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Excel Academy Rhode Island

Minutes

Board of Trustees - Academic Oversight Committee Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday April 15, 2026 at 5:30 PM

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

Meeting Notice Posted Publicly: 4/10/26

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, A. Medeiros, F. Reyes, F. Rojas, K. Cushing, M. Perry, O. Stearns, P. Santiago, S. Patton

Committee Members Absent
I. Blake, K. Ring

Guests Present
A. Stelson, C. Heng, J. Greenthal, Y. Dubon

I. Opening Items

A.

Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

F. Rojas called a meeting of the Academic Oversight Committee of Excel Academy Rhode Island to order on Wednesday Apr 15, 2026 at 5:31 PM.

C. Public Comment

No members of the public provided comments at this meeting.

D. Approve prior Academic Oversight Committee meeting minutes

S. Patton made a motion to approve the minutes from Board of Trustees - Academic Oversight Committee Meeting on 02-04-26.
F. Rojas seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Academic Oversight

A. Update on State of the Schools, Academic Data, and Priorities

S. Patton and members of the school and academic team presented updates to the Committee, as detailed in the Academic Update Slides and Board Academic Data Dashboard that were provided to the Committee.

F. Rojas asked for context about reasons we are hearing from families related to absences. K. Cushing commented that we saw significant weather-related absences due to snow and cold. M. Perry commented on improvements to attendance intervention tracking and follow-ups.

O. Stearns asked for more context about the trends we observed between IA3 and the Math RICAS, which S. Patton provided. S. Patton and M. Perry added commentary on how we think about groupings of students based on their scoring patterns and the school's differentiated approaches to maximizing achievement for each group. A. Medeiros and P. Santiago provided additional context about teaching and learning strategies at this point in the year to maximize growth in the final stretch before the RICAS is administered.

K. Cushing commented on staff and student culture efforts at the school, such as the "Roasting RICAS" campaign, to boost student enthusiasm and engagement in their academic goals.

K. Cushing, S. Patton, O. Stearns, and P. Santiago shared reflections on staff satisfaction trends and lessons we are learning as we continue to grow the school and make the most efficient possible use of our facility space.

S. Patton shared that we are also learning how best to support a student population that is coming into Excel with 40%+ needing significant interventions.

B. Discussion & Vote to Recommend Approval of LEA Strategic Plan

A. Kaynor made a motion to recommend approval.
S. Patton seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
A. Kaynor presented context. F. Reyes presented updated goals

C. Update on Consolidated Resource Plan (CRP) funding

III. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
F. Rojas
List of documents

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