



Council on Elementary and Secondary Education
Monday, January 5, 2026
5:30 p.m.
RIDE - Room 501

Members of the Public may also join via Zoom Webinar

Webinar ID:

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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 Sunday, January 4, 2026**, 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 Krystofer.Redden@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. November 18, 2025

[Enclosure 2a](#)

3. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

- Federal Update
- McKinney-Vento Grants
- STEAM Award Recipients
- Green Ribbon Awards
- Virtual Learning Plan Update

4. OPEN FORUM

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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| a. Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant Overview | Enclosure 5a |
| b. Charter School: Renewals | Enclosure 5b |
| c. Charter School: New Seats & Expansions | Enclosure 5c |
| d. Necessity of School Construction | Enclosure 5d |
| e. Facility Opportunity Initiative | Enclosure 5e |

6. ACTION ITEMS

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| a. Charter School Renewal Approval | |
| · Beacon Charter High School | Enclosure 6a1 |
| · Charette Charter School | Enclosure 6a2 |
| · Highlander Charter School | Enclosure 6a3 |
| · Nuestro Mundo Charter School | Enclosure 6a4 |
| · Paul Cuffee Charter School | Enclosure 6a5 |
| · PVD Prep | Enclosure 6a6 |
| · Trinity Academy for the Performing Arts | Enclosure 6a7 |
| · Village Green Virtual Charter School | Enclosure 6a8 |
| b. Charter School New Seats and Expansions Approval | |
| · De La Comunidad Bilingual | Enclosure 6b1 |
| · New England Technical Academy | Enclosure 6b2 |
| · The Greene School | Enclosure 6b3 |
| c. Necessity of School Construction Approval | |
| · East Providence | Enclosure 6c1 |
| · Lincoln | Enclosure 6c2 |
| · North Kingstown | Enclosure 6c3 |
| · Providence | Enclosure 6c4 |

- RISE Prep [Enclosure 6c5](#)
- Smithfield [Enclosure 6c6](#)
- West Warwick [Enclosure 6c7](#)

d. Facility Opportunity Initiative Approval [Enclosure 6d](#)

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Discussion and possible action with respect to pending litigation in *Angélica Infante-Green, in her Capacity as Chief Executive Officer, and on behalf of, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education v. RIDE Professional Employees' Union, Local 2012, AFT*, R.I. Superior Court Case No. PM-2025-02739, which concerns an appeal from an arbitration decision.

8. ADJOURNMENT