

**Wheatsville Board of Directors
March Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, March 24th, 2026
6:30-9:00PM ***VIRTUAL MEETING*****



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TIME	TOPIC	ACTION	PAGE
6:30pm	1. OPEN TIME – for WV Owners to present any topic to the board	LISTEN	
6:40pm	2. AGENDA REVIEW	DISCUSS	
	3. CONSENT AGENDA:	VOTE	
	February 2026 Meeting Minutes		4
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	Monthly Operations Reports		6
	Monthly Ownership Report		
	Monthly GM Update		
6:45pm	4. GOVERNANCE & COMMITTEE WORK, Part 1		
(1 min)	Recite Ends	RECITE	
(10 min)	ACBA Update	DISCUSS	7-37
(10 min)	D3 – Asset Protection GM Monitoring Report	VOTE	38-47
(5 min)	B1 - Governing Style Monitoring, B2 - The Board's Job Monitoring, and C1 - Unity of Control Monitoring Surveys	VOTE	48-49
(5 min)	B3 – Agenda Planning and C2 - Accountability of the GM Monitoring Surveys	VOTE	
(1 min)	DRAFT Board Budget Update	DISCUSS	
(5 min)	Education Reserve	VOTE	
7:20pm	BREAK		
7 :30pm	5. GOVERNANCE & COMMITTEE WORK, Part 2		
(5 min)	Nominations Committee – Charter	VOTE	50-51
(5 min)	Owner Engagement Committee – Charter and Update	VOTE	52-53
(5 min)	Audit and Review Committee – Charter	VOTE	
(10 min)	Columinate Article Summary	DISCUSS	54-58
(5 min)	Monthly Look-Ahead	DISCUSS	
8:00pm	6. EXECUTIVE SESSION		
(30 min)	Discuss proprietary business matters		
8:30pm	7. ADJOURN		
(9 min)	April preview, Closing Round, and Wrap-up	DISCUSS	
(1 min)	Adjourn		

Wheatsville 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* (6:38pm); Brianna Menard, *Secretary*; Joelle Williams (6:38pm); Cody Atkins; MeriJayd O'Connor; Wade Powell; Rachel Fischer; and Mindy Nobles (7:28pm)

Staff present: Tanya Carney, *General Manager*; Lindsay Winters, *Board Admin*

Call to Order **6:30 PM**

1. OPEN TIME **6:35 PM**

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

B3 and C2 surveys to be reviewed next month. February and March meeting minutes to be reviewed next month.

3. CONSENT AGENDA **6:45 PM**

Monthly Operations Reports
Ownership Report
Monthly GM Update

– Brianna moved to accept the consent agenda. Julie seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0-0.

4. GOVERNANCE AND COMMITTEE WORK **6:46 PM**

Recite Ends, 6:46 pm

Tanya recited the Ends.

ACBA Update, 6:47 pm

Don updated the Board on ACBA developments, including financial updates and the shift to collecting member dues in the first quarter of the cycle

D3 – Asset Protection GM Monitoring Report, 6:55 pm

Tanya gave a brief update on the Asset Protection GM Monitoring report, noting minimal changes. She and MeriJayd discussed insurance coverage for product loss during power outages, and Tanya also noted the loss from the Black Star Co-op investment.

– Wade motioned to accept D3 – Asset Protection GM Monitoring Report. Joelle seconded. Motion passed 8-0-0.



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B1 - Governing Style Monitoring, B2 - The Board's Job Monitoring, and C1 - Unity of Control Monitoring Surveys, 7:01 PM

Brandon invited the Board to discuss the low survey scores and share any thoughts on how to improve. He noted that it can be hard to stay connected to the survey feedback without full context or a clear record of what's been accomplished. MeriJayd agreed and mentioned that some survey questions can be challenging to answer. She also asked whether surveys are common for other boards, and Brandon confirmed they are and are mainly intended to spark conversation.

Brandon suggested creating a reference chart to help directors recall key activities when completing future surveys.

Tanya highlighted the Board's regular communication with owners and suggested coordinating monthly emails as an additional avenue.

--- MeriJayd moved to accept the B1, B2, and C1 surveys. Joelle seconded. Motioned passed (7-0-0).

B3 – Agenda Planning and C2 - Accountability of the GM Monitoring Surveys , 7:13 PM Moved to next month.

Columinate Article Summary, 7:14 pm

Joelle summarized an article about a coop that closed, highlighting its message of turning hardship into opportunity and connecting it to the Guad closure. The Board shared reflections: Brandon noted the financial strain; MeriJayd said the story was sobering but motivating; Rachel referenced Black Star Coop's continued community engagement; Joelle raised owner communication challenges; and Brianna shared mixed feelings but suggested more frequent informal meetings. Wade supported both online and inperson gatherings. Tanya emphasized appreciating what remains at Guad.

Joelle appointed Wade to lead the next Columinate article review.

DRAFT board budget update, 7:37 pm

Julie noted the ongoing back-and-forth on the updates and asked for any final tweaks. Brandon asked whether she had the overall comparison between last year's budget and this year's, suggesting it generally be reduced. He added that keeping Board stipends budgeted is fine since they remain voluntary

Education Reserve, 7:41 pm

Brandon reminded the Board of the policy requiring a set amount to remain in reserve for the



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education fund and revisited earlier questions about whether those funds could be spent or moved into the general co-op budget.

– Brandon motioned to release the funds into the coop. Julie seconded. Motion passed (9-0-0).

Julie will work with Bill S. and Tanya to relinquish that line item.

BREAK

7:44 PM

5. GOVERNANCE, Part 2 & COMMITTEE WORK

7:57 PM

Nominations Committee – Charter, 7:57 pm

Joelle mentioned no changes needed to be made to the charter. Joelle mentioned wanting to think about different communication approaches regarding the election.

–Brandon moved to approve the Nomination Committee Charter. Brianna Seconded. Motion passed 9-0-0.

Owner Engagement Committee – Charter Template and Update, 8:00 pm

MeriJayd confirmed the committee membership with directors, noting that the committee will include Cody, Mindy, and Wade.

–Brandon moved to approve the Owner Engagement Committee Charter. Wade Seconded. Motion passed 9-0-0.

Audit and Review Committee – Charter Template, 8:03 pm

Julie announced an open call for Directors to join the Audit and Review Committee. Rachel said she could join.

–Brandon moved to approve the Audit and Review Committee Charter with the note that the composition of the committee will be amended. Julie seconded. Motion passed 9-0-0.

Monthly Look A-head, 8:07 pm

Brianna presented a monthly look-ahead to directors.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

8:10 PM

***Purpose – to discuss proprietary business matters



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At 8:10 pm, Brandon brought the Board into an executive session to include Tanya Carney, General Manager and Lindsay Winters, Board Administrator.

At 8:40 pm, Brandon moved the Board out of executive session.

6. ADJOURN

8:40 PM

April Preview, Closing Round, and Wrap-up, 8:41 PM

At 8:42 pm, Brandon adjourned the meeting.