



# Maine Charter School Commission

## Monthly Commission Meeting

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### Date and Time

Tuesday June 10, 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>		
A. Record Attendance		Susan Whipkey
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Norm Higgins
C. To Consider the Approval of the 4/8/25 Commission Meeting Minutes	Approve Minutes	Norm Higgins
<b>II. Comments from Commission Chair</b>		
A. Comments	Discuss	Norm Higgins
<b>III. Additions or Adjustments to the Agenda</b>		
A. Additions/Adjustments	Discuss	Norm Higgins
<b>IV. Committee Reports</b>		
A. School Performance Committee	FYI	Tori Kornfield
B. Finance Committee	FYI	Leigh Albert
C. Executive Committee	FYI	Norm Higgins
D. Ad-Hoc Election of Officers Committee	FYI	Norm Higgins
<b>V. Public Comment*</b>		
A. Public Comment	Discuss	Norm Higgins
<b>VI. Presentation(s)</b>		
• None		
<b>VII. Executive Director/Commission Staff Report</b>		
A. School Updates	Discuss	Lana Ewing

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<b>B.</b>	Organizational Updates	Discuss	Lana Ewing
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<b>C.</b>	Media Updates	FYI	Lana Ewing
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**VIII. Monthly School Portfolio/Data Report**

• *None*

**IX. Unfinished Business**

• *None*

**X. New Business Requiring Approval and/or Acceptance**

<b>A.</b>	To Consider Cancelling the July 8th Commission Meeting	Vote	Norm Higgins
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<b>B.</b>	To Consider the Approval of Maine Arts Academy's Bylaw Amendment Request	Vote	Norm Higgins
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<b>C.</b>	To Consider the Approval of the Request to Incur Debt Rubric	Vote	Norm Higgins
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<b>D.</b>	To Consider the Approval of the Policy Defining a School, Campus, and Facility	Vote	Norm Higgins
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**XI. New Business Requiring Notification to the Commission (No formal action to be taken by Commission)**

<b>A.</b>	New Governing Board Members	FYI	Norm Higgins
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• *Maine Connections Academy (Nicole Peluso)*

<b>B.</b>	Board Member Resignations	FYI	Norm Higgins
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• *None*

<b>C.</b>	Board Member Term Outs	FYI	Norm Higgins
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- *ACADIA Academy (Donald Dearborn)*

## **XII. Future Topics**

- A. Future Topics** FYI Norm Higgins  
July/August

- To Consider Community Regional Charter School's Request to Consolidate Into One Building and to Incur the Debt Required to Build the Building
- Election of Officers
- Panorama Survey Results Presentation

## **XIII. Announcements**

- A. Important Dates** FYI Norm Higgins

- 10/22/25 - Maine Arts Academy Ribbon Cutting Ceremony from 5 PM - 7 PM

- B. Upcoming Business Meetings** FYI Norm Higgins

- *TBD*

- C. 2025 Graduation Dates** FYI Norm Higgins

- Community Regional Charter School (June 13th at 6:00pm/Skowhegan Municipal Building, Opera House-Skowhegan)
- Maine Academy of Natural Sciences - Threshold Program (July 11th at 6:00pm/MeANS Campus-Hinckley)
- Maine Academy of Natural Sciences - Campus Program (July 18th at 6:00pm/MeANS Campus-Hinckley)

## **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.