



Excel Academy Rhode Island

Board of Trustees Meeting

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Date and Time

Wednesday February 4, 2026 at 6:00 PM EST

Location

Excel Academy Rhode Island
622 Woonasquatucket Ave
North Providence, RI 02911

Meeting notice posted publicly on 1/30/26.

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			6:00 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 December 4, 2025			
II. Academic Oversight			6:03 PM
A. High School Planning Updates	Discuss	Academic Team	20 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video update from Head of School Kate Ring 			
III. Real Estate			6:23 PM
A. Real Estate Search Updates & Votes	Vote	Real Estate Team	20 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on real estate search • Vote to ratify lease • Vote to approve real estate resolutions 			
IV. Governance			6:43 PM
A. Approve Update to Academic Oversight Committee & SIT Membership	Vote	Arthur Kaynor	5 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vote to approve updating the Academic Oversight Committee & SIT (School Improvement Team) membership to remove inactive members: Katie Medina and Elizabeth Matson. 			
B. Approve CMO Agreement Process Resolutions	Vote	Arthur Kaynor	5 m
V. Finance			
N/A - No discussion or voting topics at this meeting.			
VI. Board Engagement & Development			6:53 PM
A. Fundraising Update	Discuss	Owen Stearns & Arthur Kaynor	5 m

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B. Upcoming Events	Discuss	Arthur Kaynor	1 m

Reminder: Please schedule your Board 1:1 check-in with Owen, Arthur, and Yanssy to discuss prospective new connections, fundraising goals, and the campus visit schedule. Our Board recruitment overview is enclosed for reference.

Campus Visit Schedule

- 10/28 (RI) and 10/22 (MA)
- 11/17 (MA)
- 1/26 (RI) and 1/28 (MA)
- 2/9 (RI) and 2/10 (MA)
- 3/18 (RI)

Other Events

- 9/9/25 - MCPSA Board Training on Advocacy in MA
- 9/16/25 - RIEG Voter Registration Campaign Kick-Off, 5-7pm at Roger Williams Park Casino in Providence
- 9/30/25 - Joint Committee on Education Hearing on various bills in MA
- 10/25/25 - 2nd Annual Family Community Resource Fair, 12:00 PM-3:00 PM at Excel Academy Charter High School
- 11/12/25 - MA Legislative Hearing on various bills
- 2/3/26 - MA Commissioner Assembly at XLHS
- 2/6/26 - Excel MA Board meeting with Annual CAPS Update (XLRI & Friends Board members invited optionally)
- 2/12/26 - City Councilor visit to CAPS Dept./XLHS
- 3/25/26 - Foundation Site Visit to XLHS
- May TBD - Signing Day Ceremony
- June TBD - XLHS Graduation Ceremony

VII. Other Business

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

VIII. Closing Items

6:59 PM

A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Brett Smiley	1 m
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