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# Maine Academy of Natural Sciences

## Minutes

### MeANS' Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Thursday November 13, 2025 at 4:30 PM

#### Location

Maine Academy of Natural Sciences  
13 Easler Road  
Hinckley, ME 04944

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#### Meeting ID

[meet.google.com/ypk-ksmr-icz](https://meet.google.com/ypk-ksmr-icz)

#### Phone Numbers

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#### Directors Present

A. Perkins, D. Gram, E. Pariser, G. Bazakas, G. Lichtenfeld, L. Karter (remote), M. Callan, M. Harris, M. Oben, N. Findlan, W. King

#### Directors Absent

K. Case

#### Guests Present

A. Boudreau, A. Hyde, E. Coleman, Grace Hilmer, P. Henyan, R. Anthony

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Call the Meeting to Order**

M. Callan called a meeting of the board of directors of Maine Academy of Natural Sciences to order on Thursday Nov 13, 2025 at 4:30 PM.

### **B. Record Attendance**

### **C. Additions/Adjustments to the Agenda**

Info. Sharing - H - Development Committee's By All MeANS Letters and Tri-fold.

### **D. Public Comment**

None.

### **E. Staff/Student Presentation: ?**

Preparing for Life After MeANS - Senior Student Bella P. presenting.

-Gear UP Maine Rise assisting our students with career-focused trips.

-Had our MeANS Senior Launch Night.

-College Road Trip - our sophomores just got back last week from seeing several colleges over a three-day period.

-Bella P. went to UMA for a tour - Med. Tech. program.

-Job shadows, resources, scholarships to look at - She did a Job Shadow at Maine General afterwards.

-Israel C. (also a Senior) toured UMA's Aviation program.

-Talked about the financial aid resources, etc.

-Agriculture Team - Selling homemade items made by students and our Swag Sale.

## **II. Consent Agenda (Action requested by approval of Consent Agenda)**

### **A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 9th, 2025 Board Meeting**

M. Harris made a motion to Accept.

M. Oben seconded the motion.

None.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### **B. Approval of Committee Reports**

M. Harris made a motion to Accept.

M. Oben seconded the motion.

Mackenzie - Enjoyed the campus visit checking out our building and outdoor spaces.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### **III. Information Sharing**

#### **A. Year 3 of Strategic Goals**

-We have updated our goals, and will be forming a sub-committee in January to establish our next 3 years of goals.

#### **B. Update Shared Drive**

-The Board Google Shared Drive exists and is owned by MeANS - Mary has been updating it with documents.

-Virtual Training for an Orientation for the Drive TBD.

#### **C. Reminder of 2025-26 Calendar of Board Trainings**

-Making sure this calendar is in Board OnTrack.

-They all begin at 3:30PM.

-Let Mary know if you do any online trainings so she can keep track of those.

#### **D. Financial Update/Discussion: Revised 3 Year Budget**

Whitney King

-Short \$150,000 for next year since enrollment was down.

-Need to decide on where to cut spending - next Board Meeting to present.

#### **E. IT Staffing**

Ryan

-Close to hiring an IT Director - We have a couple of quotes out there right now.

#### **F. HOS Report**

Ryan

-Quarter 1 is in the books - fast, fun, busy.

-Hosted an Outdoor Learning Day, Fall Assessments and Harvest Week/Fest during the same week, etc.

-Practicing Fire Drills, Lockdown Drills - Good feedback.

-Different projects - Food Drive going well, celebrating a new Stinger Award; (1 student per grade) each month.

-Professional learning opportunities, classroom observations.

-Threshold team doing good.

-Looking to hire a Transportation Director.

-MFA - 1st meeting last night - More partnering with families.

-Prepping for Winter Intensives.

#### **G. Board Recruitment**

Board Recruitment Professional Development Meeting

- Needing to look at filling the positions for next year - being intentional with filling the skillsets we are losing.
- Who is the Board Recruitment team? (Forming a Sub-Committee.)
- If you are interested in joining please reach out to Mary.

#### **H. By All MeANS Letter/Tri-Fold Brochure**

Materials created by the Development Committee for our By All MeANS Campaign

- If you see any mistakes let us know and we can edit before finalizing.
- Our By All MeANS mailing list - Being strategic about who we are soliciting.
- Shooting for 100% participation by the Board.

### **IV. Closing Items**

#### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
M. Callan