EDUCATION COMMITTEE DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 19, 2026 | 3:00 – 4:00 PM

Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Conf Rm 2B, Providence, RI 02908
With remote participation available via Zoom.

Members in Attendance: Kurt Teichert, Chris Kearns, Peter Gill Case
Others in Attendance: David Augustyn, Katie Critelli, Rachel Sholly, Timothy Letts, Kate Hardesty (virtual), Toby Ast (virtual), Steven Chybowski (virtual), Kevin Drumm (virtual), Brett Feldman (virtual), Emily Koo (virtual), Theo Smith (virtual)

1. Call to Order
   Vice Chair Gill Case called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM.

2. **Vote on Meeting Minutes**
   Council Member Teichert motioned to approve the September 14, 2026 Education Committee Meeting Minutes. Vice Chair Gill Case seconded. All in favor, none opposed, and the meeting minutes were approved.

3. **LEAD Session Debrief**
   Ms. Sholly invited feedback on the LEAD session. The Committee discussed the number of agenda topics that works best for a LEAD session. Vice Chair Gill Case suggested having the Committee infuse EEC meetings with special presentations including the CCRI heat pump training program. The Council further discussed the creation and structure of agendas, specifically keeping agenda items to their allotted time and analyzing robust topics of interest.

4. **Community-Based Energy Navigator**
   Mr. Drumm on behalf of the University of Rhode Island (URI) presented the outputs and short-term goals of the Community-Based Energy Navigator (C-BEN) program. Mr. Drumm shared a draft of the roadmap to weatherization. The three pathways were dweller, landlord, and renter. The roadmap is being created for navigators to help residents. Mr. Lett asked about Clear Results being the contact, and suggested the CAP agency is the correct contact for home energy audits. Mr. Drumm will send the draft to Mr. Lett for review and comment. Ms. Hardesty expressed interest in connecting with OER and others to ensure the appropriate contacts are on the road map. Mr. Drumm updated the status of program development and next steps. URI explained the need to find additional funding opportunities to bridge the gap.

5. **Energy Policy & Education**
   Ms. Sholly asked for suggestions on how the Council may want to interact with legislation/government in upcoming legislative session. Vice Chair Gill Case recommended doing educational sessions similar to past years. He asked Ms. Sholly to include the educational slides from last year to discuss at the next Education Committee meeting.

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6. **Energy Expo and the RIBA Home Show**
   Ms. Sholly spoke about the logistics of planning for the 2027 RIBA Home Show and invited commentary. Council Member Teichert suggested testing URI's road map at a kiosk where valuable feedback could be gained.

   Acting Commissioner Kearns suggested having the Weatherization Assistance team present to EEC.

7. **Meeting Schedule**
   - Friday, November 13th @ 11 AM

8. **Public Comment**
   None.

9. **Adjournment**
   Vice Chair Gill Case adjourned the meeting at 3:57 PM.