



Alma del Mar

Alma del Mar Board of Trustees

Board Retreat and Board Meeting (In Person)

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Amended on January 28, 2026 at 2:02 PM EST

Date and Time

Wednesday January 28, 2026 at 11:00 AM EST

Location

Alma del Mar Administrative Office, 777 Church St., New Bedford, MA 02745

Anti-Racism Statement: Alma del Mar strives to be an anti-racist institution. We seek to dismantle racist and white supremacist structures in pursuit of justice and racial equity. We will fight against racism when we encounter it both within and outside of our school community. We will actively work to ensure that all of our community members, including scholars, families, and staff, feel included, celebrated and empowered. By resisting racism and white supremacy, we will lay the foundation to challenge all forms of oppression. ***Please read the Equity Lens Guidelines in the Opening Items below before the meeting.***

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			11:00 AM
A. Equity Lens Guidelines		Dave Prentiss	1 m

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Please read the attached Guidelines before every Alma board and committee meeting.			
B.	Record Attendance	Dave Prentiss	1 m
C.	Call the Meeting to Order	Dave Prentiss	1 m
D.	Approve Board Meeting Minutes	Approve Minutes Dave Prentiss	2 m
Approve minutes for Alma del Mar Board of Trustees on November 19, 2025			
E.	Vote to Accept Alicia Cabral Resignation	Vote Dave Prentiss	2 m
F.	Advisory Council Nominations	Vote Dave Prentiss	5 m
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gail Fortes • Alicia Cabral 		
II.	Executive Director Report		11:12 AM
A.	January 2026 Board Dashboard	Discuss Taylor DeLoach	5 m
B.	Executive Director's Report	Discuss Taylor DeLoach	10 m
C.	Charter Renewal Update	Discuss Taylor DeLoach	10 m
III.	Academic Excellence		11:37 AM
A.	Update on Teacher Qualifications Project - Accountability	Discuss John Korn	10 m
IV.	Development		11:47 AM
A.	Board Giving - Thank You!	Discuss Becca Kurie	5 m
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently 6 of 13 Trustees have donated - thank you!! • Trustees contributed nearly \$1000 in grocery gift cards! • We've exceeded 70% donor retention this fiscal year - highest it's been in several years! 		
V.	Finance		11:52 AM

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A. FY26 Q2 Financials	Discuss	Taylor DeLoach	10 m
<p>There were two significant changes to the forecast, an increase in fringe of \$315k and an increase in transportation of \$165k. These increases in expenditures are offset by savings on the salary lines at Ottiwell and Douglass from unfilled positions and from savings from new hire offers that were below the budgeted amount for the position.</p> <p>Salaries appear significantly under budget at the end of Q2, however it is due to a change in payroll cycles. In prior years, staff were paid on a bi-monthly basis and this fiscal year, they are being paid on a bi-weekly basis. Because of the shift in payroll and how the calendar aligns, at the end of Q2, wages are being reported for 12 payroll cycles. In Q3 and Q4, there will be 14 payroll cycles. The forecast of \$12.1 reflects the expenditures that will be incurred at year end.</p>			
VI. Governance			12:02 PM
A. New Board Member Recruitment	Discuss	Chauneen Wood	10 m
B. Board Document Review	Discuss	Chauneen Wood	10 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REDI Plan • Handbook • Bylaws • Updating website 			
VII. Other Business			12:22 PM
A. MCSPA Fair Funding Week	Discuss	Taylor DeLoach	10 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 2-6, 2026 • (OPTIONAL) Register for the Kickoff Rally using your personal email if you choose 			
VIII. Closing Items			12:32 PM
A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Dave Prentiss	