



Excel Academy Rhode Island

Board of Trustees Meeting

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Date and Time

Tuesday September 9, 2025 at 5:30 PM EDT

Location

Center for Southeast Asians
270 Elmwood Ave.
Providence, RI 02907

Meeting notice posted publicly by 9/5/25.

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 Meeting Minutes	Approve Minutes	Arthur Kaynor	1 m
Approve minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting on June 5, 2025			
II. Academic Oversight			5:33 PM
A. State of the School Update	Discuss	Owen Stearns	10 m
III. Real Estate			5:43 PM
A. Real Estate Search Updates & Votes	Vote	Owen Stearns, Chris Reed, Arthur Kaynor	20 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on real estate search • Vote to approve real estate resolutions • Update on School Building Authority (SBA) Application 			
IV. Governance			6:03 PM
A. Authorize Treasurer to submit annual report filing	Vote	Arthur Kaynor	1 m
<p>Authorize the Treasurer to submit the following annual report filing on behalf of the organization reflecting its current information and membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhode Island Secretary of State between February 1, 2026 and May 1, 2026 			
B. Confirm SY25-26 Committee Assignments	FYI	Arthur Kaynor	
<p>N/A - Committee assignments were approved in June and there are no new updates. The committee overview is enclosed for reference.</p>			
C. Approve Updates to FY26 (SY25-26) Board Calendar	Vote	Arthur Kaynor	5 m
D. Approve Updated Financial Policies & Procedures	Vote	Arthur Kaynor	5 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vote to approve updated fiscal policies, retroactively to July 1, 2025. • Please see enclosed executive summary and updated policy documents. 			

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E. Title IX Policy Approval and Training	Vote	Arthur Kaynor	15 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vote to ratify updates to the Excel Academy Title IX policy for the SY25-26 school year • Receive training on the Title IX policy and the role of the Board of Trustees 			

Summary of Updates:

- Reverted to pre-SY24-25 policy, aligned to current federal guidance
- Retained SY24-25 improvements that are consistent with current federal guidance

F. Ratify SY25-26 Student & Family Handbook, SY25-26 Employee Handbook, and other policy and manual updates (enclosed/linked)	Vote	Arthur Kaynor	10 m
All documents are available here .			

V. Finance 6:39 PM

A. FYI - Reminder about FY25 Annual Audit	FYI	Arthur Kaynor	1 m
Excel MA & Friends of Excel Audit Review & Approval Meeting			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon., Oct. 27 via Teams, 8:30-10am • Excel RI FC optionally attending for informational and collaborative purposes 			

Excel RI Audit Review & Approval Meeting

- Thurs., Dec. 4 at CSEA, 5:30-7pm
- Excel MA & Friends FC optionally attending for informational and collaborative purposes

VI. Board Engagement 6:40 PM

A. Upcoming Events	Discuss	Arthur Kaynor	1 m
Campus Visit Schedule			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10/21 (RI) and 10/22 (MA) 			

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• 11/14 (RI) and 11/17 (MA)			
• 1/26 (RI) and 1/28 (MA)			
• 2/9 (RI) and 2/10 (MA)			
• 3/18 (RI) and 3/20 (MA)			

Other Events

- RIEC Voter Registration Event on Sept. 16th, 5-7pm at Roger Williams Park

VII. Other Business

N/A - No discussion or voting items at this meeting.

VIII. Closing Items

6:41 PM

A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Brett Smiley	1 m
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