

❖ 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.



**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.