



# Maine Charter School Commission

## Monthly Commission Meeting

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### Date and Time

Wednesday April 8, 2026 at 1:00 PM EDT

### Location

Room #500, 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		Leigh Albert
C. To Consider the Approval of the 2/11/26 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	Tom Keller
B. Finance Committee	FYI	Leigh Albert
C. Executive Committee	FYI	Leigh Albert
<b>IV. Public Comment*</b>		
A. Public Comment	Discuss	Leigh Albert
<b>V. Presentation(s)</b>		
<i>None</i>		
<b>VI. Executive Director/Commission Staff Report</b>		
A. School Updates	Discuss	Lana Ewing
B. Organizational Updates	Discuss	Lana Ewing
• SY25-26 Mid-Year Meeting with Schools - Summary		
C. Media Updates	FYI	Lana Ewing



Purpose Presenter

- CRCS Proposed Changes to its Food Service Program
- Renewal Timeline
- Maine Charter School Commission FY27 Budget

## XII. Announcements

A. Important Dates FYI Leigh Albert

### Graduation

- *Sunday, May 31st at 12:00pm - Maine Arts Academy (Augusta Civic Center)*
- *Friday, June 5th at 2:00pm - Maine Connections Academy (Merrill Auditorium, Portland)*
- *Friday, June 5th at 2:00pm - Maine Virtual Academy (Zoom)*

### Professional Development

- *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*

B. Upcoming Business Meeting(s) FYI Leigh Albert

- *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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