

## Important Dates for 2026 Board Candidates

- January 28** Board of Directors Meeting—  
Candidates encouraged to attend!
- February 9** **Deadline for submitting Declaration  
of Candidacy**
- February 25** Board of Directors Meeting; Candidates Announced
- March 25** Board of Directors Meeting
- April 1-30** Voting
- April (TBD)** Annual Member Meeting and Candidate Forum
- April 22** Board of Directors Meeting
- May 1** New Board Members Announced
- May 27** Board of Directors Meeting;  
New Board Members Seated

For more information, please visit [www.coopfoodstore.coop/board](http://www.coopfoodstore.coop/board)

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**JOIN THE CO-OP'S  
Board of Directors**

## Thank you for your interest in your Co-op's Board!

Our Board welcomes one and all. Diverse backgrounds and big ideas enrich our work. All we ask is that you attend monthly meetings, take the work seriously, and support these values:

- the well-being of our employees and their families,
- a diverse, equitable, and inclusive community,
- a resilient local food system and economy, and
- making a positive environmental impact.

## About the Co-op

We've been around since 1936. We're made up of 3 food stores, 2 auto service centers, a kitchen, and a resource center. We have more than 35,000 members and nearly 350 employees.

## About the Board

The Co-op Board monitors operations via Policy Governance®. This means the Board sets the vision, but it doesn't run the stores. In 2025, 12 members will serve on the Board, and 4 seats will be up for election. One seat is available to a Co-op employee.

To thank our Board members for serving, the Co-op provides a yearly stipend toward Co-op purchases.

## How to Run

- Complete a Declaration of Candidacy by February 9, 2026
- Review a meeting packet and attend a Board meeting
- Talk to a Board member
- Attend 2026 Annual Meeting and Candidate Forum



## How to Serve

- Prepare for and participate in Board and Committee meetings
- Attend Board training sessions, Board retreats, and Annual Meeting
- Be familiar with the Co-op's Bylaws and Governing Policies
- Learn to understand financial statements (training provided)
- Join at least one Committee (Bylaws, Governance, Owner Linkage)

## Next Steps

To declare your candidacy, please visit our website at [www.coopfoodstore.coop/board](http://www.coopfoodstore.coop/board) to find submission details. The declaration is due by close of business on February 9, 2026.

Candidate statements and photos will be included in election materials and online.