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# Maine Academy of Natural Sciences

## Minutes

### MeANS' Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Thursday May 7, 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)

#### Phone Numbers

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#### Directors Present

A. Perkins, D. Gram, E. Pariser, G. Lichterfeld, M. Callan, M. Harris, M. Oben, N. Findlan, W. King

#### Directors Absent

G. Bazakas

#### Guests Present

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A. Boudreau, A. Hyde, Danni Best, E. Coleman, Elise Gudde, Grace Hilmer, Jill Lee, Juliana Rothschild, Karin Schott, 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 May 7, 2026 at 4:30 PM.

### B. Record Attendance

### C. Additions/Adjustments to the Agenda

None.

### D. Public Comment

Eggs for sale - please purchase some!

### E. Staff/Student Presentation

Threshold Program - Jazmyne Patterson (student)

-Graduating this year/Discussed the Threshold program and how it benefited her.

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

### A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 12th, 2026 Board Meeting

M. Harris made a motion to Accept.

W. King seconded the motion.

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

### B. Approval of Committee Reports

M. Harris made a motion to Accept.

W. King seconded the motion.

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

## III. Action Items

### A. First Reading of HR Policies

-Martha - We are trying to get them to be "MeANS'" Policies vs. "GWH" Policies.

-Any comments and the second vote we will talk about/do at our next meeting.

A. Perkins made a motion to Accept First Reading (100's).

M. Oben seconded the motion.

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

E. Pariser made a motion to Accept First Reading (200's).

A. Perkins seconded the motion.

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

#### **B. Finance for Board Review**

First reading of 26-27 SY Budget/Presentation

-Ashley made pie charts to illustrate where our revenue is coming from, our expenses, etc.

-Budget is conservative, except fuel and electricity budget was increased to reflect market.

-Increase in Threshold teachers (1.5) to grow the program.

-Having a balance to bring forward (3 months worth of expenses) is very important.

-We will finalize it at the next meeting/vote on it.

### **IV. Information Sharing**

#### **A. Update on New Board Member Search**

Mary - We spoke with 7 or 8 people, and we are striking out - If we know anyone with a Finance background, let the Executive Committee know.

Emanuel - Possible Development Committee members, including 1 alumni.

#### **B. Proposed Board Meetings 26-27**

We will vote on these in June - taking feedback until then.

#### **C. Proposed School Calendar 26-27**

Evan

-Campus Calendar basically the same as this year - built in Remote Days have come in handy.

-We will vote on these in June - feedback until then.

#### **D. 3 Year Strategic Goals**

Martha - Ad-Hoc Committee working on these goals.

-Re-formatted draft coming soon.

#### **E. HOS Report**

Ryan

-Almost the final quarter of the school year!

-2 month review and looking forward:

-Spring Intensives were a success, as well as MeANS' Maple Sunday/made A LOT of syrup this year./Tree fundraiser was a hit.

- Working hard to figure out graduates.
- Successful field trips/student volunteer opportunities.
- Successful Family STEM Night, Spring Coffeehouse, and formed Prom Committee (June 13.)
- Envirothon - Kids won the current issue presentation.
- Working on our Chronic Absenteeism/Attendance competition/awards - gathering Gift Cards to local businesses, etc.
- Spring Testing this week - Went very well/85% of our students have tested so far, with make-ups to be done next week; (seeing a lot of growth/good results.)/AP students test next week.
- Enrollment - About to have our 4th Open House/Shadow Day; (struggling to enroll our 9th grade.)
- Trying to Hire a Custodian and a couple of Threshold teachers.
- Fundraising - Over \$20,000/surpassed our goal already!
- Charter Renewal Check-In on 6/1.

## **V. 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 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
M. Callan