



Maine Charter School Commission

Monthly Commission Meeting

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Date and Time

Tuesday November 12, 2024 at 1:00 PM EST

Location

Fiddlehead School of Arts and Sciences, 25 Shaker Road, Gray, Maine 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 10/08/24 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 - No meeting held	FYI	Norm Higgins
V. Public Comment*		
A. Public Comment	Discuss	Norm Higgins
VI. Presentation		
		<i>• Fiddlehead School of Arts & Sciences - Jacinda Cotton-Castro</i>
VII. Executive Director/Commission Staff Report		
A. School Updates	Discuss	Amy Allen

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B. Organizational Updates	Discuss	Amy Allen
C. Media Updates	FYI	Amy Allen

- Fiddlehead Yurt Provides Creative Outdoor Space

VIII. Monthly School Portfolio/Data Report

None

IX. Unfinished Business

None

X. New Business Requiring Approval and/or Acceptance

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| A. To Receive and Place on File SY2023-24 Annual Monitoring Reports | Vote | Norm Higgins |
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- SY2023-24 Annual Monitoring Reports Portfolio Summary
- SY2023-24 Annual Monitoring Report Financial Summary
- SY2023-24 Annual Monitoring Reports
 - *ACADIA Academy*
 - *Baxter Academy for Technology and Sciences*
 - *Community Regional Charter School*
 - *Ecology Learning Center*
 - *Fiddlehead School of Arts & Sciences*
 - *Maine Arts Academy*
 - *Maine Connections Academy*
 - *Maine Virtual Academy*
 - *Maine Academy of Natural Sciences*

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| B. To Receive and Place on File SY2023-24 Annual Report to the Commissioner | Vote | Norm Higgins |
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- SY2023-24 Annual Report to the Commissioner

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

Purpose Presenter

A. New Governing Board Members

FYI

Norm Higgins

- *Ecology Learning Center (Justin MacDonald)*

B. Board Member Resignations

FYI

Norm Higgins

- *ACADIA Academy (Azenaide Pedro)*

C. Board Member Term Outs

FYI

Norm Higgins

- *ACADIA Academy (Chris Brann)*
- *ACADIA Academy (Sean Siebert)*

XII. Future Topics

A. Future Topics

FYI

Norm Higgins

December

- 10/1/24 Student Enrollment Data Breakdowns
- Maine Virtual Academy's Independent Third Party Evaluation Presentation

January

- Launch Strategic Plan
- 2024 Annual Boards and Commissions Report

February

- Performance Framework Minor Clarifications
- Preview Enrollment Map Update

XIII. Announcements

A. Important Dates

FYI

Norm Higgins

- 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)

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B. Upcoming Business Meetings	FYI	Norm Higgins

- **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
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* 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.