



Excel Academy Rhode Island

Board of Trustees Meeting

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Date and Time

Thursday April 10, 2025 at 5:30 PM EDT

Location

CCRI

1 Hilton St.

Providence, RI 02905

Meeting Notice Posted Publicly: 4/8/25

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 prior Board meeting minutes	Approve Minutes	Arthur Kaynor	1 m
Approve minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting on January 30, 2025			
II. Academic Oversight			5:33 PM
A. Preview of Academic Oversight Committee / SIT Meeting	FYI	Arthur Kaynor	1 m
Please note that the Academic Oversight Committee and School Improvement Team will meet on April 24th to review and update the school's LEA Strategic Plan.			
III. Real Estate			5:34 PM
A. Real Estate, Fundraising, and Advocacy Updates	Discuss	Real Estate Team	20 m
B. Vote to approve updated RIC diligence budget	Vote	Arthur Kaynor	5 m
Ratify increase of RIC construction budget from \$250k to \$325k to cover anticipated diligence work in March-May.			
IV. Governance			5:59 PM
A. Update on FY25 Goals, Fundraising, and Board Recruitment	Discuss	Owen Stearns & Arthur Kaynor	10 m
B. Reminder: Annual Disclosures	FYI	Arthur Kaynor	1 m
<i>Reminder: The RI Ethics Commission sends your annual disclosure forms via mail, and the forms are due back to the Ethics Commission by the last Friday in April (4.25.25). You can submit your disclosures online. Please contact Arthur Kaynor if you have not received your disclosure paperwork yet or have questions about completing this requirement. Thank you!</i>			
V. Finance			6:10 PM
A. FY26 Budget Process Update	FYI	Arthur Kaynor	1 m
Please note that the Finance Committee will be meeting on April 10th, 6:15-7pm, to review a draft budget for FY26 (School Year 25-26) and to approve Excel RI's 990 tax form. Non-Committee Board members are welcome to participate each year in the school's budget planning process. Please reach out to Arthur Kaynor if you would like to be invited to attend the Finance Committee meeting and/or would like to meet with			

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<p>a member of the Finance Team to learn more about the budget. Following the Finance Committee meeting, a budget proposal memo will be circulated to Excel's three Boards in advance of their May and June meetings when each Board will vote to approve its respective budget for FY26.</p>			

VI. Other Business			6:11 PM
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<p>A. FYI - Reminder about upcoming events & engagement goals</p> <p>School Campus Tours</p>	FYI	Arthur Kaynor	1 m
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Excel RI

- February 5
- February 28
- March 19
- April 28 - rescheduling

Excel MA

- February 25
- March 24
- April 30 - rescheduling

Save the Dates:

- Signing Day Ceremony at Excel HS - May 30, 2025, 11am
- Excel Academy Charter High School Graduation - June 11, 2025, 5pm

Reminder: Please schedule 1:1 Board engagement check-ins with Owen & Arthur.

VII. Closing Items			6:12 PM
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<p>A. Adjourn Meeting</p>	Vote	Brett Smiley	1 m
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