APPROVED

Maine Academy of Natural Sciences

Minutes

MeANS' Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday October 8, 2026 at 4:30 PM

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.

Meeting ID
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Directors Present
A. Perkins, D. Gram, E. Pariser, G. Bazakas, G. Lichterfeld, M. Callan, M. Harris, M. Oben, N. Findlan, W. King

Directors Absent

P. Duffy

Guests Present
A. Boudreau, A. Hyde, K. Siebert, 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 Oct 8, 2026 at 4:30 PM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Additions/Adjustments to the Agenda

None.

D. Public Comment

None.

E. Staff/Student Presentation - Overnight Trips

-Two seniors (Maeve and Orion) presented about Intensive Overnight Trips.

-Discussed what an overnight experience entails/talked about most recent Acadia Overnight.

-Learned a lot and had a lot of cool experiences, including finding sea creatures and learning about job opportunities within the park.

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

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 10th, 2026 Board Meeting

Fix 9/10 Minutes:

***First Reading of 300's.**
***Second Reading of 200.09-200.13./Note as Approved.**
Motion to approve the minutes from MeANS' Board Meeting on 09-10-26.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Approval of Committee Reports

III. Action Items

A. Second Reading/Vote of Special Ed. Policy

A. Perkins made a motion to Accept.
M. Harris seconded the motion.
None.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Second Reading/Vote of HR Policies 300.01-300-13

E. Pariser made a motion to Approve.
D. Gram seconded the motion.
None.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. First Reading of HR Policies 400.01-400.06

-Making it more MeANS vs. GWH.

D. HR Policy re: Earned Paid Leave

-Legislation passed that says we have to rollover the first 40 hours of EPL if unused.
M. Oben made a motion to Accept.
G. Lichterfeld seconded the motion.
None.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

E. Board Member Nomination

-Rebecca Grant (Former Threshold Teacher) recommended to be a Board Member.
G. Lichterfeld made a motion to Approve.
A. Perkins seconded the motion.
None.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

IV. Information Sharing

A. Charter Renewal Update

-We have done all of the things and submitted our report for our renewal!

-5-year renewal recommendation with no exemptions.

-Our decision is this Tuesday, 10/13 at UMA in Augusta.

B. Head of School Report

-Fall chaos is upon us!
-Submitted our Enrollment on 10/1.

-1 day left of Fall Intensives - Showcase tomorrow at 11:00AM of projects if people are interested.
-First Threshold Monday.
-Staffing needs the same as last month - trying to get more Bus Drivers!
-Audit is due tomorrow/about ready to submit.
-Next week is Harvest Week - Spirit Week and Fall Assessment Week/Harvest Fest and Dance next Saturday.

C. Upcoming Board PD

-PD Development Opportunity for Threshold Program before the November Board Meeting.

-Other PD Opportunities coming up as well.

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

A. GWH/Moody School

-Due to past and ongoing maintenance issues with the Moody School, the MeANS Board requests that Ryan Anthony, MeANS Head of School, and Mary Callan, Chair of the MeANS Board, seek a collaborative facilities improvement plan with Good-Will Hinkley to address breach of lease agreements..

Further, the MeANS Board requests that any future lease contains a maintenance performance clause that provides monthly reductions to future lease payments if maintenance targets are not met.
G. Bazakas made a motion to Approve.
W. King seconded the motion.
None.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

VI. 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 6:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Callan