



Council on Elementary and Secondary Education
Tuesday, February 24, 2026
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, February 23, 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. January 5, 2026

[Enclosure 2a](#)

3. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

- Lynch Arena Tragedy
- Commissioner's Counselors Program
- Counselor of the Year
- XQ High School Report
- Virtual Learning Plans Update

4. OPEN FORUM

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS & ACTION ITEMS

a. Board Appointments:

- i. Metropolitan Regional Career & Technical Center [Enclosure 5ai](#)
- ii. Rhode Island School for the Deaf [Enclosure 5aii](#)

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Certification Pathways for RI Educators: CTE [Enclosure 6a](#)
- b. Regulations Governing Charter Schools [Enclosure 6b](#)
- c. Update on Charter Renewal Conditions [Enclosure 6c](#)
- d. Update on Right to Read & High-Quality Curriculum Materials [Enclosure 6d](#)

7. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Certification Pathways for RI Educators: CTE [Enclosure 7a](#)
- b. Regulations Governing Charter Schools [Enclosure 7b](#)

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(1), review and approval of the proposed contract for the Central Falls Superintendent.
- b. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2), discussion and possible action with respect to pending litigation in:
 - i. *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;
 - ii. *K.L., through her parent L.L., on behalf of a class of those similarly situated v. Rhode Island Council on Elementary and Secondary Education, et al.*, C.A. No. 1:14-cv-00077 (D.R.I.), which concerns a proposed settlement of a class action decision in the plaintiff's favor holding that qualified students under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act were legally entitled to receive benefits until they turn twenty-two (22) years of age;

- iii. *Int'l Brotherhood of Elec. Workers, Local 2323 v. Rhode Island Department of Education et al.*, C.A. No. 1:25-cv-00617 (D.R.I.), which is a request for a declaratory judgment concerning: (a) whether an independent public charter school is a “private employer,” the employees of which have the right to strike under the National Labor Relations Act; and (b) whether the employees of such a school have been deprived of their right to a “prevailing wage” under R.I. Gen. Laws § 16-77.3-2(a); and

- iv. *City of Pawtucket and City of Cranston v. Council on Elementary and Secondary Education, et al.*, C.A. No. PC-2026-00649 (Prov. Cty. Superior Court), which is a request for a declaratory judgment holding that De La Comunidad Charter School is a “network” charter school that required “local written support” prior to the issuance of its charter.

9. ADJOURNMENT