

**Wheatville Board of Directors
February Meeting Agenda
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 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	DISCUSS	
	3. CONSENT AGENDA:	VOTE	
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	Monthly GM Update		11-12
6:45 pm	4. GOVERNANCE		
(1 min)	Recite Ends	RECITE	
(10 min)	Wheatville's 50 th Anniversary	DISCUSS	
(5 min)	D1 – Financial Conditions – Updated	VOTE	13-28
(5 min)	Statement of Agreement – Updated	DISCUSS	29-44
(5 min)	C1 - Unity of Control	VOTE	
(5 min)	B1 - Governing Style	VOTE	
(5 min)	B2 - The Board's Job	VOTE	
(10 min)	Board Education Reserve	DISCUSS	
7:30 pm	BREAK		
7:40 pm	5. GOVERNANCE, Part 2 & COMMITTEE WORK		
(1 min)	Nominations Committee	DISCUSS	
(5 min)	Owner Engagement Committee	DISCUSS	
(5 min)	Audit and Review Committee – Draft Board Budget	DISCUSS	
(10 min)	Columinate Article Summary	DISCUSS	
(5 min)	Monthly Look-Ahead	DISCUSS	
(10 min)	Board Learning Materials	DISCUSS	
8:15 pm	6. EXECUTIVE SESSION		
(30 min)	Discuss proprietary business matters		
8:45 pm	7. ADJOURN		
(1 min)	Banking Authorization Resolution	VOTE	45-46
(1 min)	GM / Interim Transition	VOTE	
(1 min)	Board Stipend Adjustment	VOTE	
(4 min)	March Preview, Closing Round, and Wrap-up	DISCUSS	
(1 min)	Adjourn		

- 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*; Brianna Menard, *Secretary*; Joelle Williams; Rachel Fischer; Wade Powell; Cody Atkins; and MeriJayd O'Connor

Staff present: Bill Bickford, *General Manager*; Lindsay Winters, *Board Admin*; and Tanya Carney, *Lamar Store Director*; and Rita Daily, *Marketing Director*

Others Present: Jimmy Robbertson, Owner

Absent: Mindy Nobles

Call to Order **6:33 PM**

1. OPEN TIME **6:33 PM**

2. AGENDA REVIEW **6:42 PM**

Brandon suggested dividing the executive session into two parts: one that includes Bill, and a second session for Board members only.

3. CONSENT AGENDA **6:43 PM**

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Monthly
GM Update

--- MeriJayd moved to accept the consent agenda. Brianna seconded. Motion passed (7-0-0).

4. GOVERNANCE AND COMMITTEE WORK **6:44 PM**

Recite Ends, 6:44pm

MeriJayd recited the Ends.

Wheatville's 50th Anniversary, 6:44pm

Rita outlined birthday event plans including three bands, local artist and tattoo vendors, patio food (popcorn tofu and poboy), birthday cake, and a Party World Rasslin performance later in the afternoon. Bill asked for any Board concerns. MeriJayd and Brandon emphasized keeping character elements fun, light, non-political, and aligned with the cooperative spirit. Rita invited the Board to attend the full event on Sunday, March 29, from 12–5pm.

D1 Financial Conditions, 6:57 pm

Bill noted that this was a resubmission with no changes to compliance status.



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--- Brianna motioned to accept D1 Financial Conditions Report. Julie seconded. Motion passed (8-0-0).

Statement of Agreement, 7:03 pm

Brandon noted the statements were updated to fix technical errors from the last packet, and Cody reported an update to his conflict-of-interest disclosure

C1, B1 and B2 Surveys 7:08 pm

Surveys deferred to next month.

Board Education Reserve, 7:08 pm

Bill noted the item had been set aside for several years and asked whether the Board wanted to use the funds or repurpose them. MeriJayd moved to unrestrict the funds and place them under GM discretion.

5. GOVERNANCE, Part 2 & COMMITTEE WORK

7:13 PM

Nominations Committee 7:13 pm

No updates.

Owner Engagement Committee, 7:13 pm

No updates. MeriJayd reminded the Board about the upcoming Plant and Sustainability Fair and asked who could attend. Brianna discussed promoting the event through social media.

Audit and Review Committee, 7:18 pm

Julie presented the Board budget to Directors. Julie discussed updates suggested for the Board budget including decreasing travel budgets and increasing the Board retreat budget. Brandon suggested not removing items, rather just zeroing it out and adding a note. Julie mentioned the Board and Wheatville split the cost of audit so she split it. Bill suggested upping the audit budget, as it gets more and more expensive each year. Reducing the events and communication board budget. Brandon suggested community connects.

They discussed the portion of the Board budget noting food is most likely to be purchased than any other item in member communication.

Columinate Article Summary, 7:39 pm

Joelle previewed upcoming materials, highlighting two relevant articles—including *A Beloved Northwest Grocery Co-Op Approaching Foreclosure Faces Dwindling Options*—as useful context for Board discussions, along with a documentary tracing the history of co-ops to the present. These materials will be shared in Teams, and the Board will discuss them at the next meeting.

Monthly Look A-head, 7:41 pm

Brianna reviewed the upcoming months. Wade attempted to register for a course and noted that



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one option required payment. Brandon advised that anyone having trouble getting set up should reach out.

BREAK 7:45 PM

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

7:57 PM

***Purpose – to discuss proprietary business matters

At 7:53pm Brandon brought the Board into an executive session to include Bill Bickford, General Manager, and Tanya Carney, South Lamar Store Director, Rita Daily, Marketing Director, and Lindsay Winters, Board Admin

At 8:59 pm, Brandon moved Lindsay Winters, Rita Daily, and Tanya Carney out of executive session and brought the board into an executive session with Bill Bickford.

At 9:23 pm Brandon moved Bill Bickford out of executive session and brought the Board into executive session.

At 11:03 pm Brandon moved the Board out of executive session.

6. ADJOURN

11:05 PM

Banking Authorization Resolution, 11:04 pm

The board authorized the updated Banking Authorization Resolution 7-0-0

GM / Interim Transition, 11:04 pm

The board authorized Brandon to present the offer as discussed in executive session to Tanya Carney.

Board Stipend Adjustment, 11:05 pm

The Board did not take formal action on board stipend adjustments. However, in light of Wheatville's current financial conditions several directors discussed voluntarily turning down receiving stipends. Brandon to coordinate before the next stipend payments.

March Preview, Closing Round, and Wrap-up, 11:05 PM

At 11:05 pm, Brandon adjourned the meeting.



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