



THE MAINE EDUCATIONAL CENTER FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

GOVERNOR BAXTER SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
One Mackworth Island, Falmouth, ME 04105

Board of Directors Meeting January 2, 2025 Minutes

5:36pm I. **Call to Order and Roll Call of Board Members – Tommy Minch, *Chair***

Roxanne Baker, Jason Bubier, Beth Campbell,, Tommy Minch, *Chair*, Anna Perna, *Vice Chair*, Mike Pulsifer, Liz Seal, Dawna Thorpe, Sandra Wood

Excused: Lisette Belanger, Barbara Millios

Also present: Steve Connolly, Executive Director, Dean Flanagin, Director of Operations; Lori Levesque, Director of HR; Kimberly Matthews-Hermans, Assistant Director of SEFS (Zoom); Kim Spencer, Executive Assistant; David Hillier, Information System Support Specialist; Grace Cooney, Interpreter; Evah Hellewell, Interpreter; Amy Richardson, Interpreter; Claire Jeffers, board nominee (Zoom), Janet May, board nominee (Zoom), Emily Blachly (Zoom), Erin Bunce (Zoom), Taylor Markie (Zoom), and Kevin Bohlin (Zoom)

5:37pm II. **Adjustments to the Agenda**

Roxanne **motioned**; Sandra **seconded**
9 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstained

5:38pm III. **Motion to Approve the December 5, 2024 Board Minutes**

Sandra **motioned**; Roxanne **seconded**
9 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstained

5:39pm IV. **Public Comments** (see “[Public Participation at Board Meetings](#)” policy)

- Claire Jeffers expressed concern about the recent MECDHH/GBSD Facebook post that mentioned the demolition of Carter Hall. There were negative comments and we should be careful what we post as reporters can get wind of things.

5:42pm V. **Executive Director’s Report** Steve Connolly, *Executive Director*

- Update on site-based program options
- Starting to review policies
- Maine Needs holiday donations
- Basketball team

5:51pm VI. **Facilities and Budget Updates** Dean Flanagin, *Director of Operations*

6:14pm VII. **Committee Reports**

New Business

6:18pm VIII. **Site-based Program Options** - Steve Connolly, *Executive Director* and Kimberly Matthews-Hermans; *Assistant Director of SEFS*

- Currently looking at the geographic location/clusters of our student population as well as their needs to make decisions regarding potential changes to site-based program locations.

6:56pm X. **Announcements**

6:59pm XI. **Adjournment**

Mike **motioned**; Anna **seconded**
9 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstained