



Maine Charter School Commission

Monthly Commission Meeting

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Date and Time

Tuesday December 12, 2023 at 1:00 PM EST

Location

Room #103, Cross Office Building, 111 Sewall Street, Augusta

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 11/14/23 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 Connections Academy's Independent Third Party Evaluation by Southern Maine Administrative Collaborative	FYI	
B. Maine Virtual Academy's Independent Third Party Evaluation by Dr. Mary Madden	FYI	
VII. Executive Director/Commission Staff Report		
A. School Updates	Discuss	Lana Ewing

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B. Organizational Updates	Discuss	Lana Ewing
C. Media Updates	FYI	Lana Ewing
VIII. Monthly School Portfolio/Data Report		
A. 10/1/23 Student Enrollment Breakdowns	Discuss	Amy Allen
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SY2023-24 School Enrollment Statistics • SY2023-24 Demographic Data Breakdowns • SY2023-24 Resident District Breakdowns • SY2023-24 Resident Town Breakdowns 		
IX. Unfinished Business		
A. Unfinished Business	Discuss	Norm Higgins
<i>None</i>		
X. New Business Requiring Approval and/or Acceptance		
A. To Consider the Approval of the Southern Maine Administrative Collaborative's Contract to Conduct Maine Connections Academy's Independent Third Party Evaluation	Vote	
XI. New Business Requiring Notification to the Commission (No formal action to be taken by Commission)		
A. New Governing Board Members	FYI	Norm Higgins
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Maine Arts Academy - Mitchell Thomas</i> 		
B. Board Member Resignations	FYI	Norm Higgins
<i>None</i>		
C. Board Member Term Outs	FYI	Norm Higgins
<i>None</i>		
XII. Next Month's Topics		

Purpose Presenter

A. Next Month's Topics FYI Norm Higgins

XIII. Announcements

A. Important Dates FYI Norm Higgins

B. Next Regular Business Meeting FYI Norm Higgins

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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.