

MINUTES OF MEETING

Managing Your Investment in Higher Education

The 318th 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 Da Ponte

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.

Mr. Robert Theroux

Secretary