



Maine Charter School Commission

Executive Committee Meeting

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Date and Time

Thursday May 8, 2025 at 1:00 PM EDT

Location

Zoom

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter
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I. Opening Items

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| A. | Record Attendance | Susan Whipkey |
| B. | Call the Meeting to Order | Norm Higgins |

II. Agenda Items

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| A. | School Performance Committee and Finance Committee Report | Discuss | Lana Ewing |
| B. | Maine Arts Enrollment | FYI | Lana Ewing |

- Update on middle school and high school enrollment.

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C. Moxie Public Schools – Final Recommendation	Discuss	Lana Ewing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ad Hoc Review Committee recommends approving Moxie Public Schools for charter authorization, with an anticipated opening in Fall 2026. • Review recommended conditions for approval. 		
D. Budget Update – Public Instrumentality Status	Discuss	Lana Ewing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Education and Cultural Affairs Committee has unanimously approved LD1718: “An Act to Establish the Maine Charter School Commission as a Public Instrumentality of the State.”</i> 		
E. Rubric for Incurring Debt	Discuss	Lana Ewing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and provide feedback on the draft rubric that will guide decisions when schools. 		
F. Proposed Definition of “School”	Discuss	Lana Ewing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss and provide input on the proposed definition of "school" for Commission use. 		
G. 2025 Graduation Dates	Discuss	Lana Ewing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baxter Academy for Technology and Science (May 31st at 11:00am/Merrill Auditorium-Portland) • Community Regional Charter School (June 13th at 6:00pm/Skowhegan Municipal Building, Opera House-Skowhegan) • Ecology Learning Center (June 5th at 5:00pm/MOFGA) • Maine Academy of Natural Sciences - Campus Program (July 18th at 6:00pm/MeANS Campus-Hinckley) • Maine Academy of Natural Sciences - Threshold Program (July 11th at 6:00pm/MeANS Campus-Hinckley) • Maine Arts Academy (June 1st at 12:00pm/Augusta Civic Center) • Maine Connections Academy (June 6th at 2:00pm/Merrill Auditorium-Portland) • Maine Virtual Academy (June 6th ay 2:00pm/ZOOM) 		
H. Legislation	Discuss	Lana Ewing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LD 282 not reported out of Committee 		

- LD 1718 - Public Instrumentality was successful
- LD 1571 – Charter Teacher Certification flexibilities eliminated

III. Updates / Reminders

IV. Next Month's Topics

V. Next Meeting

June 5, 2025 (Zoom)

VI. Closing Items

- A. Adjourn Meeting
- FYI

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