



# Maine Charter School Commission

## Monthly Commission Meeting

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### Date and Time

Tuesday June 11, 2024 at 1:00 PM EDT

### Location

Ecology Learning Center, Clifford Arts and Student Center, 42 Depot Street, Unity

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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 Sue Whipkey at (207)816-2187 or [susan.whipkey@maine.gov](mailto:susan.whipkey@maine.gov).*

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### Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter
<b>I. Opening Items</b>		
A. Record Attendance		Susan Whipkey
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Norm Higgins
C. To Consider the Approval of the 5/14/24 Commission Meeting Minutes	Approve Minutes	Norm Higgins
<b>II. Comments from Commission Chair</b>		
A. Comments	Discuss	Norm Higgins
<b>III. Additions or Adjustments to the Agenda</b>		
A. Additions/Adjustments	Discuss	Norm Higgins
<b>IV. Committee Reports</b>		
A. School Performance Committee	FYI	Tori Kornfield
B. Finance Committee	FYI	Brian Langley
C. Executive Committee	FYI	Norm Higgins
D. Ad-Hoc Nomination Committee	FYI	Tori Kornfield
<b>V. Public Comment*</b>		
A. Public Comment	Discuss	Norm Higgins
<b>VI. Presentations</b>		
Maine Alliance of Public Charter Schools Presentation - <i>Dr. Joseph Mattos, President</i>		
<b>VII. Executive Director/Commission Staff Report</b>		
A. School Updates	Discuss	Lana Ewing
B. Organizational Updates	Discuss	Lana Ewing

Purpose Presenter

- Maine Charter Schools Heat Map

**C. Media Updates**

FYI

Lana Ewing

- Maine Academy of Natural Sciences - A WABI TV segment about the Blacksmithing Classes held at MeANS was aired on May 21st.
- Maine Academy of Natural Sciences - MeANS receives a GEAR UP- Maine RISE grant.
- Kennebec Journal Graduation Keepsake Edition

**D. New Charter School**

FYI

Lana Ewing

**VIII. Monthly School Portfolio/Data Report**

*None*

**IX. Unfinished Business**

*None*

**X. New Business Requiring Approval and/or Acceptance**

**A. To Consider Cancelling the July 9th Commission Meeting**

Vote

Norm Higgins

**B. To Consider the Approval of the Commission's Revised Mission, Vision, and Values**

Vote

Norm Higgins

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

**A. New Governing Board Members**

FYI

Norm Higgins

*None*

**B. Board Member Resignations**

FYI

Norm Higgins

*None*

**C. Board Member Term Outs**

FYI

Norm Higgins

*None*

**XII. Executive Session**

*Title 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS, Chapter 13: PUBLIC RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS, Subchapter 1: FREEDOM OF ACCESS; 405. Executive Sessions*

*(A) Discussion or consideration of the employment, appointment, assignment, duties, promotion, demotion, compensation, evaluation, disciplining, resignation or dismissal of an individual or group of officials, appointees or employees of the body or agency or the investigation or hearing of charges or complaints against a person or persons subject to the following conditions:*

*1) An executive session may be held only if the public discussion could be reasonably expected to cause damage to the individual's reputation or the individual's right to privacy would be violated.*

**XIII. Next Month's Topics**

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| <b>A. Next Month's Topics</b>  | FYI | Norm Higgins |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election of Officers</li> </ul> |     |              |

**XIV. Announcements**

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| <b>A. Important Dates</b>   | FYI | Norm Higgins |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New School Application Release Date - July 1st</li> <li>• Letters of Intent due - July 15th</li> </ul> |     |              |

Graduation Ceremonies:

- Community Regional Charter School - June 14th at 6 p.m (Skowhegan Opera House, 225 Water Street)
- Maine Academy of Natural Sciences
  - Threshold Graduation - July 19th at 6 p.m. at the School Pavilion or ***if rain***, at the Hinkley Chapel.
  - Campus Graduation - July 26th at 6.p.m. at the School Pavilion or ***if rain***, at the Hinkley Chapel.

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| <b>B. Next Regular Business Meeting</b>   | FYI | Norm Higgins |
| <p><b>Tentative July 9, 2024, or August 13, 2024</b> (Room #103, Cross Office Building, 111 Sewall Street, Augusta)<br/>or Zoom</p> |     |              |

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**XV. 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.