Rhode Island Board of Education
Wednesday, August 26, 2026
5:30 p.m.
Community College of Rhode Island
400 East Avenue, Warwick
Room 4090

Members of the Public may also join via Zoom Webinar

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Providing public comment: The Board 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 Board in advance of the meeting. **Any written comments submitted after 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting, will be shared with Board 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 Tuesday, August 25, 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 three (3) minutes or less.

In the event of technical difficulties during the meeting, please email Maureen.Dizon@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. Minutes of December 9, 2025, meeting — Enclosure 2a

3. REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS

   a. Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education

      · Back-to-School Update
      · Rhode Island Rankings
      · Attendance Improvement
      · Federal Grant Awards
      · AP Expansion — Enclosure
      · PPSD: From Hope to Results — Enclosure
      · School Construction Update — Enclosure

   b. Commissioner of Postsecondary Education

      · Federal and National Updates
      · Leadership
      · Academic Affairs and Student Success
      · Workforce and Education Centers
      · RILDS
      · State and Local News
      · Workforce Pell Announcements
      · Student Information System
      · IHEs Updates (CCRI & RIC)
      · Active Shooter Training/Tabletop Exercises
      · Campus Security

4. OPEN FORUM

5. DIVERSITY MOMENT

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

   Session Pertaining to the following three (3) litigation matters pursuant to R.I.G.L §42-46-5(a)(2):

   a. *USA v. State of R.I., the R.I. Dep't of Education and the Providence School District,* C.A. No. 1:25-cv-466 (D.R.I. 2025)

   b. *De La Comunidad v. Daniel J. McKee, et al*., C.A. No. 1:26-cv-00503 (D.R.I. 2026)

   c. *USA. v. State of R.I., et al* C.A. No. 1:26-cv-00419 (D.R.I. 2026)

7. ADJOURNMENT