



Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Sept. 26, 2023

Present: Fran O'Farrell (staff), Ray Williams (staff), Moses Viveros, Tamara Bauers, Alex Betzenheimer (staff), Kate Seybold, Cassandra Meyer, Warren King, Sally Nixon, Claire Houston-Purvey, LaDonna Sanders Redmond, Vina Kay (joined 7:40)
Guest: Leslie Watson, Josh Russell, Jake Carlson, AK Davidson, Lydia Olson, Brit Ramsland (candidate)

Meeting called to order at 6:19 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Moses moved approval of the consent agenda.

Approval of minutes from Aug. 30 meeting

Stock issuance and repurchases, Aug. 11–31, Sept. 1–10

Class A stock purchases (new owner list)

Class A stock repurchase requests (GM approval; Treasurer approval)

Class C stock purchases

Columinate (CBLD) participation agreement renewal

Cassandra seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Class C stock repurchase requests

Tamara moved approval of the Class C stock repurchase requests. LaDonna seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Audit Report, FY2023

Josh Russell and Jake Carlson from Mahoney presented the fiscal year 2023 audit and responded to questions from the board. Vina moved to accept the audit. Cassandra seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

GM Report

A written report was submitted to the board.

EL8: Communication and Support to the Board

Claire moved to adopt the revisions to EL8. Warren Seconded. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Brief board briefs

Directors noted upcoming governance events, including Columinate's fall events and NCBA CLUSA's Cooperative IMPACT Conference. Also reported back on Up & Coming.

Election Committee report back

Committee members shared plans for the Candidate Forum, and the date for new director orientation.

Community Engagement Committee report back

Committee members shared plans for Seward Co-op 101 class and the annual meeting.

Recognize outgoing directors and staff

Vina and Warren were both celebrated for their contributions to the board.

Columinate Board Self-Assessment Tool

The board reviewed and discussed the results of the self-assessment.

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:13 p.m.

The board discussed union negotiations and GM compensation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the board: Jan. 30. Next board of directors meeting: Jan. 30.