

Minutes for EENM Board Meeting on June 5, 2023
Approved July 5, 2023 by the EENM Board of Directors

Present: Colleen McRoberts, Noelle Chavez, LuAnn Kilday, Marcia Barton, Kelly Sayanagi, Olivia Marin, Carlos Matutes, Allison Martin, Marcella Talamante

Absent: Steven Glass, Shantini Ramakrishnan

Meeting called to order at 6:05 by Ryan Pemberton

6:00 - Official meeting start time

10 min - Intros and Icebreaker. Board and staff introduced themselves

10 min - Consent agenda - [May meeting minutes](#), [Annual Meeting Minutes](#), [May Financials](#)

Kelly moved to approve the consent agenda minus the Annual Meeting Minutes. Marcia seconds. Approved by all present except Colleen abstains.

15 min - [Director's Summary](#), [Statement of Activity for May 2023](#)

Additional notes to Director's Summary: Martin Heinrich's office will be re-introducing the federal bill on Living Schoolyards Act and Allison and Carlos will invite them to participate in relevant EENM events.

20 min - [Board Binder/On-BOARDing](#)

The binder includes contact info, bylaws, program highlights, financials, Board roles and responsibilities, committees. Marcia suggested that the updated bylaws be included instead of the version. Colleen suggested including the Strategic Plan. A hard copy binder will be mailed to new board members.

20 min - Discussion of new BOD applications

Bylaws revisions approved at the Annual Meeting to expand the board from nine to eleven members. Three members are leaving: Kelly, Ryan, and Colleen.

Four applications were presented: 2 former Fellows - Shelby Kazan (BEMP) and Susan Schipull (APS Garden Resource Coordinator). Kirsten Cuevas is a regenerative ag farmer, and Amanda Keith works with the Public Land Interpretive Association. Discussion and then Collen made a motion to accept all four applicants to join the board, pending a conversation with Shelby Kazan. LuAnn seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Colleen relates how the long term intention that Barbara Garrity articulated is becoming realized.

10 min - Change of Officers

We will need to nominate and vote for all the offices. We have also had co-treasurers in the past:

Current co-chairs: Shantini and Ryan

Current Treasurer: Steve

Current Secretary: Marcia

5 min - Bye Colleen, Kelly, and Ryan

Thank you Colleen for serving an additional two years! Colleen reflected on her path from teaching to resource management and environmental education what an amazing and wonderful journey it has been. Colleen served EENM as a board member 8 years hopes to continue to connect the Open Space Division and EENM with an equity and access focus.

Thank you Kelly for serving an additional year! Kelly reflected on how meaningful EENM has been in her life. She volunteers to serve on the Advisory Board! Yay!

Thank you, Ryan, for serving an additional six months and stepped up to co-chair last year. Ryan quotes George Washington, "I am tired and it is time to go home."

Colleen motions to adjourn the meeting, Kelly seconds the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.