

the Ecology Learning Center

Board Agenda

Date: September 17, 2025	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-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>		
5:30 - 5:35	Welcome to guests, public comments, Circle of Gratitude	

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.

5:35 - 5:40	Mission Moment: Katia Johnstone, Community Engagement Coordinator	
5:40 - 5:45	Consent Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes: 8/13 Board Meeting MinutesExecutive Director’s Report (see “Exec. Director” below)Governance Committee (see “Committee Reports” below)July/August 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>	
5:45 - 5:50	Finance Committee Advisor <ul style="list-style-type: none">Discussion and vote on approving Beth Alma as advisor to Finance Committee. (See Finance Committee Charter.)	
5:50-6:45	Financial and Strategic Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">Where do we stand financially? What trends do we notice?Monthly Focus: Events. Brainstorm possibilities. Discuss annual signature event. See Events Ideas document.Action ItemsSee Strategic Plan Narrative and Strategic Plan Spreadsheet.	
6:45-6:50	Student Representative <ul style="list-style-type: none">Discuss interest in having student representative(s) on board.	
6:50-7:05	Executive Director Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">Cliff Business Plan	
7:05-7:25	Executive Sessions for Board Matters under 1 MRSA 405.6A	
7:25 - 7:30	Wrap-Up <ul style="list-style-type: none">Closing thoughts, temperature check, adjourn	
Resources		
<u>Exec. Director</u> ED Report Academic Data	<u>Committee Reports</u> Governance <ul style="list-style-type: none">8/27 GsC Minutes Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none">Budget Modeling Tool Dropout Prevention Facilities Wellness Academic Excellence	<u>Officer’s Reports</u> Treasurer: finance committee report <u>Notes:</u>

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.