



Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Remote Meeting

via

Zoom Webinar

5:30 p.m.

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If an individual prefers to provide verbal comment instead of a written statement, please e-mail Angela.Teixeira@ride.ri.gov **by 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11, 2021** 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 angela.teixeira@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** [Enclosure 2a](#)
 - a. April 6, 2021 Meeting
- 3. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**
- 4. OPEN FORUM**
- 5. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - a. The Learning, Equity & Accelerated Pathways (LEAP) Task Force -Update
 - b. Necessity of School Construction Projects [Enclosure 5b](#)
 - 1. Coventry School Department [Enclosure 5b1](#)
 - 2. Paul Cuffee Charter School [Enclosure 5b2](#)
 - 3. South Kingstown School Department [Enclosure 5b3](#)
 - c. Public Charter Schools – Authorization to Operate – Final Approval
 - 1. Excel Academy Rhode Island [Enclosure 5c1](#)
 - 2. Nuestro Mundo Public Charter School [Enclosure 5c2](#)
 - 3. Providence Preparatory Charter School [Enclosure 5c3](#)
 - d. Recommendation of Nominees to the Metropolitan Regional Career and Technical Center (MET) Board of Trustees [Enclosure 5d](#)
- 6. ACTION ITEMS**
 - a. Approval of Necessity of School Construction Projects
 - 1. Coventry School Department [Enclosure 6a1](#)
 - 2. Paul Cuffee Charter School [Enclosure 6a2](#)
 - 3. South Kingstown School Department [Enclosure 6a3](#)
 - b. Final Approval of Authorization to Operate Charter Schools
 - 1. Excel Academy Rhode Island [Enclosure 6b1](#)
 - 2. Nuestro Mundo Public Charter School [Enclosure 6b2](#)
 - 3. Providence Preparatory Charter School [Enclosure 6b3](#)

c. Approval of Nominees to the Metropolitan Regional Career and Technical Center (MET) Board of Trustees

[Enclosure 6c](#)

d. Approval of the Appeals Committee Recommendation on the matter of DCYF v. South Kingstown

[Enclosure 6d](#)

7. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the RI Board of Education is on **Tuesday**, May 25, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

The next meeting Council on Elementary and Secondary Education is on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT