



RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

A special meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education was held on Monday, July 23, 2012, at the Community College of Rhode Island, Warwick, Rhode Island. Chair Lorne Adrain declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Present: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Jane Sherman, Michael Tikoian, John Walsh, and Joseph White

Absent: Amy Beretta, George Caruolo, and Thomas Rockett

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

On a motion duly made by Joseph White and seconded by Antonio Barajas it was

VOTED:

THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education accept the agenda for the meeting of July 23, 2012.

Vote: 10 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Jane Sherman, Thomas Rockett, John Walsh, and Joseph White

NAYS: 0

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Adrain indicated that he would entertain a motion to enter into executive session to discuss an update on collective bargaining pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2) – all 14 bargaining units, and collective bargaining pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2) – Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Graduate Assistants United.

On a motion duly made by Joan Abrams and seconded by Joseph White it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education convene in executive session pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2) for the reasons set forth above.

Vote: 10 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Jane Sherman, Thomas Rockett, John Walsh, and Joseph White

NAYS: 0

The Board immediately convened in Executive Session at 5:42 p.m.

All non-Board members in the audience were excused with the exception of Ray M. Di Pasquale, Commissioner and President of the Community College of Rhode Island; University of Rhode Island President David M. Dooley; Rhode Island College President Nancy Carriuolo; Ronald Cavallaro, General Counsel for the Board; Anne Marie Coleman, Director of Labor Relations; Michael Trainor, Special Assistant to the Commissioner, Susan LaPanne, Association Commissioner for Finance and Management; and Deborah Grossman-Garber, Associate Commissioner for Academic Planning & Policy.

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:50 p.m.

On a motion duly made by Joseph White and seconded by William Maaia it was

VOTED:

THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education seal the minutes of the executive session held this evening.

Vote: 10 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Jane Sherman, Michael Tikoian, John Walsh, and Joseph White

NAYS: 0

On a motion duly made by Jane Sherman and John Walsh it was

VOTED:

THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Graduate Assistants United (GAU) as discussed in executive session.

Vote: 10 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Jane Sherman, Michael Tikoian, John Walsh, and Joseph White

NAYS: 0

3. NEXT MEETING

Monday, August 20, 2012, 5:30 p.m. at the University of Rhode Island's
W. Alton Jones Campus
West Greenwich

4. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion duly made by Antonio Barajas and seconded by the entire Board it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education adjourn.

Vote: 10 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members
voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Tessa Constant,
William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Jane Sherman, Michael
Tikoian, John Walsh, and Joseph White

NAYS: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Sherman, Secretary