

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.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee

Kim Ahern

Kim Ahern is a seasoned prosecutor who served as Special Assistant Attorney General under three different attorneys general. She went on to serve as a senior counselor under former Governor Gina Raimondo (D) and Governor Daniel McKee (D). Most recently, Ahern was appointed as the first-ever Chair of the Rhode Island Cannabis Control Commission, overseeing the regulation, licensing, and enforcement of adult-use and medical cannabis.

Ahern's **public safety** platform aims to crack down on violent offenders while expanding diversion opportunities for those struggling with mental illness and addiction. She pledges to strengthen partnerships with courts, law enforcement, treatment providers, and community organizations to streamline access to mental health services, substance use treatment, and recovery support.

Ahern vows to increase prosecution of **hate crimes** and **civil rights violations** and will ensure that **police departments** across the state are equipped with the proper training needed to respond effectively to these types of crimes.

To increase **consumer protections**, Ahern aims to investigate and prosecute businesses and corporations that she deems engage in deceptive, unfair, or abusive practices. She plans to expand public outreach and establish new education programs to assist Rhode Islanders in recognizing and avoiding scams.

She wants to **expand AI and social media safeguards** by increasing accountability for platforms that violate data privacy laws, promote harmful algorithmic content, or fail to protect minors.

Trivia: Kim Ahern is an avid runner and triathlete.