr. Ameer Benno with the area office of the EEOC; and
- b. Discussion and possible action with respect to potential litigation arising from the July 2, 2025 notice from the U.S. Department of Justice (the “DOJ”) regarding an authorized suit against the Department of Education (“RIDE”) and the Providence Public School Department (“PPSD”) pursuant to Section 707 of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, based upon the DOJ’s conclusion that RIDE and PPSD have administered a student loan repayment program in violation of Title VII.
- c. Discussion and possible action with respect to pending litigation in *State of California et al. v. Linda McMahon et al.*, United States District Court for the District of R.I., Case No. 1:25-cv-00329.
- d. Discussion and possible action with respect to pending litigation in *State of New York et al. v. U.S. Department of Justice et al.*, United States District Court for the District of R.I., Case No. 1:25-cv-00345.

8. ADJOURNMENT