

the Ecology Learning Center

Board Agenda

Date: August 13, 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-vfv 678-331-7343 PIN: 757 747 692#		Overview, reminders, and expectations of one another: - 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>	
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		
5:35 - 5:40	Mission Moment: Kayla Higgins, Dean of Students		

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.

5:40 - 5:45	Consent Agenda - Minutes: 6/29 Board Meeting Minutes - Executive Director’s Report (see “Exec. Director” below) - Governance Committee (see “Committee Reports” below) - May 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	
5:45-7:05	Financial and Strategic Discussion - Where do we stand financially? What trends do we notice? See Finance Committee Report. - 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. - Discussion on solar panels for Cliff. See carport brochure, financing options, annual cashflow estimates, and simplified annual cashflow estimates. - What are our action items for the next month?	
7:05-7:10	Board Meet-Up with Staff Availability for meeting with staff (in person) on 8/22 (Fri.), or online on 8/25 (Mon.)?	
7:10-7:25	Executive Director Update Panorama Survey Results Students Families Staff	
7:25 - 7:30	Wrap-Up Closing thoughts, temperature check, adjourn	
Resources		
<u>Exec. Director</u> ED Report <u>Academic Data</u>	<u>Committee Reports</u> Governance Finance Budget Modeling Tool Dropout Prevention Facilities Wellness Academic Excellence	<u>Officer’s Reports</u> Treasurer: <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.		

