



Maine Charter School Commission

Monthly Commission Meeting

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Date and Time

Wednesday February 11, 2026 at 1:00 PM EST

Location

Room #500, Cross Office Building, 111 Sewall Street, Augusta or via Zoom

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.

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter
I. Opening Items		
A. Record Attendance		Susan Whipkey
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Leigh Albert
C. To Consider the Approval of the 1/14/26 Commission Meeting Minutes	Approve Minutes	Leigh Albert
II. Additions or Adjustments to the Agenda		
A. Additions/Adjustments	Discuss	Leigh Albert
III. Committee Reports		
A. School Performance Committee	FYI	Tom Keller
B. Finance Committee	FYI	Lana Ewing
C. Executive Committee	FYI	Tom Keller
IV. Public Comment*		
A. Public Comment	Discuss	Leigh Albert
V. Presentation(s)		
<i>None</i>		
VI. Executive Director/Commission Staff Report		
A. School Updates	Discuss	Lana Ewing
B. Organizational Updates	Discuss	Lana Ewing
C. Media Updates	FYI	Lana Ewing
<i>None</i>		
VII. Monthly School Portfolio/Data Report		

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<i>None</i>		
VIII. Unfinished Business		
<i>None</i>		
IX. New Business Requiring Approval and/or Acceptance		
A. To Consider the Approval of Proposed Changes to the Performance Framework	Vote	Leigh Albert
B. To Consider the Approval of the Following Commission Policies - Payment & Signatory and Travel	Vote	Leigh Albert
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"> • <i>Ecology Learning Center (Jennifer Albee)</i> • <i>Ecology Learning Center (Lauren Giroux)</i> • <i>Maine Connections Academy (Lisa Coombs)</i> 		
B. Board Member Resignations/Left the Board	FYI	Leigh Albert
<i>None</i>		
C. Board Member Term Outs	FYI	Leigh Albert
<i>None</i>		
XI. Future Topics		
A. Future Topics	FYI	Leigh Albert
March		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>No meeting</i> 		
XII. Announcements		
A. Important Dates	FYI	Leigh Albert

Professional Development

- *Tuesday, March 10 (10:00am-12:00pm) - Charter Public Schools Communication and Advocacy and the Role of the Board - Zoom Only*
- *Tuesday, March 17 (9:30-11:00am) - School Leader Evaluation - Zoom Only*
- *Tuesday, April 28 (9:00-11:00am) - NWEA MAP Growth: Reports for Teachers - Zoom Only*
- *Tuesday, May 19 (9:30-11:30am) - Planning for the Summer/Making the Most of the Summer Months - Zoom Only*

Other

- *Saturday, May 2, 2026 (11:00am-1:00pm)- Maine Arts Academy's 10-Year Anniversary Gala*
- *Wednesday, May 13 (8:00am-12:00pm) - Hall of Flags*

B.	Upcoming Business Meeting(s)	FYI	Leigh Albert
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- *April 8, 2026 - Room #103/Cross Office Building, Augusta or Zoom*
- *May 13, 2026 - Zoom Only*
- *June 10, 2026 - Maine Academy of Natural Sciences, 13 Easler Road, Hinckley or Zoom*

XIII. Closing Items

A.	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.