



BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

February 3, 2026
via Zoom

Board Members: Rich Polkinghorn, Chair
Daniel Blevins, Treasurer
Jennifer Bomberger, Vice Chair
Shawna Pruitt
Chelsea Ruder, Secretary

Absent Members: Vicky Waterbury

Staff & Guests: Freddy Gonzalez, Executive Director
Noelle Hanson, staff
Ronda Hull, Assoc. Executive Director
Ellie Dirks, staff
Julia Ramirez, staff

Minutes by: Noelle Hanson

I. Call to Order

Discussion: Rich called the meeting to order at 5:44 pm, with quorum established.

II. Agenda

Discussion: Reviewed Agenda

Action: Jennifer motioned to approve January 6, 2026; Agenda as presented.
Seconded by Chelsea.
Motion approved unanimously.

III. Introductions

Action: none

IV. Updates and Public Comments

Action: n/a

V. Director's Report / Informational

Discussion: 1. Director's Report
2. Personnel Report – January 2026
3. Informational Items

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- Reports reviewed
- Ellie presented the Summary of Staff Survey Results for Active Play & Nutrition Access Framework.
 - Ellie presented updates on the organization's five-year goals, focusing on health and nutrition initiatives and training improvements. She highlighted ongoing efforts to collect staff and parent feedback, emphasizing the need for follow-up strategies after training sessions.
 - There was discussion on aligning future grant writing with available funding opportunities to enhance nutrition programs in classrooms.

VI. Consent Items
a. Meeting Minutes – January 6, 2026

Discussion: n/a

Action: Shawna motioned to approve the Consent Items as presented.
Seconded by Dan.
Motion approved unanimously.

VII. Old Business
a. n/a

Discussion: n/a

Action: n/a

VIII. New Business – Action Items
a. HR – Dress Code & Personal Appearance policy

Discussion: Clarification of the policy of expectations of neat and professional for all staff.

Action: Jennifer motioned to approve the HR – Dress Code & Personal Appearance policy as presented.
Seconded by Chelsea.
Motion approved unanimously.

VIII. New Business – Discussion Items
1. Site Incidents

Discussion: n/a

Action: n/a

IX. Open Agenda

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Discussion: n/a

X. Adjourn

Action: Shawna moved to adjourn the Board Meeting.
Seconded by Chelsea.
The Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.
