



Excel Academy Massachusetts

Board of Trustees Meeting

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Date and Time

Friday June 12, 2026 at 8:30 AM EDT

Location

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Meeting ID: 250 918 964 897 1

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Meeting notice posted publicly on 6/9/26.

Please note: All items listed on the agenda are subject to a possible vote by the Board of Trustees.

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			8:30 AM
A. Record Attendance	Discuss	Arthur Kaynor	
B. Call the Meeting to Order	Discuss	Caitlin Brumme	1 m
C. Public Comment	Discuss	Arthur Kaynor	1 m

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D. Approve prior Board Meeting minutes	Approve Minutes	Arthur Kaynor	1 m

Approve minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting on March 27, 2026

II. Academic Oversight 8:33 AM

A. Report on the State of the Schools, Academic Data, and Priorities	Discuss	Academic Oversight Committee & Network Academic Team	20 m
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Reference links:

- Quarterly Board Academic Data Dashboard ([linked here](#))

B. CEO Updates	Discuss	Owen Stearns	10 m
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III. Governance 9:03 AM

A. Approve FY27 (SY26-27) Officers, Terms, Calendar, and Committee Assignments	Vote	Arthur Kaynor	5 m
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Vote to approve:

- Enclosed Board Calendar
- Enclosed Committee Assignment
- Officers:
 - Chair: Caitlin Brumme
 - Vice Chair: Bernabe Rodriguez
 - Treasurer: Anne Healy
 - Clerk: Nery Castro
- Term Renewals:
 - Caitlin Brumme for a second term: July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029
 - Nery Castro for a third term: July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029
 - Maher Colaylat for a second term: July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029
 - Dave Sachs for a second term: July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029
 - Bernabe Rodriguez for a third term: July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029
 - Traci Walker Griffith for a second term: July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029
- Temporary Extension:

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	◦ David Stalow for a third term (transition term): July 1, 2026 - August 31, 2026, or until the Treasurer and financial account transition process has been completed, whichever occurs sooner			
B.	Delegate Approval of Annual Updates to Manuals, Handbooks, and Policies	Vote	Arthur Kaynor	5 m
	• Vote to delegate authority to the Chair, or the Chair's designee on the Board, to: ◦ Approve and submit the School Year 25-26 annual report. ◦ Approve annual updates to school manuals, handbooks, and policies over the summer as needed, retroactively to July 1, 2026. • Vote to delegate authority to the Treasurer, or the Treasurer's designee on the Finance Committee, to approve updated financial policies & procedures over the summer as needed, retroactively to July 1, 2026.			
	Note: these policies will be presented to the Board for ratification at the first meeting of School Year 26-27. The Board will also retrain on the Title IX Policy and the Board's role with respect to the Policy. Please see the attached protocol for reference.			
C.	Approve Board Recording & AI Note-Taking policy	Vote	Arthur Kaynor	2 m
	• Vote to approve the Board Recording & AI Note-Taking policy, with any necessary edits or corrections.			
	Note: this draft policy is unchanged from the version that was distributed to Excel's Boards on 4/29/26.			
D.	Reminder: Annual Ethics Disclosures	Discuss	Arthur Kaynor	1 m
	Annual disclosure paperwork is distributed in May via the BMMS system. If you have not received your paperwork yet via email, please let Arthur know, and he will follow up with DESE. We kindly request that you submit your paperwork by June 30. Thank you!			
Finance				9:16 AM
A.	Approve the FY27 (School Year 26-27) Budget	Vote	Aaron Stelson	35 m
	• Vote to approve the FY27 (School Year 26-27) Budget, per the Finance Committee's recommendation on April 2, 2026.			

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Notes:

- The proposed FY27 Budget is not substantively different from the draft budget reviewed and recommended for approval by the finance committees of each board in April.
- Please prioritize reviewing the FY27 Budget Memo sent by Aaron Stelson.
- The following materials are also provided for reference: the April Cash Balances Email and the 5-Year Strategic Financial Model.

B.	Approve the addition of Anne Healy to Excel Academy Charter School financial accounts	Vote	Arthur Kaynor	2 m
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- Vote to approve resolutions authorizing the addition of Anne Healy (incoming Board Treasurer) as a signer on all Excel Academy Charter School financial accounts effective July 1, 2026, and the removal of David Stelow as a signer upon completion of the Treasurer transition process.

V.	Real Estate			9:53 AM
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A.	Approve Debt Refinancing Resolutions & Ratify Amended Leases	Vote	Arthur Kaynor	5 m
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- Vote to approve the enclosed debt refinancing and lease ratification resolutions for the following properties, as recommended by the Finance Committee on 5/19/26.
 - 58 Moore Street, East Boston, MA 02128
 - 375 Bremen Street, East Boston, MA 02128
 - 401 Bremen Street, East Boston, MA 02128

VI.	Other Business			9:58 AM
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A.	Reminder about upcoming events & engagement goals	FYI	Owen Stearns & Arthur Kaynor	1 m
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Campus Visit Schedule

- 10/28 (RI) and 10/22 (MA)
- 11/17 (MA)
- 1/26 (RI) and 1/28 (MA)

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•	2/3 (MA), 2/9 (RI), 2/10 (MA) with Rep. Tyler, 2/12/26 with City Councilor, 2/26 (MA)		
•	3/9 (MA)		
•	3/18 (RI)		
•	5/26 (MA)		

Other Events

- 9/9/25 - MCPSA Board Training on Advocacy in MA
- 9/16/25 - RIEG Voter Registration Campaign Kick-Off, 5-7pm at Roger Williams Park Casino in Providence
- 9/30/25 - Joint Committee on Education Hearing on various bills in MA
- 10/25/25 - 2nd Annual Family Community Resource Fair, 12:00 PM-3:00 PM at Excel Academy Charter High School
- 11/12/25 - MA Legislative Hearing on various bills
- 1/29/26 - Charter 101 Zoom Session
- 2/3/26 - MA Commissioner Assembly at XLHS
- 2/6/26 - Excel MA Board meeting with Annual CAPS Update (XLRI & Friends Board members invited optionally)
- 3/17/26 - Charter 101 Zoom Session (thank you for co-hosting, Liz!)
- 3/25/26 - Foundation Site Visit to XLHS
- 4/7/26 - Foundation Site Visit to XLHS
- 4/15/26-4/17/26 - RIDE Site Visit to XLRI
- 5/12/26 - Board Dinner in Massachusetts at 6:30pm
- 5/29/26 - Signing Day Ceremony at 401 Bremen St. (East Boston), 10:45-11:45am
- 6/2/26 - Board Dinner in Rhode Island at 7:15pm
- 6/11/26 - Excel MA High School Graduation Ceremony at Leader Bank Pavilion, 5-7pm
- 6/13/26 - Excel MA New Family Welcome Day @ 401 Bremen St. (East Boston), 12-3pm
- June 16-20 - Excel 8th Grade Graduations
 - June 16 - Excel Chelsea, 6-8pm, @ 401 Bremen St. (East Boston)
 - June 17 - Excel East Boston, 6-8pm, @ 401 Bremen St. (East Boston)
 - June 18 - Excel Greenway, 6-8pm, @ 401 Bremen St. (East Boston)
 - June 20 - Excel Rhode Island, 2-4pm @ Providence Career & Technical Academy

VII. Closing Items

9:59 AM

A.	Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Caitlin Brumme	1 m
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