



Excel Academy Massachusetts

Board of Trustees Meeting

Date and Time

Friday November 7, 2025 at 8:30 AM EST

Location

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Meeting Notice Posted Publicly on 11/4/25.

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

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			8:30 AM
A. Record Attendance	Discuss	Arthur Kaynor	
B. Call the Meeting to Order	Discuss	Caitlin Brumme	1 m
C. Public Comment	Discuss	Arthur Kaynor	1 m

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D. Approve Prior Meeting Minutes	Approve Minutes	Arthur Kaynor	1 m
Approve minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting on October 3, 2025			
II. Academic Oversight			
N/A - No discussion or voting items for this meeting.			
III. Talent			8:33 AM
A. Annual Board Talent Update	Discuss	Alejandra Gil	25 m
IV. Finance			8:58 AM
A. FY25 Annual Audit Update	Discuss	David Stolow	5 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excel MA and Friends of Excel both received a clean audit, with no findings and no auditor-proposed adjustments. Excel MA shows negative changes in net position of -\$67K. Friends of Excel has a change in unrestricted net assets of + \$1.06M. • The Excel MA & Friends audits were accepted by each respective Finance Committee on 10/27/25. • The Excel RI Finance Committee will meet to accept the Excel RI audit on 12/4/25. Members of the Excel MA and Friends of Excel Finance Committees are invited optionally. • Note re: Federal Delay: The Federal Government has not issued the final uniform guidance for federal audits. They released a draft in July and usually release a final version in August. They will not release the final version until after the government shut down, and there is no timeline for its release. Our auditors cannot issue the final financial audit report until the final uniform guidance is issued. The audits are prepared based on the draft version, and we do not think there will be much of an impact once the final uniform guidance comes out. However, it will mean a delay in getting Board signatures on the audited financials. This delay will not negatively impact our debt covenants or our compliance requirements with DESE. 			
Link to Excel Academy FY25 Audit Files			
V. Governance			9:03 AM

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A. Discuss and Approve SY25-26 Board Goals	Discuss	Owen Stearns & Arthur Kaynor	20 m

Materials enclosed:

- SY25-26 Excel MA Board Goals (attached)
- SY24-25 Excel MA Board Goals End-of-Year Report (attached)
- SY24-25 CEO/CMO Goals Report
- Overview of Excel Board Recruitment Priorities

VI. Board Engagement 9:23 AM

A. Upcoming Events	Discuss	Owen Stearns & Arthur Kaynor	5 m
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Campus Visit Schedule

- 10/28 (RI) and 10/22 (MA)
- **11/17 (MA) with Rep. Tyler**
- 1/26 (RI) and 1/28 (MA)
- 2/9 (RI) and 2/10 (MA)
- 3/18 (RI) and 3/20 (MA)

Other Events

- 9/9/25 - MCPSA Board Training on Advocacy in MA
- 9/16/25 - RIEC Voter Registration Campaign Kick-Off, 5-7pm at Roger Williams Park Casino in Providence
- 9/30/25 - Joint Committee on Education Hearing on various bills in MA
- 10/25/25 - 2nd Annual Family Community Resource Fair, 12:00 PM-3:00 PM at Excel Academy Charter High School
- 11/12/25 - MA Legislative Hearing on various bills

VII. Other Business

N/A - No voting or discussion topics for this meeting

VIII. Closing Items 9:28 AM

A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Caitlin Brumme	1 m
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