

the Ecology Learning Center

Board Agenda

Date: January 21, 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: <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>	
5:30 - 5:35	Welcome to guests, public comments, Circle of Gratitude	
5:35 - 5:40	Mission Moment: Doug Lakin, Woodworking Teacher and Outdoor Programs Instructor	
5:40 - 5:45	Consent Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes: 11/19 Board Meeting Minutes• Executive 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)	

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.

	Regular Reports requiring no board action	
5:45 - 6:15	Bridge Program Financial Report through Q2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Esther Williamson, Bridge Director / Questions & Discussion • Link to Bridge Financial Report 	
6:15 - 6:35	Executive Session for Board Matter under 1 MRSA 405.6A	
6:35 - 6:40	Facilities Committee Charter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Reading of Facilities Committee Charter 	
6:40 - 7:00	Finance Committee Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Finance Committee Report 	
7:00 - 7:10	Executive Director Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ED Report • Progress report on AY26 SMART Goals 	
7:10 - 7:25	Executive Session for Board Matter 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"> • 12/3 GC Minutes Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Modeling Tool Dropout Prevention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11.17.25 Minutes 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.		