



Excel Academy Rhode Island

Board of Trustees Meeting

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Date and Time

Thursday December 5, 2024 at 5:30 PM EST

Location

Center for Southeast Asians
270 Elmwood Ave
Providence, RI 02907

Meeting Notice Posted Publicly: 12/2/24

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			5:30 PM
A. Record Attendance	Discuss	Arthur Kaynor	
B. Call the Meeting to Order	Discuss	Brett Smiley	1 m
C. Public Comment	Discuss	Arthur Kaynor	1 m

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D. Approve Minutes for 9.26.24 Board Meeting	Approve Minutes	Arthur Kaynor	1 m
E. Confirm Resignation: Gary Goldberg		Owen Stearns	
Please note that Gary Goldberg has stepped down from his position on the Excel Academy Rhode Island Board of Trustees as of Nov. 13, 2024. We are grateful to Gary for his service on the Board since May 2022.			
II. Academic Oversight			5:33 PM
A. Ratify Head of School Hiring Recommendation & Accept Board Designee for Hiring Process	Vote	Owen Stearns	5 m
III. Real Estate			5:38 PM
A. Real Estate Search Updates & Votes	Discuss	Chris Reed, Andrew Solomon, Arthur Kaynor	10 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve resolutions regarding RIC project • Updates on real estate search • Update on hiring of project team for RIC renovation (see enclosed memo - reviewed by Inter-Board Real Estate Working Group) 			
IV. Talent			5:48 PM
A. Annual Board Talent Update	Discuss	Alejandra Gil	20 m
V. Governance			6:08 PM
A. Update on SY24-25 CEO Goals	Discuss	Owen Stearns	10 m
Draft SY24-25 CEO Goals are enclosed in your packet. The Excel MA Board provided input on Nov. 8, and the Friends Board provided input on Nov. 22. The Excel RI Board is encouraged to provide input as well. Please reach out to Owen and Arthur with any questions or feedback on the draft goals by Dec. 13. The Friends Board Governance & Nominating Committee will then incorporate input and vote to approve the SY24-25 CEO Goals.			

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VI. Finance

N/A - No discussion or voting items.

VII. Other Business

A. FYI - State of the Schools Update	FYI	Arthur Kaynor	
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Thank you to the Board members who were able to attend the XLRI Academic Oversight Committee & School Improvement Team meeting on Nov. 7. We encourage all Board members to review the quarterly Excel RI Board academic data dashboard ([here](#)) and the enclosed Academic Oversight Committee update slides. Highlights are on Slides 3-4. The next Academic Oversight Committee & School Improvement Team Meeting is scheduled for January 30.

B. FYI - Reminder about FY24 Annual Audit	FYI	Arthur Kaynor	
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Excel MA & Friends of Excel Audit Review & Approval Meeting

- Mon., Oct. 21 via Teams, 3:30-5pm
- The Excel RI FC attended optionally for informational and collaborative purposes.
- The Excel MA & Friends of Excel FY24 audit reports were accepted.

Excel RI Audit Review & Approval Meeting

- The Excel RI FC is meeting on Thurs., Dec. 5 at the CSEA, 6:20-7pm, to review and accept the XLRI audit.
- The Excel MA & Friends FC are invited optionally for informational and collaborative purposes.

VIII. Closing Items

6:18 PM

A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Brett Smiley	1 m
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