



Maine Charter School Commission

Monthly Commission Meeting

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Amended on October 5, 2023 at 11:15 AM EDT

Date and Time

Tuesday September 12, 2023 at 1:00 PM EDT

Location

Maine Connections Academy, 8 Science Park Road, 3rd Floor, Scarborough

Reminders:

- This meeting is being recorded via Zoom.
- We ask members of the public to hold comments until public comments are heard.
- When speaking, state your name and speak slowly and clearly and loudly enough for the captioner to pick up your comments. Lana or Amy will interrupt if the captioner is having a difficult time hearing what is being said.

Agenda

Purpose

Presenter

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

	Purpose	Presenter
C. To Consider the Approval of the Minutes from the 8/8/23 Commission Meeting	Approve Minutes	Norm Higgins
II. Comments from Commission Chair		
A. Comments	Discuss	Norm Higgins
III. Additions or Adjustments to the Agenda		
A. Additions/Adjustments	Discuss	Norm Higgins
IV. Committee Reports		
A. School Performance Committee	FYI	Tori Kornfield
B. Finance Committee	FYI	Leigh Albert
C. Executive Committee	FYI	Norm Higgins
V. Public Comment*		
A. Public Comments	Discuss	
VI. Presentations		
A. Maine Connections Academy	FYI	Walter Wallace
VII. Executive Director/Commission Staff Report		
A. School Updates	Discuss	Lana Ewing
B. Organizational Updates	Discuss	Lana Ewing
C. Media Updates	FYI	Lana Ewing
VIII. Monthly School Portfolio/Data Report		
A. End of Year 2022-23 Unenrollment Data	FYI	Amy Allen
IX. Unfinished Business		
A. Unfinished Business	Discuss	

Purpose Presenter

X. New Business Requiring Approval and/or Acceptance

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| A. | To Consider the Approval of ACADIA Academy's Request to Amend Bylaws | Vote | Norm Higgins |
| B. | To Receive and Place on File the Completed Maine Academy of Natural Sciences' Intervention Plan | Vote | Norm Higgins |
| C. | To Consider the Approval of Fiddlehead School of Arts & Sciences' Request to Fund SMARTS Curriculum | Vote | Norm Higgins |

XI. New Business Requiring Notification to the Commission

No formal action required by the Commission.

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| A. | New Governing Board Members
<i>Fiddlehead School of Arts & Sciences - Marie Reimensnyder</i> | FYI | Norm Higgins |
| B. | Board Member Resignations
<i>None</i> | FYI | Norm Higgins |
| C. | Board Member Term Outs
<i>None</i> | FYI | Norm Higgins |

XII. Future Topics

October 2023

- To Consider the Approval of Maine Connections Academy's Renewal Application

November 2023

- To Receive and Place on File the 2022-23 Annual Monitoring Reports

XIII. Announcements

9/26/23 - Maine Connections Academy's Public Hearing for Renewal

10/11/23 - Maine Arts Academy Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

XIV. Next Regular Business Meeting

October 10, 2023 (*Room #103A/B, Cross Office Building, 111 Sewall Street, Augusta*)

Purpose

Presenter

XV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Vote

* The Charter School Commission does not allow airing of complaints in public meetings regarding Commission and charter school employees or school employment matters, in order to protect employee privacy, to comply with Maine law and pursuant to our contractual relation with the schools. To the extent that the Commission receives complaints and concerns relating to school employees in writing, those concerns will be reviewed and addressed by the Commission and its staff outside of a public meeting. This meeting is not the appropriate forum for such comments. You are free to direct your concerns in writing to the Commission's Executive Director, if you have not done so already.