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## Excel Academy Rhode Island

# Minutes

## Board of Trustees Meeting

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### Date and Time

Thursday April 25, 2024 at 5:30 PM

### Location

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

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Meeting Notice Posted Publicly: 4/23/24

**Please note: All items listed on the agenda are subject to a possible vote by the Board of Trustees.**

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### Trustees Present

C. Chhay, C. Heng, F. Rojas, G. Goldberg, I. Blake, L. Cariaga-Lo, L. Giordano

### Trustees Absent

B. Smiley, C. Lombardi, M. Rivera

### Guests Present

A. Kaynor, A. Stelson, C. Reed, O. Stearns

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## I. Opening Items

### A. Record Attendance

**B. Call the Meeting to Order**

C. Chhay called a meeting of the board of trustees of Excel Academy Rhode Island to order on Thursday Apr 25, 2024 at 5:30 PM.

**C. Public Comment**

No members of the public provided comments at this meeting.

**D. Approve Minutes for 3.21.24 Board Meeting**

C. Chhay made a motion to approve the minutes from Board of Trustees Meeting on 03-21-24.

L. Giordano seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

C. Lombardi Absent  
B. Smiley Absent  
C. Chhay Aye  
F. Rojas Aye  
C. Heng Absent  
M. Rivera Absent  
L. Giordano Aye  
I. Blake Aye  
G. Goldberg Aye  
L. Cariaga-Lo Aye

**E. Reminder: Annual Ethics Disclosures due 4.26.24**

A. Kaynor provided the following reminder:

*The RI Ethics Commission will send your annual disclosure forms to you via mail in March, and the forms are due back to the Ethics Commission by the last Friday in April (4.26.24). Please contact Arthur Kaynor if you have not received your disclosure paperwork yet or have questions about completing this requirement. Thank you!*

**F. Vote to approve update to Finance Committee responsibilities**

L. Cariaga-Lo made a motion to approve updating the Finance Committee responsibilities to include annual approval of the 990 tax return.

C. Chhay seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

B. Smiley Absent  
M. Rivera Absent  
I. Blake Aye  
C. Heng Absent

**Roll Call**

L. Cariaga-Lo Aye  
C. Lombardi Absent  
L. Giordano Aye  
G. Goldberg Aye  
C. Chhay Aye  
F. Rojas Aye

**G. Vote to approve update to Building Committee membership**

L. Giordano made a motion to approve updating the Building Committee membership to remove Jonathan Martin.

C. Chhay seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

L. Cariaga-Lo Aye  
C. Lombardi Absent  
C. Heng Absent  
F. Rojas Aye  
B. Smiley Absent  
L. Giordano Aye  
M. Rivera Absent  
G. Goldberg Aye  
C. Chhay Aye  
I. Blake Aye

**II. Real Estate**

**A. Executive Session (closed to the public)**

C. Chhay made a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws, § 42-46-(a)(5) concerning discussions and a potential vote related to the lease of real property for public purposes wherein advanced public information would be detrimental to the interest of the public.

I. Blake seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

C. Lombardi Absent  
F. Rojas Aye  
B. Smiley Absent  
M. Rivera Absent  
C. Chhay Aye  
G. Goldberg Aye  
C. Heng Aye  
L. Cariaga-Lo Aye  
L. Giordano Aye

**Roll Call**

I. Blake        Aye

C. Chhay provided the following report on the 4.25.24 Executive Session:

The Excel Academy Rhode Island Board convened in executive session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws, § 42-46-(a)(5) concerning discussions and a potential vote related to the lease of real property for public purposes wherein advanced public information would be detrimental to the interest of the public, and the following votes were taken and approved:

- Vote to approve sealing of executive session minutes.
- Vote to approve convening into open session.

**III. Other Business**

**A. Preview May-June Board Meeting Schedule**

A. Kaynor provided the Board with a summary of upcoming meetings and events.

**IV. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

C. Chhay made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

C. Heng seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

M. Rivera     Absent

F. Rojas       Aye

L. Cariaga-Lo Aye

C. Heng        Aye

C. Lombardi   Absent

L. Giordano   Aye

C. Chhay       Aye

G. Goldberg   Aye

I. Blake        Aye

B. Smiley      Absent

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. Chhay

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**Documents used during the meeting**

- RI Board Committee Summary - 2023.pdf

- Excel Academy Rhode Island Draft Form 990 4.19.24.pdf
  - XLRI Building Committee Roster - Updated 4.25.24.docx.pdf
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