

❖ Welcome to the 2025 ELECTION for our BOARD OF DIRECTORS ❖

Below are our candidates' information and instructions. We have 3 open seats and 3 candidates.

In keeping with our bylaws, members can vote for the Board of Directors by submitting the provided ballot. Ballots may be dropped off at the Co-op by 4pm on 5/21/2025, mailed in ahead of the meeting, or cast in person at the Annual Meeting.

The results will be announced at the Annual Meeting on May 21st. If mailing, please allow for delivery time.



Stephanie White

I am an educator, outdoor enthusiast, and community leader passionate about the intersection of social justice and equity in the spaces we inhabit. This passion extends to where we source our food, like the Willimantic Food Co-op. I have shopped at the Food Co-op since I moved to Windham in 2012. I am eager to give back to the co-op for all that it does to nourish me, my loved ones, and our community.

I studied English Literature and Journalism at the University of New Hampshire and began my career in

publishing before pivoting to education through AmeriCorps' Teach for America program. I taught English at Windham High School before joining EASTCONN, where I now secure and manage funding for equity-focused educational initiatives. My expertise in grant writing, fundraising, event planning, and fostering community partnerships aligns with the co-op's mission and goals.

Outside of work, I serve on the Windham First Taxing District Board. In my spare time I enjoy running, hiking, horseback riding, skiing, pottery, painting, and volunteering as an instructor with the Appalachian Mountain Club's Educators Outdoors program. I hope to support the co-op's growth, navigate challenges, and help ensure healthy, local food remains accessible for our community.



Katherine Gavin

Katherine (they/them) joined the coop after moving to Willimantic full time in 2020. Katherine served on the board from 2022 to 2024 while attending a graduate degree program at Uconn, and now works in clinical behavioral health for adults. They love that the Co-op helps connect the community as well as provides unique and local food options. Part of the reason Katherine joined the Co-op and is interested in the board is to deepen their connection to the Willimantic community, since they moved to town during the early stages of the pandemic.

Having served on the board in the past Katherine feels well prepared for board membership. The Co-op is in an exciting time of potential and Katherine looks forward to being involved with the Co-op in any capacity.



Tomasyn Goode

Tomasyn grew up in Ledyard and moved to the area in 1996 to attend UConn, from which she holds a B.S. and M.S. in Environmental Economics. She works as an instructional designer for National Co+op Grocers (NCG), where she has learned a lot about the food co-op economy. Tomasyn has been a member of the co-op for more than 20 years. She lives with her husband in Coventry, where she likes to experiment with whole-food, plant-based cooking.

HOW TO VOTE:

1. Use the attached ballot. Copies are also available at the store.
2. Mark your vote. You can vote for up to three candidates.
3. You also have the option to abstain. By choosing abstain, you will be counted as participating and no votes for any candidates will be registered.
4. To ensure "one member, one vote," write the last 6 digits of your Member Number (including the tiny one at the end) in the space provided. This is the number below the barcode on your membership card. If you don't know your member number, please include your full name. Ballots without any identifying information will not be counted. We do our best to preserve anonymity with paper ballots but cannot guarantee it, especially if you provide a name rather than a member number. To ensure your vote is anonymous in the future, provide us with a unique, valid email address below or when visiting the store so that you can vote electronically next year.
5. Drop off your ballot at the store, bring it to the Annual Meeting, or mail it to the store:
Willimantic Food Co-op
91 Valley St.
Willimantic, CT 06226
6. Ballots must be RECEIVED at the store by 4pm on Wednesday, May 21st in order to be counted. Alternatively, you can attend the meeting to cast your vote.

BALLOT

**Election of Directors
of the Willimantic
Food Co-operative
May 2025**

Member Number: 403611...
(This is the number below the barcode on your membership card, including the tiny one at the end.)

**The Board of Directors
nominates the
following candidates:**
(vote for up to three)

Katherine Gavin

Tomasyn Goode

Stephanie White

Or

Abstain

Please consider saving Co-op resources by providing us with your email address – we now use electronic voting, which is easy, secure, and environmentally friendly!

Member Name

Email Address