the Ecology Learning Center

Board Agenda

Date: **November 16, 2026**	Time: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Location: **Ecology Learning Center 230 Main Street, Unity, ME**

To join the video meeting, click this link: https://meet.google.com/gwx-nuev-vfv 678-331-7343 PIN: 757 747 692#	**Overview, reminders, and expectations of one another:** • Mission Moment – *our guest speaker describes an example of our mission's impact on a student (or students) that reminds us of **why** the work of the Ecology Learning Center is so important. Helping us (on the Board) understand the real-world impacts is so important!* • Consent Agenda – *board members come prepared to approve past minutes and committee reports placed on the consent agenda that don't require further board discussion or action. We make time for questions about reports submitted but if it becomes clear that more discussion (beyond a few clarifying questions) is needed, a report will be moved off of the consent agenda into the regular agenda.* • Committee Reports – Committee Chairs please submit a short, written summary of any information that the full Board needs to understand your work since the last Board meeting. Please clearly **(and separately)** in writing identify any requested Board action as well as the thinking that went into this request, **being careful to include all relevant information (whether it supports your requested action or not).** This format for requested Board action will be our Structured Proposal format. At the meeting, please confine your verbal presentation **(if you need to make one)** to answering board member's questions about your written report and Structured Proposal, if applicable. • Discussion – *we strive for focused and collegial dialogue relevant to the agenda item before us. To help us make the most of our time & encourage creative thought, **any** board member is welcome to submit a Structured Proposal for Board consideration at least 1 wk. in advance of our meeting. As described in our Bylaws, we will follow Roberta's Rules for meeting management and discussions. Our Executive Session protocol is here.* • Closing – *we review our work together and consider ways that we might improve.*
5:30 - 5:35	**Welcome** to guests, public comments, Circle of Gratitude
5:35 - 5:40	**Mission Moment:** Audrey Cardwell, Math Teacher
5:40 - 5:45	**Consent Agenda** • Minutes: 10/21/2026 Board Meeting Minutes • Executive Director's Report (see "Exec. Director" below) • Governance Committee (see "Committee Reports" below)

Our Mission - to deeply root students in Maine's ecological & cultural landscapes, foster authentic real-world learning through mentorship & craft, and cultivate compassionate and resilient leaders prepared to engage in the challenges of today & tomorrow.

	• October Treasury Report (see “Committee Reports” below) • Wellness Committee (see “Committee Reports” below) • Dropout Prevention Committee (see “Committee Reports” below) Regular Reports requiring **no** board action
5:45 - 5:55	**Policy Review: Governance Committee** • Review JLF Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect
5:55 - 6:15	**Finance Committee** • Finance Committee Report (Lauren)
6:15 - 6:35	**Cliff Rental** • Discussion on proposal to rent the Cliff
6:35 - 6:55	**ED Report** • Personnel update, FY26 audit
6:55 - 7:05	**Academic Excellence** • Academic Excellence Report (Malcolm)
7:05 - 7:25	**Executive Session** • Executive Session Discussion
7:25 - 7:30	**Wrap-Up** • Closing thoughts, temperature check, adjourn

Resources

Exec. Director ED Report Academic Data	**Committee Reports** Governance • Governance Committee Minutes (11/4/2026) Finance • October Treasury Report Dropout Prevention Facilities: Wellness Academic Excellence	**Officer’s Reports** Treasurer: Finance Committee Report **Notes:** ELC Meeting Schedule

Standard Motion to enter Executive Session “I move that we enter Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A.*405.6.A to discuss sensitive {negotiation, personnel, etc.} matters.