

APPROVED



Excel Academy Rhode Island

Minutes

Excel Academy Rhode Island Board of Trustees

Date and Time

Thursday April 24, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Location

Excel Academy Rhode Island
622 Woonasquatucket Ave.
North Providence, RI 02911

Meeting Notice Posted Publicly: 4/22/25

Please note: All items listed on the agenda are subject to a possible vote by the Board of Trustees.

Trustees Present

C. Chhay, C. Heng, F. Rojas, I. Blake, J. Greenthal

Trustees Absent

B. Smiley, C. Lombardi, L. Giordano, M. Rivera

Guests Present

A. Kaynor, O. Stearns

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

C. Chhay called a meeting of the board of trustees of Excel Academy Rhode Island to order on Thursday Apr 24, 2025 at 6:33 PM.

C. Public Comment

No members of the public provided comments at this meeting.

D. Approve prior Board meeting minutes

C. Chhay made a motion to approve the minutes from Board of Trustees Meeting on 04-10-25.

F. Rojas seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Academic Oversight

A. Approve update to Academic Oversight Committee & SIT Membership

C. Chhay made a motion to approve the update.

I. Blake seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

O. Stearns, A. Kaynor, and the Board thanked F. Rojas for volunteering to serve as Chair of the Academic Oversight Committee & School Improvement Team.

III. Real Estate, Fundraising, and Advocacy

A. Advocacy Updates

O. Stearns and A. Kaynor provided updates on advocacy efforts, timeline, and next steps related to Excel Academy Rhode Island's proposed lease of the school building at 99 Kenyon St. in Providence. Board members volunteered to assist with advocacy efforts.

B. EFF Site Visit - Request for Board volunteers

A. Kaynor requested volunteers from the Board to participate in a site visit interview with the Equitable Facilities Fund. C. Chhay, C. Heng, and J. Greenthal volunteered to participate.

IV. Governance

A. Reminder: Annual Disclosures

A. Kaynor reminded Board members to submit their annual disclosure forms to the RI Ethics Commission by April 25, 2025.

V. Other Business

A. FYI - Reminder about upcoming events & engagement goals

A. Kaynor reminded the Board about upcoming events and 1:1 annual check-in meetings.

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

C. Chhay made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

C. Heng seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. Chhay

List of documents used in the meeting:

- Agenda
- Prior meeting minutes
- LEA Strategic Plan & SIT Membership

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