APPROVED

Excel Academy Rhode Island

Minutes

Board of Trustees - Building Committee Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday February 4, 2026 at 5:00 PM

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 or its subcommittees.

Committee Members Present
A. Kaynor (remote), B. Smiley (remote), C. Chhay (remote), C. Heng (remote), C. Reed (remote), J. Greenthal (remote), O. Stearns (remote)

Committee Members Absent
J. Lewin, K. Ring

Guests Present
William Trimble (RIDE SBA) (remote), Y. Dubon (remote)

I. Opening Items

A.

Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

C. Heng called a meeting of the Building Committee of Excel Academy Rhode Island to order on Wednesday Feb 4, 2026 at 5:07 PM.

C. Public Comment

No members of the public provided comments at this meeting.

D. Approve Prior Building Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from Board of Trustees - Building Committee Meeting on 06-05-25.
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

A. Kaynor	Aye
B. Smiley	Abstain
J. Lewin	Absent
C. Heng	Aye
C. Reed	Aye
O. Stearns	Aye
C. Chhay	Aye
K. Ring	Absent
J. Greenthal	Aye

II. Real Estate

A. Update on current and prospective facilities

C. Reed presented reminded the Board of the role of the Building Committee and updated the Board on current and upcoming real estate projects, including the following highlights:

- We completed renovations at 622 Woonasquatucket Ave in North Providence to add classroom capacity. We are now serving 450 students at this facility. We do not anticipate adding any more capacity at this site. We are also working on improvements to the HVAC system.
- We entered into a lease-to-purchase agreement with Johnson & Wales University for a 291 Westminster Street property where we plan to locate our high school campus. We are making progress identifying prospective sites for a gym to complement the 291 Westminster Street property.

Committee members asked clarifying questions which C. Reed answered.

B. SBA Presentation

W. Trimble presented to the Building Committee on the School Building Authority Necessity of School Construction approval process and timeline. W. Trimble reviewed the steps and requirements in the process and intricacies of the timeline with the Building Committee and provided the Committee with a Local and State Approvals Timeline overview document, which is enclosed with the meeting packet.

C. Reed asked for clarification on the definition of a "project" with respect to reimbursement. W. Trimble clarified and explained the difference between school safety and other purposes.

W. Trimble reviewed the Design Review Process with the Committee as the stage that comes after Necessity of School Construction.

C. Reed asked for more context about the possibility of future additional bonus opportunities, which W. Trimble provided.

C. Heng asked for more information about the Green Ribbon program, which W. Trimble provided.

O. Stearns thanked W. Trimble and the SBA for supporting us in the process and joining our meeting today and asked whether there is advice he would share to a Building Committee just starting this important process. W. Trimble provided advice and encouraged regular community outreach to ensure continued community support for projects.

III. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

A. Kaynor made a motion to adjourn the meeting, having completed the business of the Committee.
C. Chhay seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
C. Heng
List of documents used in the meeting:

- Meeting agenda
- Prior meeting minutes
- Necessity of School Construction Process Overview

The public is welcome to attend any meeting of the Board of Trustees or its subcommittees. If communication assistance (readers/ interpreters/captions) or any other accommodations are needed to ensure equal participation, please contact Arthur Kaynor at akaynor@excelacademy.org at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting. Any changes in the agenda will be posted on Excel Academy Charter School's website, Excel's principal place of business, and will be electronically filed with the Secretary of State at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting. If you would like to attend a Board meeting and provide public comment, please sign up 48 hours in advance here: https://forms.gle/7315BJ7v1bHGGh2Q9.

Excel Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race or color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, age, country of ancestral origin, or veteran status in administration of its admissions or educational policies, curricular programs, other school-administered programs, or in its hiring and employment practices in accordance with applicable federal, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island laws and regulations.