

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
November 5, 2025



These minutes are for informational purposes only.

PRESENT: Blackmer, Robert; Brown, Lauren (7:05); Keser, Adam (W); Langevin, Leisl; McGinn, Walter; Morse, David; Munroe, Heather; Quinn, Eric; Rich, Matthew; Swenson, Christine; Filippelli, Lawrence; Harten, Michael; Hughes, Karin; Rhynhart, Hans; Singleton, Holly; Woodland, Julie

ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION: Ellsworth, Robert (E); Higgins, Edwin; Paquette, Philippa; Perkins-Banas, Melissa (B); Sturdevant, Jon

1. Call to Order

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

2. Community Participation – None.

3. Secretary's Report—Minutes of September 3, 2025

MOTION: (Keser/Quinn) To approve the minutes of September 3, 2025, as presented. All voted Yes except Bob Blackmer, Heather Munroe, and Adam Keser, who abstained. Motion passes.

4. Correspondence

Head of School Filippelli reviewed the correspondence which was included in the packet, highlighting a letter from the Woodstock Tax Assessor thanking The Academy for submitting an updated school-owned property list, original and revised no-trespass notices, a letter of condolence, letters to sending town partners reminding them to affirm their Board representation until the next municipal election, a letter from the CIAC commending the boys hockey team for good sportsmanship, and letters congratulating the winners of October's Academy Champion and Head of School Awards.

5. Approve Committee Charter

President Swenson requested comments and feedback from the group regarding the committee's charter. A brief discussion ensued and it was agreed to keep the charter as it is.

6. Strategic Plan: Update and Career Pathways

Head of School Filippelli described his vision for pathway programs, saying he has had some great discussions with faculty, curriculum coordinators and his administrative team to identify in-demand concentrations of study where students can earn this designation on their transcript. He hopes to have up to eight programs in place by the fall semester of 2026. Plans may include adding specific electives to create a more robust cluster of coursework. This type of academic and career focused programming is attractive to both day students and international boarding students.

7. Board Meeting Calendar Adjustments

Since the September Board Retreat, several subcommittees have taken steps to reduce their number of meetings each year. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to keep the number of Executive Committee meetings the same, and to cancel them when needed.

8. BOT Holiday Party: Sunday, December 14, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Head of School Filippelli hoped the group would be able to attend the upcoming BOT Holiday party at the former Head of School's house.

9. Other Items

- Dr. McGinn shared a conversation he had with an acquaintance who glowingly described their student’s experience in STRIVE without knowing that he is a Trustee.
- Dr. Filippelli has planned a “Lunch and Learn” event with area schools and special education departments to explain and promote the Woodstock Academy Therapeutic Program and the STRIVE program.

10. Executive Session—Personnel

MOTION: (McGinn/Langevin) 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 7:27 p.m.
Unanimous

The meeting returned to regular session at 7:31 p.m.

11. Possible Action Based on Executive Session – None.

12. Adjournment

MOTION: (Blackmar/Munroe) To adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.
Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Woodland

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Board Clerk

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