



Excel Academy Massachusetts

Board of Trustees - Governance & Nominating Committee Meeting

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Date and Time

Monday October 5, 2026 at 2:30 PM EDT

Location

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/28378861595768?p=uKj135rpuZrXSfzG3H>

Meeting ID: 283 788 615 957 68

Passcode: DY6VT2GZ

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

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			2:30 PM
A. Record Attendance	Discuss	Arthur Kaynor	
B. Call the Meeting to Order	Discuss	Maher Colaylat	1 m
C. Public Comment	Discuss	Arthur Kaynor	

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D. Approve Prior Meeting Minutes	Approve Minutes	Arthur Kaynor	1 m

Approve minutes for Board of Trustees - Governance & Nominating Committee Meeting on August 15, 2025

II. Governance & Nominating 2:32 PM

A. Updates on Shared Governance & Nominating Priorities for SY26-27	Discuss	Arthur Kaynor	2 m
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Shared G&N Priorities

- Board Recruitment
- Charter and CMO agreement renewals
 - Update on the SY25-26 Annual Report and site visit follow-up
 - CMO agreement renewal on track
- Improvements to Head of School, CMO, and CEO evaluation processes

Evaluation Process Improvements

- G&N Committee reviews HOS evaluations and recommends approval to the full Board.
- G&N Chair coordinates Board evaluation of CMO services and recommends approval to the full Board.
- The Excel MA and Excel RI CMO evaluations then inform the Friends Board's CEO evaluation.

B. Review and Recommend Approval of SY25-26 Head of School Evaluations	Vote	Stephanie Patton, Nina Keough, Arthur Kaynor	15 m
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- Review SY25-26 Head of School evaluations.
- Vote to recommend that the full Board approve the completed SY25-26 Head of School evaluations, consistent with the Board Protocol for Head of School Oversight.

C. Recommend Approval of Updated Board Strategic Plan, SY26-27 Board Goals, and SY25-26 End-of-Year Report	Vote	Arthur Kaynor	5 m
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	Purpose	Presenter	Time
• Vote to recommend Board approval of the updated Board Strategic Plan, SY26-27 Board Goals, and SY25-26 End-of-Year Report, subject to any necessary edits or corrections.			
D. Board Recruitment Next Steps	Discuss	Maier Colaylat, Owen Stearns, Arthur Kaynor	5 m
• Review summary of Board recruitment needs and confirm next steps.			

III. Other Business

N/A - No discussion or voting topics.

IV. Closing Items

2:59 PM

A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Maier Colaylat	1 m
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