



Maine Charter School Commission

Monthly Commission Meeting

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Date and Time

Wednesday May 13, 2026 at 1:00 PM EDT

Location

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 sue@mainecharterschoolcommission.org

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 4/8/26 Commission Meeting Minutes	Approve Minutes	Leigh Albert
II. Comments From Commission Chair		
A. Comments	Discuss	Leigh Albert
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Maine Charter School Commission 		
III. Additions or Adjustments to the Agenda		
A. Additions/Adjustments	Discuss	Leigh Albert
IV. Committee Reports		
A. School Performance Committee	FYI	Tom Keller
B. Finance Committee	FYI	Brian Langley
C. Executive Committee	FYI	Brian Langley
V. Public Comment*		
A. Public Comment	Discuss	Leigh Albert
VI. Presentation(s)		
MOXIE Public Schools		
VII. Executive Director/Commission Staff Report		
A. School Updates	Discuss	Lana Ewing

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B. Organizational Updates	Discuss	Lana Ewing
C. Media Updates	FYI	Lana Ewing

- *None*

VIII. Monthly School Portfolio/Data Report

- *None*

IX. Unfinished Business

- *None*

X. New Business Requiring Approval and/or Acceptance

A. To Consider the Approval of Baxter Academy for Technology and Sciences' Request of Innovation Funds for its Baxter Launch Lab Summer Program	Vote	Leigh Albert
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- Baxter Academy for Technology and Science Innovation Fund Request

B. To Consider the Approval of the Commission's Accounting and Capitalization Policy	Vote	Leigh Albert
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- Maine Charter School Commission Accounting and Capitalization Policy Draft

C. To Consider the Approval of the Commission's Audit and Financial Review Policy	Vote	Leigh Albert
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- Maine Charter School Commission Audit and Financial Review Policy Draft

D. To Consider the Approval of a Revision to the Commission's Paid Parental Leave Policy	Vote	Leigh Albert
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Purpose Presenter

- Maine Charter School Commission Paid Parental Leave Policy - Revision Draft

E. To Consider the Approval of the Commission's Procurement and Purchasing Policy Vote Leigh Albert

- Maine Charter School Commission Procurement and Purchasing Policy Draft

F. To Consider the Approval of the Commission's Technology Acceptable Use Policy Vote Leigh Albert

- Maine Charter School Commission Technology Acceptable Use Policy Draft

G. To Consider the Approval of a Revision to the Commission's Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy Vote Leigh Albert

- Maine Charter School Commission Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy - Revision Draft

H. To Consider the Approval of the Commission Employee Handbook Policies Vote Leigh Albert

- Maine Charter School Commission Employee Handbook Policies Draft

I. To Consider the Approval of ACADIA Academy's Request to Establish a Line of Credit Vote Leigh Albert

- ACADIA Academy Request to Establish a Line of Credit

J. To Consider the Approval of the Commission's FY27 Budget Proposal Vote Leigh Albert

- FY27 Budget Proposal Narrative
- FY27 Budget Proposal

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

	Purpose	Presenter
A. New Governing Board Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>None</i> 	FYI	Leigh Albert
B. Board Member Resignations/Left the Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Maine Arts Academy (John Neal)</i> 	FYI	Leigh Albert
C. Board Member Term Outs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>None</i> 	FYI	Leigh Albert

XII. Future Topics

A. Future Topics June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation Fund Proposals • Annual Calendar July <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Meeting 	FYI	Leigh Albert
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XIII. Announcements

A. Important Dates Graduation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Saturday, May 30th at 11:00am - Baxter Academy for Technology and Science (Merrill Auditorium, Portland)</i> • <i>Sunday, May 31st at 12:00pm - Maine Arts Academy (Augusta Civic Center)</i> • <i>Thursday, June 4th at 5:00pm - Ecology Learning Center (MOFGA, 294 Crosby Brook Road, Unity)</i> • <i>Friday, June 5th at 2:00pm - Maine Connections Academy (Merrill Auditorium, Portland)</i> • <i>Friday, June 5th at 2:00pm - Maine Virtual Academy (Zoom)</i> 	FYI	Leigh Albert
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- *Friday, June 12th at 5:00pm - Fiddlehead School of Arts and Sciences (Norumbega Cidery, New Gloucester)*
- *Friday, June 12th at 6:00pm - Overman Academy (Skowhegan Opera House, 225 Water Street, Skowhegan)*
- *Friday, July 10th at 6:00pm - Maine Academy of Natural Sciences/Campus (13 Easler Road, Hinckley)*
- *Friday, July 17th at 6:00pm - Maine Academy of Natural Sciences/Threshold (13 Easler Road, Hinckley)*

Professional Development

- *Tuesday, May 19 (9:30-11:30am) - Planning for the Summer/Making the Most of the Summer Months - Zoom Only*
- *Wednesday, May 20 (1:00-30pm) - NWEA MAP Growth PD for Teachers - Zoom Only*

B. Upcoming Business Meeting(s) FYI Leigh Albert

- *June 10, 2026 - Maine Academy of Natural Sciences, 13 Easler Road, Hinckley or Zoom*
- *July - No Meeting*

XIV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting Vote Leigh Albert

* 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.