



Maine Charter School Commission

Monthly Commission Meeting

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Date and Time

Tuesday January 14, 2025 at 1:00 PM EST

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 12/10/24 Commission Meeting Minutes	Approve Minutes	Norm Higgins
II. Comments from Commission Chair		
A. Comments	Discuss	Norm Higgins
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ad-Hoc New School Application Review Team 		
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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>FY25 Budget vs Actual Spending Report</i> 		
C. Executive Committee	FYI	Norm Higgins
V. Public Comment*		
A. Public Comment	Discuss	Norm Higgins
VI. Presentation(s)		
A. SY2023-24 Annual Report Review and Discussion with Commissioner Makin ***Commissioner Makin will join at 2:30***	Discuss	Lana Ewing

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VII. Executive Director/Commission Staff Report

A. School Updates Discuss Lana Ewing

B. Organizational Updates Discuss Lana Ewing

- Q2 Annual Calendar Progress Check

C. Media Updates FYI Lana Ewing

- *None*

VIII. Monthly School Portfolio/Data Report

A. 2024 Annual Boards and Commissions Report Discuss Lana Ewing

IX. Unfinished Business

None

X. New Business Requiring Approval and/or Acceptance

A. To Consider the Approval of the Commission's 2025-2028 Strategic Plan Vote Norm Higgins

B. To Consider the Approval of Baxter Academy for Technology and Sciences' Request of Innovation Funds for its Wheelchair Prototype 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 FYI Norm Higgins

- *None*

B. Board Member Resignations FYI Norm Higgins

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- None

C. Board Member Term Outs FYI Norm Higgins

- None

XII. Future Topics

A. Future Topics FYI Norm Higgins

February

- Preview Enrollment Map Update

March

- Performance Framework Minor Clarifications
- Mid-Year Meetings Review
- Summary of New School Applications Received
- 2025 Renewal Timeline

XIII. Announcements

A. Important Dates FYI Norm Higgins

- 2/13/25 - Deadline for Submission of New School Applications

B. Upcoming Business Meetings FYI Norm Higgins

- **February 11, 2025** (Cross Office Building, Room #103, Augusta) or Zoom
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XIV. Closing Items

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A. Adjourn Meeting

Vote

Norm Higgins

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