

Maine Arts Academy

**October Board Meeting**

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**Date and Time**

Monday October 7, 2024 at 5:00 PM EDT

**Location**

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, October 7 5:00 - 6:00pm

Maine Arts Academy, 310 Cony Road, Augusta, Maine

Time zone: America/New York

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ahx-ojeh-xuk>

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**Agenda**

**I. Opening Items**

**A.** Record Attendance

Directors present: Linda Warner, Janna Townsend, Timothy Rector, Andrew Landry, Sherry Gilbert, Mitchell Thomas, Heather King

Staff present: Jenna Murray, Amy Lawson, Rachel Merrill

Public Present: None

**B**. Call the Meeting to Order, Declaration of a quorum - Linda Warner called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 5:00pm.

**C**. Approve Minutes

**Motion** by Janna Townsend, seconded by Tim Rector, to approve August BOD minutes. Unanimous.

**II. Public Comment** No public comment.

**III. Administrative Report** Board members commented on the quantity of exciting information contained in the administrative report.

**IV. Committee Reports**

**A.** Academic Excellence Committee - Committee Chair, Janna Townsend, reported on work being done by the committee.

**B.** Development Committee - Board Chair, Linda Warner, reported on work being done by the committee.

**C.** Finance Committee- Committee Chair, Tim Rector, reported on work being done by the committee.

**D.** Governance Committee - Committee Chair, Drew Landry, reported that the committed did not meet. He is in the process of scheduling the upcoming meeting.

**V. Additions and Adjustments** None.

**VI. Old Business** None.

**VII. New Business**

**A.** Hearing

f. Executive Session: Title 1, Chapter 13, Sub-chapter 1, Freedom of Access, 405, (6) (A)(1):

Individual’s Right to Privacy

**Motion** by Mitchell Thomas, seconded by Janna Townsend, to enter executive session. Executive session entered at 5:46pm. Executive session exited at 6:08pm.

**Motion** by Drew Landry, seconded by Mitchell Thomas, to expel a student subject to satisfying the conditional plan that has been presented to the Board by the Head of School during the executive session. Unanimous.

**B.** Board Meeting Time Change - Meetings will be scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month at 11:30am.

**C.** First Policy Reading ACAAR - Linda Warner stated that there will be a vote on this policy next meeting.

**D**. Middle School Budget - Middle School Budget Draft First Reading - Heather King stated that the budget has been submitted to the Charter Commission. Linda Warner said there will be a vote on this budget at the next BOD meeting.

**E.** Report on Summer Biking and Photography - Amy Lawson shared information about the summer biking and photography program funded through the Maine Outdoor Learning Initiative grant. The $15,000 was used to fund bikes, cameras, and staffing. Twenty-four students attended the summer program. Mrs. Lawson shared that the focus was on the environment, relying on a bicycle for transportation, physical exercise, and to expand students’ knowledge of photography.

**VII. Other Business**

**A.** Title 1, Chapter 13, Sub-chapter 1, Freedom of Access, 504, 6A. 1: Individual’s right to privacy

**Motion** by Drew Landry, seconded by Tim Rector, to enter executive session. Executive session entered at 6:12pm. Executive session exited at 6:56pm.

**Motion** by Tim Rector, seconded by Janna Townsend, to remove Sherry Gilbert from the Board of Directors. Votes: 4 no, 2 yes. Motion did not pass.

**IX. Closing Items**

**A.** Adjourn Meeting

**Motion** by Mitchell Thomas to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:59pm.

**B.** Upcoming Dates

Academic Excellence October 15, 2024 4:00pm

Family Fun Festival, Trunk or Treat and Open Mic October 18 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm (in outdoor garden at school)

Development/Marketing TBD

Finance October 23, 2024 4:00pm

Governance TBD

“My Name is…” Art Show at the Blanchard Gallery in Hallowell running for the month of October. (In partnership with the Indigo Arts Alliance, the Portland Children’s Museum, etc.)

Dance Recital November 16 at Jewett Hall UMA 6:00pm

Theater Production, “She Kills Monsters”, November 22, 23 7:00pm and November 24 at Jewett Hall UMA

Development Committee Meeting, December 9, 2024 at 9:00am via Google Meets