



Maine Charter School Commission

Monthly Commission Meeting

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Date and Time

Tuesday March 11, 2025 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 2/11/25 Commission Meeting Minutes	Approve Minutes	Norm Higgins
II. Comments from Commission Chair		
• <i>Legislation</i>		
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
D. Ad-Hoc New School Application Review Committee	FYI	Lana Ewing
V. Public Comment*		
A. Public Comment	Discuss	Norm Higgins
VI. Presentation(s)		
<i>None</i>		

Purpose Presenter

VII. Executive Director/Commission Staff Report

A. School Updates Discuss Lana Ewing

B. Organizational Updates Discuss Lana Ewing

- Mid-Year Meeting Summary
- 2025 Renewal Timelines
 - ACADIA Academy
 - Maine Arts Academy

C. Media Updates FYI Lana Ewing

- Baxter Academy - Building Hope Impact Grant Finalist for Educational Innovation

VIII. Monthly School Portfolio/Data Report

None

IX. Unfinished Business

None

X. New Business Requiring Approval and/or Acceptance

None

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

A. New Governing Board Members FYI Norm Higgins

- ACADIA Academy (Aaron Landry)
- Ecology Learning Center (Malcolm Campbell)
- Ecology Learning Center (Kenneth Hahn)

B. Board Member Resignations FYI Norm Higgins

None

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C. Board Member Term Outs FYI Norm Higgins
None

XII. Future Topics

A. Future Topics FYI Norm Higgins
April

- Consideration of New School Finalists

May

- New School Vote
- Consider the Approval of Commission's FY26 Budget
- Ad-Hoc Nominating Committee (Election of Officers)

June

- To Consider the Need to Hold a Commission Meeting in July

XIII. Announcements

A. Important Dates FYI Norm Higgins

• 5/29/25 - Maine Charter School Hall of Flags from 8 AM - 12 PM
• 10/22/25 - Maine Arts Academy Ribbon Cutting Ceremony from 5 PM - 7 PM

B. Upcoming Business Meetings FYI Norm Higgins

• **April 8, 2025** (Cross Office Building, Room #103, Augusta) or Zoom
• **May 13, 2025** (Cross Office Building, Room #103, Augusta) or Zoom

XIV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting Vote Norm Higgins

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