

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
August 6, 2025



These minutes are for
informational purposes only.

PRESENT: Bessette, Andy (C); Blackmer, Robert; Keser, Adam (W); Langevin, Leisl; McGinn, Walter; Morse, David; Munroe, Heather; Quinn, Eric; Rich, Matthew; Swenson, Christine; Filippelli, Lawrence; Harten, Michael; Rhynhart, Hans; Singleton, Holly; Sturdevant, Jon; Woodland, Julie

ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION: Brown, Lauren; Ellsworth, Robert (E); Higgins, Edwin; Paquette, Philippa; Perkins-Banas, Melissa (B); Tuttle, Brent (P)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Swenson at 7:01 p.m.

2. Community Participation – None.

President Swenson welcomed new Head of School Dr. Lawrence Filippelli, saying how happy she and the Board are to have him at The Academy.

3. Secretary's Report—Minutes of May 7, 2025

MOTION: (McGinn/Quinn) To approve the minutes of May 7, 2025, as presented. All voted Yes except Bob Blackmer and Heather Munroe, who abstained. Motion passes.

4. Discuss the Annual BOT Meeting

- a. **Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.**
- b. **Annual Trustee Photo After the Meeting**

Head of School Filippelli plans to address the Corporation about the current state of The Academy and provide a copy of this year's Theory of Action. The group was reminded that this in-person meeting will not have a Zoom option.

5. Annual BOT & Staff Reception

- a. **Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**
- b. **Taylor Brooke Brewery, 818 Route 171 in Woodstock**

Head of School Filippelli is looking forward to recognizing both new employees and those who have reached employment milestones. President Swenson urged Board members to attend and show their support for The Academy's faculty and staff.

6. Board Retreat

- a. **Saturday, September 27, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.**
- b. **Assados Kitchen & Bar, 102 Putnam Pike, Chepachet, RI**

Head of School Filippelli and President Swenson described the background of Mike Reardon, who will be facilitating the Board's plan to create a new strategic plan at the Retreat on Saturday, September 27. President

Swenson has been looking forward to this process since the purchase of South Campus and feels a revised strategic plan will provide good direction for the Board and the institution. She expects the subcommittees to take on more of this work during late winter and spring, with a goal to complete the process in roughly one year. Trustees are asked to notify Julie with their plans to attend on September 27.

7. Other Items – None.

Jon Sturdevant, Holly Singleton, and Mike Harten exited the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

8. Executive Session—Personnel

MOTION: (Blackmer/Munroe) To enter into an Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters, inviting Head of School Filippelli, Chief Finance and Operating Officer Hans Rhyhart, and Julie Woodland to attend at 7:14 p.m. Unanimous

The meeting returned to regular session at 7:49 p.m.

9. Possible Action Based on Executive Session – None.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: (Blackmer/McGinn) To adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Woodland

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Board Clerk

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