Maine Academy of Natural Sciences

MeANS' Board Meeting

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Date and Time

Thursday October 8, 2026 at 4:30 PM EDT

MeANS Mission

The Maine Academy of Natural Sciences (MeANS) is a public charter high school that inspires and engages students through project-based, student-centered instruction immersed in the natural sciences of Maine with a focus on agriculture, forestry, and the environment. MeANS challenges all students to connect with their education in order to grow as individuals, interact with their communities, and lead fulfilling lives.

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Agenda

		Purpose	Presenter	Time
I.	**Opening Items**			**4:30 PM**

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A.	Call the Meeting to Order		Mary Callan	2 m
B.	Record Attendance		Alyssa Boudreau	1 m
C.	Additions/Adjustments to the Agenda		Mary Callan	2 m
D.	Public Comment	Discuss	Mary Callan	5 m
E.	Staff/Student Presentation - Overnight Trips Staff and students to present.	Discuss	Evan Coleman	20 m
II.	**Consent Agenda (Action requested by approval of Consent Agenda)**			**5:00 PM**
A.	Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 10th, 2026 Board Meeting	Approve Minutes	Mary Callan	2 m
B.	Approval of Committee Reports	Vote	Mary Callan	5 m
III.	**Action Items**			**5:07 PM**
A.	Second Reading/Vote of Special Ed. Policy -IHBAA -IHBAC -JKAA-2026 -JKAA-R 2026	Vote	Ryan Anthony	5 m
B.	Second Reading/Vote of HR Policies 300.01-300-13	Vote	Martha Harris	5 m
C.	First Reading of HR Policies 400.01-400.06	Vote	Martha Harris	5 m
D.	HR Policy re: Earned Paid Leave	Vote	Ashley Hyde	5 m
E.	Board Member Nomination A vote to approve new board member- Rebecca Grant.	Vote	MCallan	5 m
IV.	**Information Sharing**			**5:32 PM**
A.	Charter Renewal Update	FYI	Ryan Anthony	5 m
B.	Head of School Report	Discuss	Ryan Anthony	15 m

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C.	Upcoming Board PD	FYI	Mary Callan	5 m

*You are required to participate in at least 1 PD event this year.

On the MeANS Campus; (We will strive to have a virtual option!)
-11/12
3:15PM-4:00PM
Threshold Program (Ana Rothschild)

Other PD Opportunities:

- MAPCS: October 23 12-4 PM- Maine Charter School Conference: Maine Art Academy, Augusta-Maine
- MCSC:Mid-March 11, 2027-10:00-11:30 Year Reflection and School Outcomes: https://zoom.us/j/99285995423?jst=2
- MCSC: May 13 10:00-11:30:Year-End Board Assessment and Planning https://zoom.us/j/93090412336?jst=2

Other useful PD links include

- How to navigate Board on Track: https://share.vidyard.com/watch/2D144f2mtWAxfVqgPeJDXo?

(feel free to contact brianna@boardontrack.com for individual support for using Board on Track)
Charter School Governance 101:
https://share.vidyard.com/watch/aPWU8KJV3SxzdQcxMxHwkz?
(feel free to contact brianna@boardontrack.com for individual support for this topic)

- Board Meeting Basics: https://share.vidyard.com/watch/ZhLdY4XjrmpuRBLTwayTqp? (feel free to contact brianna@boardontrack.com for individual support for this topic)
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- Maine Charter Board Fundamentals Slides from MCSC Training Sept. 2025:
- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1E9UfRrbWAivFx4UjQXFZC4x3mrt9kq_1/view?usp=drive_link

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- Maine's Freedom of Access Act Training Links
- NEW: Maine Charter School Commission FOAA Info Link

Maine School Management Slide Deck with links (Recommended)
Maine School Management FOAA Video
Maine FOAA FAQ Link

*** Please let Mary Callan know if you participate in any PD options as she reports this info to the MCSC each quarter. Our goal is for 100% participation this year*

V. Executive Session Pursuant to PL 1987, c. 477

VI. Closing Items **5:57 PM**

A.	Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Mary Callan	1 m