



Elgin Math & Science Academy

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday January 28, 2026 at 4:00 PM CST

Location

Admin Building

Social Studies Classroom

Our Mission:

The Elgin Math and Science Academy is an EL Education public charter school.

We strive to support the whole child and develop socially responsible leaders who aspire to create a better world.

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			4:00 PM
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A. Record Attendance and Guests		Akash Gandhi	1 m
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Sue Bennett	1 m

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II. Board Meeting			4:02 PM
A. Public Comment	FYI	Akash Gandhi	5 m
<p>Public comment: If anyone would like to participate, we ask that you comment with your first and last name, your comment/question and the best way for us to contact you. We take public comment seriously, but we cannot respond immediately unless the President or meeting chair decides that an immediate response by the board is needed and can be made during public comment, s/he will refer it to the appropriate person for a brief response.</p> <p>In order to allow more public input, the Board welcomes written comments or inquiries submitted before the meeting to board@emsacharter.org.</p>			
B. Approve Minutes from the December 2025 Board of Directors Meeting	Approve Minutes	Sue Bennett	2 m
III. Financial Report			4:09 PM
A. Review December Financial Statements	FYI	Kathryn Martinez	10 m
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B. Vote on Resolution to Establish Banking Relationship with American Community Bank and Trust	Vote	Paul Stagen	5 m
IV. Administrative Reports			4:24 PM
A. Executive Director's Report	FYI	Kathryn Martinez	15 m
Kathryn Martinez will share an update on instruction and operations of the school.			
B. 2026/2027 School Calendar	Vote		5 m
Review two options of calendars compiled by EMSA's calendar committee.			
V. EMSA Committee Reports			4:44 PM
A. EPTC Update	FYI	Jennifer Delgado	5 m

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B. Executive Committee Discussion on Proactive Board Recruiting	FYI	Sue Bennett	15 m
C. Development Committee Report	FYI	Kathryn Martinez	5 m
D. Academic Excellence Committee Report	FYI	Kathryn Martinez	5 m
VI. Executive Session			5:14 PM
A. Vote to Enter Closed Session The Board will vote to enter closed session to discuss individual student matters, including placement in special education programs, under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10).	Vote	Sue Bennett	1 m
B. Executive Session The EMSA Board proposes a closed session to discuss specifically items enumerated below and in accordance with the Open Meetings Act which provides: (c) Exceptions. A public body may hold closed meetings to consider the following subjects: (1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, and other items allowed under the Open Meetings Act. (2) The discussion of minutes of meeting lawfully closed under the Open Meeting Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the Minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21). (3) Litigation when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. 5 ILCS 120/(c)(11).	Discuss	Sue Bennett	10 m
C. Motion to Exit Closed Session	Vote	Sue Bennett	1 m
VII. Closing Items			5:26 PM
A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Sue Bennett	