



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
March 5, 2026
Agenda

- 5:30pm I. **Call to Order and Roll Call of Board Members** – Tommy Minch, *Chair*, Anna Perna, *Vice Chair*, Roxanne Baker, Lisette Belanger, Jason Bubier, Beth Campbell, Claire Jeffers, Barbara Millios, Janet May, Mike Pulsifer, Dawna Thorpe, Sandra Wood
- 5:33pm II. **Adjustments to the Agenda**
[If there are any adjustments to the agenda, board members should state them. If there are no changes, move on to approval]
“I move to approve the March 5, 2026 agenda *[state “with the changes discussed” or “without changes”]*.”
“I second the motion.”
- 5:36pm III. **Motion to Approve the February 5, 2026 Board Minutes**
[If there are any adjustments to the minutes, board members should state them. If there are no changes, move on to approval]
“I move to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2026 board meeting *[state “with the changes discussed” or “without changes”]*.”
“I second the motion.”
- 5:39pm IV. **Public Comments** (see [“Public Participation at Board Meetings”](#) policy)
- 5:43pm V. **Executive Director’s Report** Steve Connolly, *Executive Director*
- 6:00pm VI. **Facilities Report** Dean Flanagan, *Director of Operations*
- 6:20pm VII. **Eastern Region Report** Megan Garrity, *Eastern Region and Family and Peer Programming Coordinator*, and Rob Gillies, *Teacher of the Deaf*

New Business

- 6:45pm VIII. **Policies - 1st Read**
“I move to approve the first reading of policies:
- AC/Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity And Affirmative Action
 - ACAA/Harassment And Sexual Harassment Of Students
 - ACAB/Harassment And Sexual Harassment Of School Employees
 - ADC/Tobacco-Free Schools: Use And Possession Of Tobacco And Electronic Smoking Devices
 - ADC-R/Tobacco Use And Possession – Administrative Procedure
 - ADC/Tobacco-Free Schools: Use And Possession Of Tobacco And Electronic Smoking Devices
 - ADF/School District Commitment To Learning Results
 - BBAB/School Board Self-Evaluation
- [state with or without changes].*
“I second the motion.”
- 6:55pm VIII. **Staff Nomination**
“I move to accept the nomination of *Caitlin Leary* for the position of *Teacher of the Deaf, Mackworth Island Preschool*, effective August 20, 2026.
“I second the motion.”



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6:58pm IX. **Recent Hires**

Tosh Chebultz, Ed Tech I in Lewiston Schools

Tosh comes to us from Model Secondary School for the Deaf in Washington, DC where he was on the Blue Crew (a student work experience program). He was also Assistant Manager at a Sonic restaurant in Louisiana.

JoAnn Diaz Bryan, Ed Tech III at Lyman Moore Middle School

JoAnn comes to us from the Maine DOE where she works as a tutor. She is also an Evening Operations Manager at Hannaford. JoAnn holds a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Arts from Simmons College.

Joseph Gareri, Ed Tech III at Mackworth Island Preschool

Joseph has been a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service for the last eight years. He is proficient in ASL and previously did field work at the RI School for the Deaf as an Occupational Therapist Assistant. He holds an Associate Degree in Applied Science from RI Community College.

7:00pm X. **Executive Session**

"I move to enter Executive Session to discuss Consultation between Agencies, pursuant to M.R.S.A. § 405(6)E ."

"I second the motion."

7:30pm XI. **Announcements**

7:35pm XII. **Adjournment**

"I move to adjourn to **Friday, April 10, 2026 at 5:30.**"

"I second the motion."