



Maine Charter School Commission

Monthly Commission Meeting

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Date and Time

Tuesday February 11, 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 1/14/25 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 - February 3rd Meeting Cancelled	FYI	Tori Kornfield
B. Finance Committee - February 6th Meeting Cancelled	FYI	Leigh Albert
• <i>FY25 Budget vs Actual Spending Report</i>		
C. Executive Committee - February 6th Meeting Cancelled	FYI	Norm Higgins
V. Public Comment*		
A. Public Comment	Discuss	Norm Higgins
VI. Presentation(s)		
A. Heather King - Maine Arts Academy Grants	FYI	
B. Joe Mattos - Educational Policy Values	FYI	
VII. Executive Director/Commission Staff Report		

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A. School Updates	Discuss	Lana Ewing
B. Organizational Updates	Discuss	Lana Ewing
C. Media Updates	FYI	Lana Ewing

Community Regional Charter School Maine WinterKids Competition Event
<https://www.wmtw.com/article/weather-at-your-school-community-regional-charter-school/63605116>

Maine Connections Academy - Outstanding 12-Year-Old Plans to Graduate Early
<https://www.wabi.tv/2025/01/30/outstanding-maine-12-year-old-plans-graduate-early/>

Maine Academy of Natural Sciences - Seasonal Intensives
<https://www.mapcs.net/school-highlights/means-intensives>

VIII. Monthly School Portfolio/Data Report

A. Enrollment - Senate and House Representation /"Heat Map"/Resident District/Resident Town	Discuss	Lana Ewing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakdown of Senate and House Representation • "Heat Map" • Resident District Breakdown • Resident Town Breakdown 		

IX. Unfinished Business

None

X. New Business Requiring Approval and/or Acceptance

A. To Consider Moving the November Commission Meeting from November 11th (Veterans Day) to November 18th	Vote	Norm Higgins
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XI. New Business Requiring Notification to the Commission (No formal action to be taken by Commission)

A. New Governing Board Members	FYI	Norm Higgins
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Purpose Presenter

- *Community Regional Charter School (James Hodgkin)*
- *Maine Academy of Natural Sciences (Greg Bazakas)*

B. Board Member Resignations FYI Norm Higgins

- *None*

C. Board Member Term Outs FYI Norm Higgins

- *Ecology Learning Center (Chris Lewis)*

XII. Future Topics

A. Future Topics FYI Norm Higgins

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
- 5/29/25 - Maine Charter School Hall of Flags from 8 AM - 12 PM

B. Upcoming Business Meetings FYI Norm Higgins

- **March 11, 2025** (*Cross Office Building, Room #103, Augusta*) or Zoom
- **April 8, 2025** (*Cross Office Building, Room #103, Augusta*) or Zoom

