

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
8:00AM, Wednesday, January 28, 2026
By Zoom Cloud Conference**

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Present: Chair – Robert Lionette, Skipper J. Manter, Jessica Mason, Alex Salop,
Others: Supt.'s Shared Services Office: Business Administrator Mark Friedman,
Principals: Kate Squire,
Towns: Wampanoag Cultural Council – Brad Lopes, WT FinCom – Greg Orcutt,
Press: Louisa Hufstader,
Recorder Marni Lipke, *Late arrivals or early departures of UIRSC Members

Call to Order (Agenda item #I)

The Up-Island Regional School Committee (UIRSC) meeting was called to order at 8:02AM.
(Recorder's note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity.)

**Impact-Aid Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head Aquinnah (WTGHA) Policies and
Procedures – Discussion and Vote** (See document on file.) (Agenda item #II)

- The intention of this meeting was to vote the Policies and Procedures in time for the Impact Aid February 2, 2026 deadline and avoid any penalties for the Town of Aquinnah—the application would be submitted this week. Aquinnah had been applying for Impact Aid and voting the Policies and Procedures since 2005. A larger discussion would be on the agenda at a subsequent meeting.
- The Wampanoag Tribal Council reviewed and approved the Policies and Procedures at their December 17, 2025 meeting.
- Wampanoag Cultural Council Representative Brad Lopes' comments and questions were about institutional knowledge and could be answered at the end of the school year.
- *SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT WAMPANOAG TRIBE OF GAY HEAD (AQUINNAH) POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027; ALEX SALOP SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: ALEX SALOP—AYE, JESSICA MASON—AYE, ROBERT LIONETTE—AYE, SKIPPER MANTER—AYE.*

Meetings/Events

The Superintendent search had disrupted the usual meeting schedule.

- WT FinCom on UIRSD FY27 Budget – 5:00PM, Thursday, January 29, 2026 – Zoom
- AISC – 5:00PM, Thursday, January 29, 2026 – Zoom
- **UIRSC (TBD) – 3:00PM, Monday, February 9, 2026 – Chilmark School**
- Chilmark FinCom on UIRSD FY27 Budget – 5:30PM, Monday, February 9, 2026
- AISC – 5:30PM, Thursday, February 12, 2026 – MVRHS/Zoom
- UIRSC – March at Aquinnah, April at West Tisbury School

Adjournment (Agenda Item #III)

- *SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 8:11AM; ALEX SALOP SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: ALEX SALOP—AYE, JESSICA MASON—AYE, SKIPPER MANTER—AYE, ROBERT LIONETTE—AYE.*

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Documents on File:

- Agenda 1/28/26
- Friedman/Vanderhoop cover emails 1/23/26
- Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) Policies and Procedures, Up Island Regional School District, 2026-2027 School Year (5 p.)
- Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) Policies and Procedures, Up Island Regional School District, 2026-2027 School Year (5 p.) *with Brad Lopes' comments*

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Minutes approved 2/9/26