



# Maine Charter School Commission

## Monthly Commission Meeting

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### Date and Time

Tuesday April 8, 2025 at 1:00 PM EDT

### Location

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

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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](mailto:susan.whipkey@maine.gov).*

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### Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter
<b>I. Opening Items</b>		
<b>A.</b> Record Attendance		Susan Whipkey
<b>B.</b> Call the Meeting to Order		Norm Higgins
<b>C.</b> To Consider the Approval of the 3/11/25 Commission Meeting Minutes	Approve Minutes	Norm Higgins
<b>II. Comments from Commission Chair</b>		
<b>A.</b> Comments	Discuss	Norm Higgins
<b>III. Additions or Adjustments to the Agenda</b>		
<b>A.</b> Additions/Adjustments	Discuss	Norm Higgins
<b>IV. Committee Reports</b>		
<b>A.</b> School Performance Committee	FYI	Tori Kornfield
<b>B.</b> Finance Committee	FYI	Leigh Albert
• <i>FY25 Budget vs Actual Spending Report</i>		
<b>C.</b> Executive Committee	FYI	Norm Higgins
<b>D.</b> Ad-Hoc New School Application Review Committee	FYI	Leigh Albert
<b>V. Public Comment*</b>		
<b>A.</b> Public Comment	Discuss	Norm Higgins
<b>VI. Presentation(s)</b>		
Anna Klein-Christie, Baxter Academy - Trip to Kenya		
<b>VII. Executive Director/Commission Staff Report</b>		

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<b>A.</b> School Updates	Discuss	Lana Ewing
<b>B.</b> Organizational Updates	Discuss	Lana Ewing
• New School Application Process - Next Steps		
<b>C.</b> Media Updates	FYI	Lana Ewing
• Maine Academy of Natural Sciences - Maple Sugar Sunday		
<b>VIII. Monthly School Portfolio/Data Report</b>		
None		
<b>IX. Unfinished Business</b>		
None		
<b>X. New Business Requiring Approval and/or Acceptance</b>		
<b>A.</b> To Consider the Approval of the Review Team's Recommendation for the MOXIE Public School to be a Finalist to Open a New Charter School in the State of Maine.	Vote	Lana Ewing
<b>XI. New Business Requiring Notification to the Commission (No formal action to be taken by Commission)</b>		
<b>A.</b> New Governing Board Members	FYI	Norm Higgins
• <i>Maine Arts Academy (Rachel White)</i>		
<b>B.</b> Board Member Resignations	FYI	Norm Higgins
• <i>Maine Academy of Natural Sciences (Sally Beaulieu)</i>		
<b>C.</b> Board Member Term Outs	FYI	Norm Higgins
None		

Purpose Presenter

## XII. Future Topics

A. Future Topics FYI Norm Higgins  
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 beginning at 9 AM
- 10/22/25 - Maine Arts Academy Ribbon Cutting Ceremony from 5 PM - 7 PM

B. Upcoming Business Meetings FYI Norm Higgins

- **May 13, 2025** (*Cross Office Building, Room #103, Augusta*) or Zoom
- **June 10, 2025** (*Cross Office Building, Room #103, Augusta*) or Zoom

C. 2025 Graduation Dates FYI Norm Higgins

- Ecology Learning Center (June 5th at 5:00pm/MOFGA)
- Maine Arts Academy (June 1st at 12:00pm/Augusta Civic Center)

## 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.