

the Ecology Learning Center

Board Agenda

Date: February 24, 2025	Time: 6:00 - 8:00 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-vfy 678-331-7343 PIN: 757 747 692#	Overview, reminders, and expectations of one another: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mission Moment - <i>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!</i>• Consent Agenda - <i>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.</i>• 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 - <i>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.</i>• Closing - <i>we review our work together and consider ways that we might improve.</i>	
Most important outcomes for this meeting (in order of importance): 1. Financial and Strategic Discussion <i>NOTE - If time does not permit us to reach each of these outcomes, we will remove the lowest ranked priorities, as necessary, to conclude our meeting by 8:00 p.m.</i>		
6:00 - 6:05	Mission Moment: Grace Warder (Humanities Faculty)	

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.

6:05-6:10	Welcome to guests, public comments, Circle of Gratitude
6:10-6:15	Consent Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes: 1/27 Board Meeting Minutes Executive Director's Report (see "Exec. Director" below) Governance Committee (see "Committee Reports" below) January Treasury Report (see "Committee Reports" below) Wellness Committee (see "Committee Reports" below) Dropout Prevention Committee (see "Committee Reports" below) <p>Regular Reports requiring no board action</p>
6:15-6:25	Consent Items for Further Discussion / Structured Proposals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [Insert structured proposals here.] <p>If you know ahead of time that you require action beyond simple consent, please do so in writing separately from your regular report using the Structured Proposal format. Then link your proposal above.</p>
6:25-7:35	Financial and Strategic Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where do we stand financially? What trends do we notice? See Finance Committee Report. What steps can we take to raise money? See Board Fundraising Ideas. Where do we want to be in 3 years? In light of current or anticipated challenges, what adjustments might we make? See Strategic Plan Narrative and Strategic Plan Spreadsheet. What are our action items for the next month?
7:35-7:40	Executive Director Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief follow-up on Passion Projects. See data here.
7:40-7:55	Executive Session for a Board Matter under 1 MRSA 405.6A
7:55 - 8:00	Wrap-Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing thoughts, temperature check, adjourn New members sign COI form New members update contact info (ELC Board Contact List)
Resources	

<p><u>Exec.</u> <u>Director</u> ED Report Academic Data</p>	<p><u>Committee Reports</u></p> <p>Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report (2/12/2025) • ELC KBF: Parent Involvement w/ Title I (1st review) • ELC GCFB-R: Recruiting/Hiring Admin Staff (1st review) • Facilities Dev (2nd review) • Facilities Planning (2nd review) • GCOA: Supervision/Eval of Professional Staff (2nd review) • ELC BBA: School Board Powers (3rd review) <p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January Treasury Report <p>Dropout Prevention</p> <p>Facilities</p> <p>Wellness</p> <p>Academic Excellence</p>	<p><u>Officer's Reports</u></p> <p>Treasurer: Finance Committee Report</p> <p><u>Notes:</u></p> <p>Board/Staff Meet-up Friday, 3/14 9-1</p> <p>Next board meeting is Monday, 3/17.</p>
<p>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.</p>		