Excel Academy Massachusetts

Board of Trustees Meeting

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Date and Time

Thursday November 19, 2026 at 8:30 AM EST

Location

Microsoft Teams meeting

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

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	Approve minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting on October 8, 2026			
II.	**Talent**			**8:33 AM**
A.	Annual Board Talent Update	Discuss	Alejandra Gil	25 m
III.	**Academic Oversight**			
	N/A - No discussion or voting items for this meeting.			
IV.	**Finance**			**8:58 AM**
A.	FY26 Annual Audit Update	FYI	Anne Healy	5 m

- Received clean audits across all entities (Excel MA, Excel RI, Friends), with no findings. Excel RI had one immaterial uncorrected adjustment.
- Exceeded net income budget in all Excel entities. MA +2.9M, RI +1.7M, and Friends +$710K in unrestricted net assets.
- The Excel MA Finance Committee approved the Excel MA audit on October 22, 2026.

Link to Excel Academy FY26 Audit Files for reference.

V.	**Governance**			**9:03 AM**
A.	Approve SY26-27 Board Goals & Discuss CEO/CMO Goals	Vote	Owen Stearns, Arthur Kaynor, Maher Colaylat	15 m

- Review SY25-26 Board Goals Report (attached), draft SY25-26 CEO/CMO Goals Report (here), and draft SY26-27 CEO/CMO Goals (here).
- Vote to approve SY26-27 Board Goals (attached), recommended by the Governance & Nominating Committee on 10/5/26.

Next Steps

- **Board members complete CMO Evaluation Survey by Nov. 20.**
- G&N Committee Chair prepares CMO evaluation for Board approval on Dec. 17.

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VI.	**Board Engagement**			**9:18 AM**
A.	Reminder of Upcoming Events	FYI	Arthur Kaynor	1 m

• Please reference our Board campus visit & event calendar here.

VII.	**CEO Report**			**9:19 AM**
A.	CEO Report	Discuss	Owen Stearns & Arthur Kaynor	15 m

• Updates on the schools and organizational priorities

VIII. Other Business

N/A - No voting or discussion topics for this meeting

IX.	**Closing Items**			**9:34 AM**
A.	Adjourn Meeting	Vote	David Sachs	1 m

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