



# Maine Charter School Commission

## Monthly Commission Meeting

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### Date and Time

Wednesday January 14, 2026 at 1:00 PM EST

### Location

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.

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*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 11/12/25 Commission Meeting Minutes	Approve Minutes		Leigh Albert
<b>II. Additions or Adjustments to the Agenda</b>			
A. Additions/Adjustments	Discuss		Leigh Albert
<b>III. Committee Reports</b>			
A. School Performance Committee	FYI		Tori Kornfield
B. Finance Committee	FYI		Brian Langley
C. Executive Committee	FYI		Leigh Albert
<b>IV. Public Comment*</b>			
A. Public Comment	Discuss		Leigh Albert
<b>V. Presentation(s)</b>			
• SY2024-25 Annual Charter School Report Review and Discussion with Commissioner Makin			
<b>VI. Executive Director/Commission Staff Report</b>			
A. School Updates	Discuss		Lana Ewing
B. Organizational Updates	Discuss		Lana Ewing
C. Media Updates	FYI		Lana Ewing

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• Aroostook Huskies Captain named Maine Connections Academy STAR Student of the Month - The County		

## VII. Monthly School Portfolio/Data Report

A. 2025 Boards and Commissions Report	Discuss	Amy Allen
B. SY2025-26 Student Demographic Data Breakdowns	Discuss	Amy Allen
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>SY2025-26 Enrollment Statistics</i></li> <li>• <i>SY2025-26 Demographic Data Breakdowns</i></li> <li>• <i>SY2025-26 Resident District Breakdown</i></li> <li>• <i>SY2025-26 Resident Town Breakdown</i></li> </ul>		

## VIII. Unfinished Business

- *None*

## IX. New Business Requiring Approval and/or Acceptance

- *None*

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

A. New Governing Board Members	FYI	Leigh Albert
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Baxter Academy for Technology and Science (Linda Chauldron)</i></li> <li>• <i>Ecology Learning Center (Beth Arnold)</i></li> <li>• <i>Fiddlehead School of Arts &amp; Sciences (Joanne D'Arcangelo)</i></li> <li>• <i>Fiddlehead School of Arts &amp; Sciences (Bruce Woodard)</i></li> </ul>		
B. Board Member Resignations/Left the Board	FYI	Leigh Albert
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>ACADIA Academy (Aaron Landry)</i></li> <li>• <i>ACADIA Academy (Jon Mercier)</i></li> </ul>		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ecology Learning Center (Kenneth Hahn)</i></li> <li>• <i>Fiddlehead School of Arts &amp; Sciences (Kaiti Lewis)</i></li> <li>• <i>Maine Academy of Natural Sciences (Kristen Case)</i></li> <li>• <i>Maine Academy of Natural Sciences (Lee Karter)</i></li> </ul>		
<b>C. Board Member Term Outs</b>	FYI	Leigh Albert
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>None</i></li> </ul>		

## **XI. Future Topics**

<b>A. Future Topics</b>	FYI	Leigh Albert
February		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance Framework Revisions</li> <li>• Mid-Year Meetings Update</li> <li>• Maine Arts Academy Enrollment Amendment Request</li> </ul>		

## **XII. Announcements**

<b>A. Important Dates</b>	FYI	Leigh Albert
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>January 26, 2026 (9:00-10:30am) for School Leaders</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <i>How to Host a Successful Policy Maker Visit and Engage Your Board</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>February 10, 2026 (10:00am-12:00pm) for Board Members and School Leaders</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <i>Strategic Planning: Mid-Year Update</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>February 11, 2026 (10:00am-12:00pm) for Commission Members</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <i>Revisit MCSC Strategic Plan, Mission, Vision, and Performance Framework</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<b>Other</b>		

- *May 2, 2026 (11:00am-1:00pm)*
  - *Maine Arts Academy 10-Year Anniversary Gala*

<b>B. Upcoming Business Meeting(s)</b>	FYI	Leigh Albert
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- *February - Room #500/Cross Office Building, Augusta*

### **XIII. Closing Items**

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