Excel Academy Rhode Island

Board of Trustees Meeting

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Date and Time

Wednesday December 2, 2026 at 5:30 PM EST

Location

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

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	Channavy Chhay	1 m
	C.	Public Comment	Discuss	Arthur Kaynor	1 m
	D.	Approve Prior Meeting Minutes	Approve Minutes	Arthur Kaynor	1 m

Approve minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting on November 9, 2026

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II.	**Academic Oversight**			
	N/A - No voting or discussion items.			
III.	**Talent**			**5:33 PM**
A.	Annual Board Talent Update	Discuss	Alejandra Gil	25 m
IV.	**Governance**			**5:58 PM**
A.	Approve Board Membership Updates	Vote	Liz Giordano	2 m

- Accept Brett Smiley's resignation from the Board of Trustees, effective January 4, 2027.
- Approve David Morales's nomination to the Board of Trustees, effective January 4, 2027.

B.	Approve Signatory Resolutions	Vote	Arthur Kaynor	2 m

- Vote to approve the enclosed signatory resolutions.

C.	Approve Updated Building Committee Membership	Vote	Arthur Kaynor	2 m

- Vote to approve the enclosed updated Building Committee membership.

V.	**Finance**			**6:04 PM**
A.	FY26 (SY25-26) Annual Audit Update	FYI	Arthur Kaynor	1 m

Please attend the Finance Committee meeting at 6:30pm on 12/2/26 if you would like to discuss the audit in more detail.

Summary:

- 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.

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	Link to Excel Academy FY26 Audit Files for reference.			
B.	FY26 (SY25-26) Financial Update	Discuss	Aaron Stelson	5 m

- FY26 was a strong financial year, with Excel RI exceeding its budgeted net income target. All three Excel entities exceeded their budgeted targets.
- The enclosed memo contains more detail for reference.

VI. Real Estate — 6:10 PM

A.	Real Estate Updates	Discuss	Real Estate Team	5 m

VII. CEO Report — 6:15 PM

A.	CEO Report	Discuss	Owen Stearns & Arthur Kaynor	10 m

- Updates on the school and organizational priorities

VIII. Board Engagement — 6:25 PM

A.	Board Action Steps	Discuss	Arthur Kaynor	2 m

- **Board recruitment:** Continue identifying and introducing prospective Board members.
- **RI Growth Campaign:** Make a personally meaningful gift by calendar year-end and help identify and cultivate prospective supporters.
- **Board engagement:** Sign up for a campus visit, invite prospective supporters to join us, and schedule your annual 1:1 check-in if you haven't already. Reference our Board campus visit & event calendar (here).
- **BoardOnTrack:** Access Board meeting materials through BOT beginning with this meeting. Please let Arthur know if you need assistance accessing the platform.
- **Talent:** Refer prospective candidates and introduce us to potential local Talent partners.
- **Parent recruitment:** Help connect us with Providence-area parents of elementary-age children who may be interested in participating in our Dec. 10 focus groups.
- **Upcoming events:** Join us for our inter-Board dinner on Dec. 17.

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IX.	**Other Business**			
	N/A - No discussion or voting items at this meeting.			
X.	**Closing Items**			**6:27 PM**
	A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Channavy Chhay	1 m

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