



Maine Charter School Commission

Monthly Commission Meeting

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Date and Time

Tuesday October 10, 2023 at 1:00 PM EDT

Location

Room #103, Cross Office Building, 111 Sewall Street, Augusta OR [Zoom](#)

The **Vision** of the Maine Charter School Commission is that "***All of Maine's children will have access to a vibrant ecosystem of diverse schools so that all of them can become happy, healthy and thriving citizens.***"

The **Mission** of the Maine Charter School Commission is "***To authorize, monitor and develop unique public charter schools that provide a dynamic, superlative education for every student.***"

Reminders:

- This meeting is being recorded via Zoom.
 - We ask members of the public to hold comments until public comments are heard.
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Agenda

Purpose

Presenter

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

Rachel Spell

	Purpose	Presenter
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Norm Higgins
C. To Consider the Approval of the 9/12/23 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 Comment	Discuss	Norm Higgins
VI. Presentations		
A. Maine Virtual Academy	Discuss	Melinda Browne
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. Monthly School Portfolio/Data Report	Discuss	Lana Ewing
<i>None</i>		

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IX. Unfinished Business		
A. Unfinished Business <i>None</i>	Discuss	Norm Higgins
X. New Business Requiring Approval and/or Acceptance		
A. To Consider the Approval of Maine Connections Academy's Renewal Application	Vote	Norm Higgins
XI. New Business Requiring Notification to the Commission (No formal action to be taken by Commission)		
A. New Governing Board Members <i>Baxter Academy for Technology and Science - Daniel Mickool Ecology Learning Center - Randy Fox</i>	FYI	Norm Higgins
B. Board Member Resignations <i>Community Regional Charter School - Seth Noonkester Maine Virtual Academy - Amy Carlisle Maine Virtual Academy - Peter Mills</i>	FYI	Norm Higgins
C. Board Member Term Outs <i>None</i>	FYI	Norm Higgins
XII. Next Month's Topics		
A. Next Month's Topics	FYI	Norm Higgins
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To Receive and Place on File the 2022-23 Annual Monitoring Reports • To Consider the Approval of Maine Virtual Academy's Request to Increase Enrollment 		
XIII. Announcements		
A. Important Dates 10/11/23 - 1:00pm Maine Arts Academy Ribbon Cutting Ceremony (<i>310 Cony Road, Augusta</i>)	FYI	Norm Higgins
B. Next Regular Business Meeting	FYI	Norm Higgins

November 14, 2023 (Maine Academy of Natural Sciences, 13 Easler Road, Hinckley)

XIV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Norm Higgins
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* 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.