



# Maine Charter School Commission

## Monthly Commission Meeting

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### Date and Time

Tuesday February 13, 2024 at 1:00 PM EST

### Location

Room #103, Cross Office Building, 111 Sewall Street, Augusta or via *Zoom*

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/86500283769>

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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.

Any person seeking special accommodation for the public meeting should contact Rachel Spell at (207)816-2187 or [rachel.spell@maine.gov](mailto:rachel.spell@maine.gov)

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## Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter
<b>I. Opening Items</b>		
<b>A.</b> Record Attendance		Rachel Spell
<b>B.</b> Call the Meeting to Order		Norm Higgins
<b>C.</b> To Consider the Approval of the 1/9/24 Commission Meeting	Approve Minutes	Norm Higgins
<b>II. Comments from Commission Chair</b>		
<b>A.</b> Comments	Discuss	Norm Higgins
<b>III. Additions or Adjustments to the Agenda</b>		
<b>A.</b> Additions/Adjustments	Discuss	Norm Higgins
<b>IV. Committee Reports</b>		
<b>A.</b> School Performance Committee	FYI	Tori Kornfield
<b>B.</b> Finance Committee	FYI	Leigh Albert
• <i>FY24 Spending Dashboard</i>		
<b>C.</b> Executive Committee	FYI	Norm Higgins
<b>V. Public Comment*</b>		
<b>A.</b> Public Comment	Discuss	Norm Higgins
<b>VI. Presentations</b>		
None		

Purpose Presenter

**VII. Executive Director/Commission Staff Report**

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| <b>A.</b> School Updates         | Discuss | Lana Ewing |
| <b>B.</b> Organizational Updates | Discuss | Lana Ewing |
| <b>C.</b> Media Updates          | FYI     | Lana Ewing |

- *Maine schools say path to fixing chronic absenteeism starts with building relationships*
- *Portland students collect trash after storm, hope to inspire and educate others*
- *Celebrating Excellence: Society of Women Engineers honors outstanding Maine high school juniors and seniors*

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| <b>D.</b> New Charter School | FYI | Lana Ewing |
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**VIII. Monthly School Portfolio/Data Report**

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| <b>A.</b> Enrollment Map | Discuss | Rachel Spell |
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**IX. Unfinished Business**

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| <b>A.</b> Unfinished Business<br><i>None</i> | Discuss | Norm Higgins |
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**X. New Business Requiring Approval and/or Acceptance**

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| <b>A.</b> To Consider the Approval of Ecology Learning Center's Request for New Facility       | Vote | Norm Higgins |
| <b>B.</b> To Consider the Approval of Ecology Learning Center's Request to Increase Enrollment | Vote | Norm Higgins |
| <b>C.</b> To Consider the Approval of Revisions to the Performance Framework for SY2023-24     | Vote | Norm Higgins |

**XI. New Business Requiring Notification to the Commission (No formal action to be taken by Commission)**

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| <b>A.</b> New Governing Board Members | FYI | Norm Higgins |
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Purpose Presenter

• *Fiddlehead School of Arts & Sciences - Jamie Dickson*

**B.** Board Member Resignations FYI Norm Higgins  
*None*

**C.** Board Member Term Outs FYI Norm Higgins  
*None*

**XII. Next Month's Topics**

**A.** Next Month's Topics FYI Norm Higgins

- *Mid-Year Meeting Reports*
- *Fiddlehead Request for Funds*

**XIII. Announcements**

**A.** Important Dates FYI Norm Higgins

**B.** Next Regular Business Meeting FYI Norm Higgins  
March 12, 2024 (Baxter Academy for Technology and Science, 185 Lancaster Street, Portland)  
*or Zoom*

**XIV. Closing Items**

**A.** Adjourn Meeting Vote Norm Higgins

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