



Maine Charter School Commission

Monthly Commission Meeting

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Date and Time

Tuesday November 14, 2023 at 1:00 PM EST

Location

Maine Academy of Natural Sciences, 13 Easler Road, Hinckley or via [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 10/10/23 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
		<i>• FY24 Budget vs. Actual/Dashboard Report</i>
C. Executive Committee	FYI	Norm Higgins
V. Public Comment*		
A. Public Comment	Discuss	Norm Higgins
VI. Presentations		
A. Maine Academy of Natural Sciences	FYI	Matt Newberg
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		

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A. Final SY2022-23 Unenrollment	Discuss	Lana Ewing
IX. Unfinished Business		
A. Unfinished Business <i>None</i>	Discuss	Norm Higgins
X. New Business Requiring Approval and/or Acceptance		
A. To Consider Approval of Maine Virtual Academy's Request to Increase Enrollment	Vote	Lana Ewing
B. To Consider Maine Arts Academy's Request to Amend Bylaws	Vote	Lana Ewing
C. To Consider Approval of Dr. Mary Madden's Proposal to Conduct Maine Virtual Academy's Independent Third Party Evaluation	Vote	Lana Ewing
D. To Receive and Place on File SY2022-23 Annual Monitoring Reports	Vote	Norm Higgins
E. To Receive and Place on File SY2022-23 Annual Report to the Commissioner	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>Maine Virtual Academy - Susan Walters</i>	FYI	Norm Higgins
B. Board Member Resignations <i>Fiddlehead School of Arts & Sciences - Laura Newman</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

Purpose Presenter

XIII. Announcements

- A. Important Dates FYI Norm Higgins
- B. Next Regular Business Meeting FYI Norm Higgins
December 12, 2023 (111 Sewall Street, Room #103, Augusta, ME 04330)
or Zoom

XIV. Closing Items

- A. Adjourn Meeting Vote Norm Higgins

* 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.