



Maine Charter School Commission

Monthly Commission Meeting

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Date and Time

Tuesday October 8, 2024 at 1:00 PM EDT

Location

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

The **Vision** of the Maine Charter School Commission is that ***"Innovative public charter schools will provide Maine students with an equitable opportunity for an excellent education where students are valued, supported and challenged."***

The **Mission** of the Maine Charter School Commission is ***"To authorize, monitor and support innovative public charter schools that provide a dynamic, high-quality 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.

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter
I. Opening Items		
A. Record Attendance		Susan Whipkey
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Norm Higgins
C. To Consider the Approval of the 9/10/24 Commission Meeting Minutes	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>• FY25 Budget vs Actual Spending Report</i>
C. Executive Committee	FYI	Norm Higgins
V. Public Comment*		
A. Public Comment	Discuss	Norm Higgins
VI. Presentations		
<i>None</i>		
VII. Executive Director/Commission Staff Report		
A. School Updates	Discuss	Lana Ewing
B. Organizational Updates	Discuss	Lana Ewing

Purpose Presenter

C. Media Updates FYI Lana Ewing

- *A Day With Maine Teacher of the Year Finalist Katie Strait at Baxter Academy for Technology and Science*

VIII. Monthly School Portfolio/Data Report

A. SY2023-24 Year End Unenrollment/Enrollment Data Discuss Lana Ewing

IX. Unfinished Business

None

X. New Business Requiring Approval and/or Acceptance

A. To Consider the Approval of Ecology Learning Center's Renewal Application Vote Norm Higgins

- *School Presentation*
- *Staff Recommendation*
- *Motion*
- *Discussion*
- *Vote*

B. To Consider the Approval of Maine Virtual Academy's Renewal Application Vote Norm Higgins

- *School Presentation*
- *Staff Recommendation*
- *Motion*
- *Discussion*
- *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

- *Fiddlehead School of Arts & Sciences (Becky Scott)*

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Fiddlehead School of Arts & Sciences (Roger Preston)</i> • <i>Maine Virtual Academy (Cherrienne Harrison)</i> 		
B. Board Member Resignations	FYI	Norm Higgins
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Maine Virtual Academy (Nick Gannon)</i> 		
C. Board Member Term Outs	FYI	Norm Higgins
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ecology Learning Center (Carol McGovern)</i> 		

XII. Future Topics

A. Future Topics	FYI	Norm Higgins
November		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To Receive and Place on File SY2023-24 Annual Monitoring Reports • To Consider the Approval of the SY2023-24 Annual Report to the Commissioner 		
December		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10/1/24 Student Enrollment Data Breakdowns • Maine Virtual Academy's Independent Third Party Evaluation Presentation 		
January		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch Strategic Plan • 2024 Annual Boards and Commissions Report 		

XIII. Announcements

A. Important Dates	FYI	Norm Higgins
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12/9/24 Governing Board Strategic Planning PD Session (10:00-12:00pm) • 12/10/24 Commission Strategic Planning PD Session (10:00-12:00pm) 		
B. Upcoming Business Meetings	FYI	Norm Higgins

Purpose

Presenter

- **November 12, 2024** (*Fiddlehead School of Arts & Sciences, 25 Shaker Road, Gray*) or Zoom
- **December 10, 2024** (*Cross Office Building, Room #103, Augusta*) or Zoom
- **January 14, 2025** (*Cross Office Building, Room #103, 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.