

RISING TIDE COOP  
BOARD Meeting  
5:30 PM, April 28, 2026

5:29 PM Call meeting to order Ed Ross

Determined quorum

Present: Ed Ross, Sean O'Neill, Sam MacGowan, Paty Matrai, Sofia Doe, Deb Singer, Leifa Gordon,

Betsy Dunn, Jane Bjerklie-Barry, Interim General Manager- Mike Runco

Guests: Ashley Lawson, Accounts Manager

A. Approval of March minutes

Motion to approve:- B. Dunn, Seconded: P. Matrai

Approved unanimously

B. Interim General Manager's Report Mike Runco

1. Store Summary

April Sales up compared to last year – specifically Bakery & Produce

Fuel Surcharge from distributor only up \$15

Inflation- affecting plant-based foods

May 5<sup>th</sup>- Cinco de Mayo

May 10<sup>th</sup>- Mother's Day

May 15<sup>th</sup>- Celebrate Local

Landscaping cleanup- new wheels on shopping carts

Staffing- seasonal summer returns in May - 3 new hires

Common Chart of Accounts handed off at the end of May

Employee Handbook updated

2. P- 6 Conference Report

Lots of co-operative energy in the State of Maine

3. Patronage Dividends Report

Motion to approve the recommended Patronage Dividend

Moved: Betsy Dunn, Seconded: Paty Matrai

4. B8 Board Logistical Support

In Compliance

B9 Emergency GM Succession

In Compliance

Motion to Approve the B8 & B9 Reports

P Matrai moved, S MacGown Seconded

Approved

April 2026 Board Minutes (continued)

C. Committee Reports Committee Chair

1. Governance-
  - a. Meets on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>
  - b. IT questions- Contact Ashley
  - c. Bjerklie-Barry and S. O'Neil to review and clean Board Documents
  - d. S. O'Neil and S. Doe to share [board@risingtide.coop](mailto:board@risingtide.coop)
  - e. Suggestion to have a permanent position/role to clean Board Documents
  
2. Nominating
  - a. May 15<sup>th</sup> Celebrate Local- Board Applications go Live
  - b. Ideas to make the table visible to be discussed at the next Nomination Committee
  - c. June 9<sup>th</sup>- Meet and Greet
  - d. July 15<sup>th</sup> App. Period ends
  - e. Aug 1<sup>st</sup>- Bios due
  - f. Aug 25- Board Meeting
  - g. Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>- Vote begins
  - h. Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>- Voting ends
  - i. Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>- Celebrate Local/ Annual Meeting/ Announce New Board
  - j. Nov.- New Board Member Orientation

Governance Reports

C Global Governance  
Leifa Gordon presented  
Marked In Compliance

C1 Governing Style  
Jane Bjerklie-Barry Presented  
Marked In Compliance

C3 Agenda Planning- Paty Matrai  
Marked In Compliance

Motion to accept the C Reports as given  
S. MacGowan made a motion; O'Neill Seconded  
All approved

Volunteer(s) for the May presentation  
Betsy Dunn C2 (The Board's Job)  
Sam MacGowan C4 (Board Meetings)

6:35 New Business Ed Ross None  
Member attendee comments None

6:50 Meeting closed for Executive Session

6:55 Executive Session

7:45 PM Motion to Adjourn  
Moved: S Doe  
Second: S McGown  
Approved

Sofia Doe, Secretary