



# Maine Charter School Commission

## Monthly Commission Meeting

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### Date and Time

Tuesday September 9, 2025 at 1:00 PM EDT

### Location

Dimensions Academy, 1192 West Ridge Road, Cornville 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		Leigh Albert
C. To Consider the Approval of the 8/12/25 Commission Meeting Minutes	Approve Minutes	Leigh Albert
<b>II. Comments from Commission Chair</b>		
A. Comments	Discuss	Leigh Albert
<b>III. Additions or Adjustments to the Agenda</b>		
A. Additions/Adjustments	Discuss	Leigh Albert
<b>IV. Committee Reports</b>		
A. School Performance Committee	FYI	Tori Kornfield
B. Finance Committee	FYI	Brian Langley
C. Executive Committee	FYI	Leigh Albert
<b>V. Public Comment*</b>		
A. Public Comment	Discuss	Leigh Albert
<b>VI. Presentation(s)</b>		
• <i>Community Regional Charter School</i>		
<b>VII. Executive Director/Commission Staff Report</b>		
A. School Updates	Discuss	Lana Ewing
B. Organizational Updates	Discuss	Lana Ewing

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SY25-26 Annual Priorities</li> </ul>		
<b>C. Media Updates</b>	FYI	Lana Ewing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>None</i></li> </ul>		
<b>VIII. Monthly School Portfolio/Data Report</b>		
<b>A. Spring Panorama Survey Results</b>	Discuss	Lana Ewing
<b>B. SY2024-25 Year End Unenrollment/Enrollment</b>	Discuss	Lana Ewing
<b>IX. Unfinished Business</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>None</i></li> </ul>		
<b>X. New Business Requiring Approval and/or Acceptance</b>		
<b>A. To Receive and Place on File the Commission's FY25 Reconciled Financials</b>	Vote	Leigh Albert
<b>XI. New Business Requiring Notification to the Commission (No formal action to be taken by Commission)</b>		
<b>A. New Governing Board Members</b>	FYI	Leigh Albert
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Community Regional Charter School (Jessica Dionne)</i></li> <li>• <i>Maine Arts Academy (Jonas Maines)</i></li> <li>• <i>Maine Arts Academy (John Neal)</i></li> </ul>		
<b>B. Board Member Resignations</b>	FYI	Leigh Albert
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Community Regional Charter School (James Hodgkin)</i></li> <li>• <i>Community Regional Charter School (Nicki Reinholt)</i></li> </ul>		
<b>C. Board Member Term Outs</b>	FYI	Leigh Albert

Purpose Presenter

- *Fiddlehead School of Arts & Sciences (Susan Doughty)*
- *Maine Arts Academy (Sherry Gilbert)*
- *Maine Arts Academy (Janna Townsend)*

## XII. Future Topics

A. Future Topics FYI Leigh Albert

October

- To Consider the Approval of ACADIA Academy's Renewal Application
- To Consider the Approval of Maine Arts Academy's Renewal Application

November

- To Receive and Place on File SY2024-25 Annual Monitoring Reports
- To Consider the Approval of the SY2024-25 Annual Report to the Commissioner

December

- No meeting

## XIII. Announcements

A. Important Dates FYI Leigh Albert

- *September 16, 2025 (9:00am-11:00am) for School Leaders*
  - *Map Growth: Reports for Teachers: Analyze Start Data Virtual post-assessment administration*
- *September 23, 2025 (10:00am-12:00pm) for Board Members and School Leaders*
  - *Board 101 and Introduction to BoardOnTrack*
- *October 28, 2025 (10:00am-11:30am) for Board Members and School Leaders*
  - *Finding, Recruiting, Retaining, and Training Board Members to Meeting Your 3-5 Year Goals*
- *November 12, 2025 (9:30am-12:00pm) for Commission Members*
  - *Message and Media Training*
- *November 13, 2025 (9:30am to 12:00pm) for School Leaders*
  - *Why Communications and Advocacy Matters*
- *May 2, 2026 (11:00am-1:00pm)*

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◦ <i>Maine Arts Academy 10-Year Anniversary Gala</i>		
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<b>B.</b> Upcoming Business Meeting(s)	FYI	Leigh Albert
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- *October 14 (Room #103, Cross Office Building, Augusta or Zoom)*
- *November 12 (Room #103, Cross Office Building, Augusta or Zoom)*

**XIV. Closing Items**

<b>A.</b> Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Leigh Albert
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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.