



## Economic Development Commission - Richmond, Rhode Island

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### Meeting

Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 9:15am

Richmond Town Hall, Second Floor Conference Room, 5 Richmond Townhouse Road, Wyoming, RI 02898  
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### AGENDA

#### CALL TO ORDER

#### MINUTES

1. Approve minutes from December 16, 2025

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. EDC outreach
  - a. Feedback from existing businesses
2. Review and approve the amended 2026 meeting schedule for the EDC

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and consideration of a formal "Entrepreneur Training Program" (ETP). The purpose of the program would be to find residents who are interested in becoming business owners and help them start their business. The following elements of the program would be:
  - a. Advertisement of the ETP via multiple channels and methods at our disposal
  - b. Identification of people who might want to start a business
  - c. Coordination with the Small Business Development Center at URI, with who we already have contact, to get the resident-entrepreneur the guidance they need to form a business plan
  - d. Walk the resident-entrepreneur through the municipal processes
  - e. Introduce the resident-entrepreneur to the local business community (with who we already have contact and relationships) who can serve as mentors for the resident-entrepreneur.
2. Discuss and consider the EDC's "Social Media" and "Media" strategy and operational plan, so that the EDC can:
  - a. Maximize its visibility to the community
  - b. Increase awareness of the benefits and services the EDC can offer to the residents and businesses within the town.
3. Discuss the concept of a "Business Owners Group", coordinated and led by a member of the EDC, for the purposes of obtaining real-world feedback and guidance from the people who are in business, in Richmond, right now.
4. Discussion of the nationwide high-school program called "Junior Achievement", and whether the EDC can help the Chariho High School start a program such as this.
5. Discussion regarding and selection of vice chairperson for the EDC.

#### PUBLIC FORUM

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN

*Pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-6(c) Notice of this meeting was posted on the Secretary of State's website, Richmond Town Hall, Richmond Police Station, and Clerk Base on January 8, 2026.*

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