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Maine Academy of Natural Sciences

Minutes

MeANS' Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday June 11, 2026 at 4:30 PM

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

Meeting ID
meet.google.com/ypk-ksmr-icz

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Directors Present
A. Perkins, D. Gram, E. Pariser, G. Bazakas, M. Callan, M. Harris, M. Oben (remote), N. Findlan

Directors Absent
G. Lichterfeld, W. King

Guests Present
A. Boudreau, A. Hyde, Danni Best, Grace Hilmer, P. Henyan, R. Anthony

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 Jun 11, 2026 at 4:30 PM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Additions/Adjustments to the Agenda

None.

D. Public Comment

Patty Duffy - Potential Board Member is here. Took a tour of campus today as well.

E. Staff/Student Presentation - Carpenter's Boat Shop/Trip

Danni Best and Zack Korbet (11th grade student)

-3 years ago Danni and Jeff met the owners of the boat shop at the Common Ground Fair.
-Students have stayed overnight and made a Toboggan, apple boxes, and bee hives; (the bee hives this year.)
-The bee hives are for Mason bees - solitary bees - to have homes.
-Awesome experience/connections.
-Our students then have a day where they teach what they learn to the area Montessori kids.
-Kids get to hang out with other kids who they normally would not be with/socialize with.
-Also a great connection with Montessori school and families.

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

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 7th, 2026 Board Meeting

E. Pariser made a motion to approve the minutes from MeANS' Board Meeting on 05-07-26.
N. Findlan seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Approval of Committee Reports

E. Pariser made a motion to Approve.
N. Findlan seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

III. Action Items

A. New Board Member Appointments SY 2026-27

-A couple of non-voting members want to join the board and be on committees.
-Kyle and Kathleen - Mary nominating them.
D. Gram made a motion to Approve new board members.
A. Perkins seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Appointment of Board Committee Chairs SY 2026-27

No changes!
E. Pariser made a motion to Approve members.
G. Bazakas seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. Appointment of Board Officers

A. Perkins made a motion to Approve officers.
G. Bazakas seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Adoption of SY 2026-27 School Calendars

E. Pariser made a motion to Approve.
A. Perkins seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

E. Adoption of SY 2026-27 Board Meeting Calendar

D. Gram made a motion to Approve.
N. Findlan seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

F. Approval of SY 2026-27 Budget

N. Findlan made a motion to Accept.
A. Perkins seconded the motion.
Presented last meeting.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

G. First Reading of HR Policies 200.09-300

M. Harris made a motion to Accept.
M. Callan seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

H.

Second Reading/Approval of HR Policies 100.1-200.08

E. Pariser made a motion to Accept.
M. Harris seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

I. Approval of Resolution relative to Policy 200.08

E. Pariser made a motion to Approve.
M. Harris seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

J. Q3 Financial Update

-Doing well - Several areas performing favorably to budget.
-Utilities are still high/need to address.
-Cash levels have maintained.

K. Maine’s Bell-to-Bell Personal Electronic Device Policy

-Need policy by 8/1 - We need a motion to accept by unanimous consent/first a motion to waive first reading.
E. Pariser made a motion to Waive first reading.
A. Perkins seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

IV. Information Sharing

A. HOS Report

-We start Summer Intensives on Tuesday - July break, graduations, then final week of school.
-Past two months...
-Some of our best assessment results.
-Final project phase of the school year - many classes working on their final projects.
-Marketing ourselves more - Have done a couple of local Farmer's Markets/trying to partner with 92 Moose to do some enrollment ads/KJ newspaper ads. Ryan also went to the Maine B to B Expo. recently and networked with other non-profits.
-We have gotten a few grants/surpassed our grant donations for this year.
-We just hired a new Custodian. We are in the process of hiring two new Threshold Teachers and 1 Campus ELA Teacher./2 staff members leaving at the end of the year.
-Continuing enrollment efforts.
-Summer Intensive Showcase = 6/26 at 11:00AM.
-Summer Celebration = 6/27 from 12:00PM-3:00PM.
-Graduations = 7/10 (T) at 6:00PM/7/17 (C) at 6:00PM.
-Final Project Showcase = 7/23 - Time TBD.

B.

Update on Potential Board Members

C. Update on Charter Renewal

-Great check in.
-We have to decide when our first Public Hearing is - evening?
-Meeting later in August with Board.

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

D. Gram made a motion to Adjourn.
M. Harris seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** 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 5:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Callan