

## MINUTES OF MEETING

### Managing Your Investment in Higher Education

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The 318<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority was held on Friday, September 26, 2014 in Rotunda Room, RI Convention Center, 1 Sabin Street, Providence RI

#### Members in attendance:

Mr. Robert J. Delaney  
Ms. Christine Barnes Jenkins  
Mr. Chris Feisthamel, Designee of the General Treasurer  
Mr. Daniel Egan

#### Others in attendance:

Approximately 40 professionals from the State's Higher Education Population as well as additional RISLA Staff attended the Managing Your Investment in Higher Education

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mr. Delaney.

Many topics were discussed as detailed in the Agenda below.

**9:00 am Dr. Sandy Baum**, Senior Fellow, The Urban Institute & Research Professor of Education Policy, George Washington University Co-author of *Trends in Student Aid*, *Trends in College Pricing* and *Education Pays: The Benefits of Higher Education for Individuals and Society*

**9:30 am U.S. Senator Jack Reed** Federal Update on Higher Education Issues and Initiatives

#### **10:00 am Panel Discussion #1 – The Full Picture of College Debt**

Moderator: Christine Barnes Jenkins, Vice Chairman, RI Student Loan Authority Board of Directors  
Panelists: Ms. Lynn Robinson, Vice President of Student Academic & Financial Services, Johnson & Wales University; Dean Libutti, Vice Provost for Enrollment Management, University of RI; Dr. Debra Chromy, President, Education Finance Council

#### **10:45 am Panel Discussion #2 – The Return on Investment in Higher Education**

Moderator: Mr. Dan Egan, RI Student Loan Authority Board of Directors  
Panelists: Dr. Donald Farish, President, Roger Williams University; Sandy Baum, Senior Fellow, The Urban Institute & Research Professor of Education Policy, George Washington University; Sen. Daniel DaPonte

#### **11:30 am Panel Discussion #3 – RI Solutions to College Affordability**

Moderator: Mr. Robert Delaney, Chairman, RI Student Loan Authority Board of Directors  
Panelists: Stacy Crooks, Director, College Planning Center of RI;  
Chris Feisthamel, Chief Operating Officer for the General Treasurer;  
Charles Kelley, Executive Director, RI Student Loan Authority

#### **1:00 pm Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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Mr. Robert Theroux  
Secretary