

Wheatville Board of Directors
January Meeting Agenda
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27th, 2026
6:30-9:00PM *VIRTUAL MEETING*****
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TIME	TOPIC	ACTION	PAGE
6:30 pm	1. OPEN TIME – for WV Owners to present any topic to the board	LISTEN	
6:40 pm	2. AGENDA REVIEW 3. CONSENT AGENDA: November/December 2025 Meeting Minutes January Special Meeting Minutes Monthly Operations Report Ownership Report Monthly GM Update	DISCUSS VOTE	
6:45 pm	4. GOVERNANCE (1 min) Recite Ends (5 min) D – Global Executive Constraint (5 min) D1 – Financial Conditions Report (5 min) Statement of Agreement – Disclose Conflict of Interest (5 min) Seat 2026 Board of Directors (10 min) Elect Officers	RECITE VOTE VOTE DISCUSS VOTE VOTE	
7:15 pm	BREAK		
7:25 pm	5. GOVERNANCE, Part 2 & COMMITTEE WORK (5 min) Nominations Committee (5 min) Owner Engagement Committee (5 min) Audit and Review Committee (5 min) Quarterly board budget update (budget vs actuals) (10 min) Board Retreat Highlights (10 min) Columinate Article Summary (5 min) Monthly Look-Ahead (10 min) Board Logistics (meeting days/times/etc.)	DISCUSS DISCUSS DISCUSS DISCUSS DISCUSS DISCUSS DISCUSS DISCUSS	
8:20 pm	5. EXECUTIVE SESSION (30 min) Discuss proprietary business matters		
8:50 pm	6. ADJOURN (4 min) February Preview, Closing Round, and Wrap-up (1 min) Adjourn	DISCUSS	

Wheatville will be at the forefront of a transformed society that has:

- a thriving community centered on hospitality, kindness, and generosity
- a robust cooperative economy
- easy access to sustainable, healthy food solutions



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Present: Brandon Hines, *President*; Julie Gomez, *Treasurer*; Mindy Nobles, *Secretary*; Cody Atkins; MeriJayd O'Connor; Joelle Williams; and Brianna Menard

Staff Present: Bill Bickford, *General Manager*

Others Present: Wade Powell, *incoming Board Candidate*; Rachel Fischer, *incoming Board Candidate*;

Absent: Lindsay Winters, *Board Administrator*

Call to Order 6:30 PM

1. OPEN TIME 6:32 PM

2. AGENDA 6:42 PM

3. CONSENT AGENDA 6:43 PM

November/December 2025 Meeting Minutes

Special December 2025 Meeting Minutes

Monthly Operations Report

Ownership Report

Monthly GM Update

4. GOVERNANCE 6:44 PM

Recite Ends, 6:44 PM

Joelle recited the Ends.

D – Global Executive Constraint 6:45 PM

Bill noted that there were not many changes to this year's report compared to last year's, aside from updated investments and the revised capital amounts from each offering.

Bill also discussed the restricted education fund allocated for director education and asked the Board to consider potential uses for the funds in the near future. Brandon flagged the item and suggested revisiting it at next month's Board meeting.



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--- Brandon moved to accept D – Global Executive Constraint. Brianna seconded. Motion Passed (7-0-0).

D1 – Financial Conditions Report

6:55 PM

Bill reported that Wheatsville remains out of compliance due to sales growth and net profit, noting that staffing reductions have been implemented to move back toward positive cash flow.

The vote was postponed to next month to include the Board Financial Statements, and Bill will highlight the \$1,000 education reserve in that report.

Statement of Agreement – Disclose Conflict of Interest, 6:50 PM

All Board members have signed and submitted their Statements of Agreement. Brandon and the Board briefly discussed a few display errors in the signed agreements.

Seat 2025 Board of Directors, 6:56 PM

-- MeriJayd motioned to seat the 2025 board of directors to include Brandon Hines, Rachel Fischer, Wade Powell, Joelle Williams, and Cody Atkins. Mindy seconded. Motion passed (7-0-0).

Newly initiated members, Wade and Rachel, were made eligible to vote.

Elect Officers, 7:00 PM

Three directors volunteered as Officer candidates. Additional nominations were opened, and Brandon, Julie, and Mindy encouraged Cody to consider serving as Board President in the future. Wade expressed interest in supporting the audit committee.

---Mindy nominated Brianna as Secretary. Rachel seconded. The Board voted to elect Brianna as Secretary (9-0-0).

---Brandon nominated Julie as Treasurer. Joelle seconded. The Board voted to elect Julie as Treasurer, (9-0-0).

---Brianna nominated Brandon as President. Mindy seconded. The Board voted to elect Brandon as President, (9-0-0).

Elect Committee Chairs, 7:25PM

---Brandon motioned to elect MeriJayd as Owner Engagement chair. Julie Seconded. Motion passed (9-0-0).

---Brandon motioned to elect Joelle as Nominations Committee chair. Brianna seconded. Motion passed (9-0-0).



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BREAK

7:29 PM

5. GOVERNANCE, Part 2 & COMMITTEE WORK

7:41 PM

Nominations Committee, 7:41PM

No new updates.

Quarterly board budget update (budget vs actuals), 7:41 PM

Julie presented the quarterly Board budget and inquired about the CBLD training budget. Brandon suggested revisiting and consolidating the budget. Julie also discussed the owner engagement budget with MeriJayd and brought up the catering budget for in-person meetings, recommending adding a line item if the Board plans to hold more of them.

Board Retreat Highlights, 7:46 PM

Brandon noted that Ben is still compiling his notes and will share them with the Board as soon as they're ready. He then opened the floor for reflections on the Board retreat. Wade shared that, as an incoming director, he appreciated the retreat and the background it provided on the cooperative movement. Brandon thanked all directors for their participation and engagement. Mindy praised Ben's presentation and how informative the content was, and Rachel added that she enjoyed the focus on the cooperative movement.

Mindy suggested featuring a cooperative farmer or vendor spotlight in the Breeze. Joelle agreed, noting it could be engaging for owners.

Owner Engagement Committee, 8:06 PM

MeriJayd presented an overview of retreat topics relevant to the owner engagement committee, including developing materials on the roots of cooperativism in the U.S. She also discussed plans for Wheatsville's 50th birthday, and Bill provided additional updates on the March celebration.

The Board discussed the possibility of hosting a Wheatsville community awards. Brandon said he would work with directors to create a list of 50 cooperative highlights to feature in the Breeze.

Columinate Article Summary, 8:20 PM

This report is deferred to next month for Joelle to present.

Monthly Look-Ahead, 8:21 PM



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Mindy presented an overview of the months to come for directors. MeriJayd and Julie agreed to table at the upcoming Plant and Sustainability Fair on February 28th.

Board Logistics, 8:24 PM

Brandon surveyed the board asking if meeting on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM still works for everyone, and the Board agreed the day and time still works well.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

8:26 PM

***Purpose – to discuss proprietary business matters

At 8:26 pm Brandon brought the Board into an executive session to include Bill Bickford, *General Manager*

At 8:53 pm, Brandon moved the Board out of executive session.

6.ADJOURN

8:53 PM

February Preview, Closing Round, and Wrap-up, 8:54 PM

At 8:54 PM Brandon adjourned the meeting.