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# Maine Academy of Natural Sciences

## Minutes

### MeANS' Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Thursday March 12, 2026 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)

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#### Directors Present

A. Perkins, E. Pariser, G. Bazakas, G. Lichterfeld (remote), M. Callan, M. Harris, M. Oben, N. Findlan, W. King

#### Directors Absent

D. Gram

#### Guests Present

A. Boudreau, A. Hyde (remote), Danni Best, E. Coleman, 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 Mar 12, 2026 at 4:31 PM.

### B. Record Attendance

### C. Additions/Adjustments to the Agenda

Action Items:

B. New Investment Account that will require two signatures.

### D. Public Comment

None.

### E. Staff/Student Presentation - Intensives

Three students talking about our Intensives = Maeve Coughlin, Avah Lombard, and Bella Pinnette.

-What are Intensives?

\*Two weeks where each grade has a topic related to the natural sciences that ends with a final project. All grades come together to share what they learned at the end; (two weeks for each season.)

-What has been your favorite so far and why?

\*Bella - Survival Intensive in 9th grade/learned a lot/overnight trip.

\*Avah - Aquaculture/learned new things about seaweed and kelp.

\*Maeve - Apple Intensive in 10th grade/apple pie cooking competition/studying different orchards.

-Hardest part?

\*Not knowing your schedule - how long each field trip will be, etc.

\*Younger kids going out into the community - can be difficult at first.

\*Finding your place within your grade.

-Something you will take with you from Intensives?

\*New hobby = Beekeeping.

\*All of the opportunities you learn about; (College of the Atlantic.)

\*How to sustainably raise animals.

-Intensives expose you to career opportunities/more education opportunities/possible job shadowing and internships.

- They make you interested in a topic as opposed to just learning it.
- Hands-on learning - There are some things you cannot learn from a textbook.
- Getting to talk to people who know things is a unique opportunity.
- During Intensives the teachers are learning with the students.
- Learned about ourselves over the years.

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

### A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 8th, 2026 Board Meeting

M. Harris made a motion to Accept.

M. Oben seconded the motion.

Anna - Other ways we can support teachers, in addition to school visits.

-Showing kids how things like math, etc. are used on a daily basis.

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

### B. Approval of Committee Reports

M. Harris made a motion to Accept.

M. Oben seconded the motion.

Anna - Other ways we can support teachers, in addition to school visits.

-Showing kids how things like math, etc. are used on a daily basis.

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

## III. Action Items

### A. Vote to Accept the Final Audit Results

Ashley - Received a clean result.

A. Perkins made a motion to Accept.

E. Pariser seconded the motion.

None.

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

### B. New Investment Account

-We were given a donation that requires us to have a separate account; (two signatures required.)

-We need to vote to change the signers on the old account; (Admin. and Board Member.)

W. King made a motion to 1. To change the people who sign for the current account and

2. Give those people the authority to set up a second account.

M. Harris seconded the motion.

Mary, Greg, Ashley, and Ryan as signers.

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

## IV. Information Sharing

### A.

### **Governance Ad Hoc Committee Update**

- Have been working with Board OnTrack to create a timeline for us to bring on new board members; (school finance or nonprofit backgrounds preferable, as well as development background.)
- Packet of information to give to prospective board members.
- Framing the way we talk about who we are as a school.

### **B. Q2 Finance Report**

- Expenses are below budget.
- Good position for our financial goal, but still running a tight ship.

### **C. HOS Update**

More than half way through the school year already!

-Last two months have a lot to celebrate

\*Carpenter's Boat Shop Trip - 3 day/2 night hand-tool workshop on creating Mason Bee Hives.

-In the spring the Montessori school are going to come here and learn from our kids how to make them/amazing experience for our kids.

\*Can We? Project at our last In-Service/Teachers are leading workshops during our In-Services this year as well.

\*Enrollment - Open Houses, Shadow Days, and scheduled a handful of interviews/have 4 new students for next year already./Campus and Threshold programs have switched several students as well.

\*Fundraising - "Adopt-A-Tree" Fundraiser to raise money to fund the oil for the sugarhouse./Surpassed our 40-tree goal!

\*Project Showcase for Q2 was a success.

\*Faculty Meetings are on Tuesdays now, not Fridays, Department Meetings are added as well.

\*Hiring two new Threshold teachers for next year/going up to 70-ish Threshold students.

\*Finalizing next year's budget.

\*Grant-writing.

### **D. Development Committee Annual Appeal Update**

-We received the Microsoft stock and the tree adoption funds/doubled the By All MeANS campaign funds from a couple of months ago.

-Focusing on some grant possibilities.

### **E. Charter Renewal Update- Timeline**

-5-year renewal beginning late May going through October.

-Report due 9/4.

-Public hearing in the fall.

## V. Closing Items

### A. Adjourn Meeting

N. Findlan made a motion to Adjourn.

M. Oben seconded the motion.

None.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. Callan