

EDUCATION COMMITTEE DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Friday, November 21, 2025 | 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Conf Rm 2B, Providence, RI 02906

With remote participation available via Zoom.



Members in Attendance: Peter Gill Case, Kurt Teichert, Sue AnderBois

Others in Attendance: Georgia Cheney, Steven Chybowski, Katie Critelli, Rachel Sholly, Toby Ast, Emily Koo, Kevin O'Neill (virtual), Brett Feldman (virtual), Jeanne Cherry (virtual), Craig Johnson (virtual)

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Gill Case called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

2. Vote on Meeting Minutes

Council Member Teichert motioned to approve the October 3, 2025 Education Committee Meeting Minutes. Council Member AnderBois seconded. All in favor, none opposed, and the meeting minutes were approved.

3. 2026 Public Education Budget and Activity Planning Discussion

Ms. Sholly reminded the Committee that the Council had approved \$100k for education from the budget, pending PUC approval of the Plan, and invited comments from the Council Members about the URI proposal. Vice Chair Gill Case spoke about the overhead fee that URI charges. Council Member Teichert pointed out that there aren't competing vendors and a private vendor would imbed overhead fees and not itemize it as URI did. Council Member AnderBois felt that URI's series is complimentary to RIE's marketing whereas the previous public awareness campaign was at times duplicative. In response to a suggestion of using the CAPs as a resource, Mr. Ast talked about the CAPs being constrained already and the need to be conscious of that Ms. Sholly spoke about a grant opportunity with ACEEE as a possible additional resource to this series and Mr. Ast suggested GHHI as a resource or partner for that effort. Vice Chair Gill Case spoke about the Education Committee having talking points about weatherization and expanding partnerships. The Committee reviewed URI's proposal, highlighting the changes from this year to next. Ms. Sholly spoke about energy navigators and the Committee discussed other possible entities to assist in that work. Mr. Ast referred to the uncertainty around federal funding and suggested URI look at other funding sources as well. Vice Chair Gill Case suggested allocating some funds on the URI proposal to show clear metrics on the series and would like a better feedback loop. Vice Chair Gill Case asked if RIE/GHHI was planning to film/document the whole house renovation program.

4. Energy Efficiency Education Opportunities Discussion

Ms. Koo, of Acadia Center, spoke about potential opportunities for the EEC to share messaging and highlighting that energy efficiency is tied to energy affordability. She felt that the EEC should identify potential audiences such as residents, decision

makers, stakeholders, and partners, and brainstorm specific messages to support energy efficiency and share specific next steps. Ms. Sholly spoke about the legislative briefings that were done earlier in the year and about building the EEC's reputation as a source for this information for stakeholders. Council Member Teichert suggested utilizing the annual report as effectively as possible in these efforts. Ms. Koo proposed promoting RIE's case studies of companies saving money by using these programs. Ms. Koo recommended tasking each council member with targeting their audience based on their seat.

5. Upcoming Education Committee Meetings

- Friday, December 5, 2025 @ Department of Administration - CANCELLED
- Friday, January 9, 2026 @ Department of Administration
- Friday, February 6, 2026 @ Department of Administration

6. Public Comment

None.

7. Adjournment

Vice Chair Gill Case adjourned the meeting at 10:04 A.M.