



Maine Charter School Commission

Monthly Commission Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday March 12, 2024 at 1:00 PM EDT

Location

Baxter Academy for Technology and Science, 185 Lancaster Street, Portland 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.

Any person seeking special accommodation for the public meeting should contact Amy Allen at (207)592-6364 or amy.l.allen@maine.gov.

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter
I. Opening Items		
A. Record Attendance		Amy Allen
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Norm Higgins
C. To Consider the Approval of the 2/13/24 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 Spending Dashboard</i>
C. Executive Committee	FYI	Norm Higgins
V. Public Comment*		
A. Public Comment	Discuss	Norm Higgins
VI. Presentations		
		• <i>CountMEIn - Jess Anderson</i>
		• <i>Baxter Academy for Technology and Science - Anna Klein Christie</i>
VII. Executive Director/Commission Staff Report		
A. School Updates	Discuss	Lana Ewing

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B. Organizational Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Through-Year Assessment Data Results</i> • <i>Strategic Plan</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <i>Current Plan</i> ◦ <i>Progress Tracker</i> 	Discuss	Lana Ewing
C. Media Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Western Maine school district sees absenteeism drop, but not enough</i> 	FYI	Lana Ewing
D. New Charter School	FYI	Lana Ewing
VIII. Monthly School Portfolio/Data Report		
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 Fiddlehead School of Arts & Sciences' Request for Funds for Revisioning Project	Vote	Norm Higgins
XI. New Business Requiring Notification to the Commission (No formal action to be taken by Commission)		
A. New Governing Board Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Baxter Academy for Technology and Science (Kathleen DeSilva)</i> • <i>Baxter Academy for Technology and Science (April Theberge)</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

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XII. Next Month's Topics

- A. Next Month's Topics FYI Norm Higgins
 - *ED279 "101" Presentation by Joe Drago*
 - *Mid-Year Meeting Reports*

XIII. Announcements

- A. Important Dates FYI Norm Higgins

Graduation Ceremonies:

 - *Sunday, June 2nd (Maine Arts Academy, Augusta Civic Center)*
 - *Friday, June 7th (2:00pm-Maine Virtual Academy, ZOOM)*

- B. Next Regular Business Meeting FYI Norm Higgins

April 9, 2024 *(Room #103, Cross Office Building, 111 Sewall Street, Augusta)*
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.