

the Ecology Learning Center

Board Agenda

Date: December 17, 2025	Time: 5:00 - 5:30 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#	<div>Overview, reminders, and expectations of one another:</div> <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 - <i>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.</i>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>	
<div>Most important outcomes for this meeting (in order of importance):</div> <div>1. Financial and Strategic Discussion</div> <div>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.</div>		
5:00 - 5:05	Welcome to guests, public comments	

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.

5:05 - 5:10	Consent Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes: 11/19 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)Current Positions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Board Chair: Josh KerksmarVice Chair: Randy FoxSecretary: Tia PoulinFinance Committee Chair: Malcolm Campbell Regular Reports requiring no board action	
5:10 - 5:20	Mission Moment <ul style="list-style-type: none">Student Presentations	
5:20-5:25	Financial Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">Where do we stand financially? What trends do we notice? See Finance Committee Report.	
5:25-5:30	Executive Director Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">See ED Report below.	
5:30	Adjourn	
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<u>Exec. Director</u> ED Report Academic Data	<u>Committee Reports</u> Governance <ul style="list-style-type: none">12/3 GC 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.		