

RHODE ISLAND

Rhode Islanders will head to the polls to select their choice for governor, attorney general, and treasurer. Additionally, all 38 senate seats and all 75 house seats are up for election. Democrats are expected to maintain control of the executive office and legislative chambers. Former CVS executive Helena Foulkes defeated incumbent Governor Daniel McKee in the Democratic primary, effectively guaranteeing her position as the new governor.

Governor

Republican Nominee

Aaron Guckian

Aaron Guckian narrowly secured the Republican nomination for governor by a little over one point. He previously worked as a vice president at Bank Newport, an officer with The Washington Trust Company, and a special assistant to former Governor Donald Carcieri (R). Most recently, he served as the executive director of the Rhode Island Dental Association. In 2022, Guckian was the Republican nominee for Lieutenant Governor.

Guckian's top priority is affordable housing. He would work to reduce construction barriers and lower utility expenses. Guckian also highlights plans to address the healthcare workforce shortage, calling to expand training pipelines and offer incentives to attract and retain providers.

Guckian's campaign released a Rhode Island Works Smarter plan which seeks to modernize government through a "reset" of Rhode Island. He calls to **streamline permitting, improve service delivery, and eliminate wasteful government spending**. He also criticizes the current pace of Rhode Island's budget growth, highlighting the reliance on temporary federal money rather than sustainable budget practices.

Guckian highlights plans to increase vocational training, technical programs, and partnerships with local employers to better prepare students for the **workforce**.

The Cook Political Report and Sabato's Crystal Ball both label this race as **Safe Democratic**.

Trivia: Aaron Guckian began his career as a public school music teacher in North Kingstown.