



Maine Charter School Commission

Business Meeting

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Date and Time

Tuesday August 11, 2026 at 10:00 AM EDT

Location

Maine Arts Academy, 310 Cony Road, Augusta OR 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 Amy Allen at (207)592-6364 or amy@mainecharterschoolcommission.org

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter
I. Opening Items		
A. Record Attendance		Amy Allen
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Leigh Albert
C. To Consider the Approval of the 6/10/26 Commission Meeting Minutes	Approve Minutes	Leigh Albert
D. To Consider the Appointment of Brian Langley as Chair of the Maine Charter School Commission	Vote	Leigh Albert
E. To Consider the Re-Appointment of Tom Keller as Vice Chair of the Maine Charter School Commission	Vote	Leigh Albert
II. Comments From Commission Chair		
A. Comments	Discuss	Leigh Albert
III. Additions or Adjustments to the Agenda		
A. Additions/Adjustments	Discuss	Commission Chair
IV. Committee Reports		
A. School Performance Committee	FYI	Tom Keller
B. Finance Committee	FYI	James Ford
C. Executive Committee	FYI	Leigh Albert
V. Public Comment*		
A. Public Comment	Discuss	Commission Chair
VI. Presentation(s)		
A. Welcome from Maine Arts Academy	FYI	Heather King
B. Baxter Academy for Technology and Science's "Center for Innovation and Technology"	FYI	Anna Klein-Christie

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VII. Executive Director/Commission Staff Report

A. School Updates	Discuss	Lana Ewing
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B. Organizational Updates	Discuss	Lana Ewing
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- *2026 Charter Renewal Summaries*
 - *Community Regional Charter School*
 - *Maine Academy of Natural Sciences*
- *Reflection on SY2025-26 Commission Priorities*

C. Media Updates	FYI	Lana Ewing
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- ***Community Regional Charter School Blends Technology and Nature Through “Innovation Inside and Out”***

VIII. Monthly School Portfolio/Data Report

A. Spring 2026 Panorama School Climate Results	Discuss	Amy Allen
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B. SY2025-26 Year End Enrollment/Unenrollment	Discuss	Amy Allen
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IX. Unfinished Business

- *None*

X. New Business Requiring Approval and/or Acceptance

A. To Consider the Approval of the Commission's SY2026-27 Priorities	Vote	Commission Chair
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B. To Consider the Approval of MOXIE's Performance Framework Requirements for Year 1 (SY2026-27)	Vote	Commission Chair
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C. To Consider the Revisions to the Commission's Payment and Signatory Policy	Vote	Commission Chair
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D. To Consider Revision to the Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy	Vote	Commission Chair
XI. New Business Requiring Notification to the Commission (No formal action to be taken by Commission)		
A. New Governing Board Members	FYI	Commission Chair
• <i>None</i>		
B. Board Member Resignations/Left the Board	FYI	Commission Chair
• <i>Ecology Learning Center (Donyse Babin)</i>		
C. Board Member Term Outs	FYI	Commission Chair
• <i>Fiddlehead School of Arts & Sciences (Roger Preston)</i>		
• <i>Fiddlehead School of Arts & Sciences (William Doughty)</i>		
XII. Future Topics		
A. Future Topics	FYI	Commission Chair
September		
• Review Annual Calendar		
• SY2024-25 Financial Metrics Addendum		
October		
• To Consider the Approval of Community Regional Charter School's Renewal Application		
• To Consider the Approval of Maine Academy of Natural Sciences' Renewal Application		
November		
• To Receive and Place on File SY2025-26 Annual Monitoring Reports		

- To Receive and Place on File SY2025-26 Annual Charter School Report

XIII. Announcements

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| A. Important Dates | FYI | Commission Chair |
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Professional Development

- *Tuesday, September 8th (12:30-2:30pm)/Commission PD - "Launching The Year - Authorizing, Vision, Mission, and Strategic Plan"/In Person (Location TBD)*
- *Wednesday, September 23rd (10:00am-12:00pm)/Panorama PD - "Launching the Year Right"/Zoom*
- *Thursday, October 22nd (10:00-11:30am)/BoardOnTrack PD - "Governance and Fiduciary Duties"/Zoom*
- *Thursday, November 5th (10:00-11:30am)/PLT Strategies - "Communications and Advocacy 101"/Zoom*

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| B. Upcoming Business Meeting(s) | FYI | Commission Chair |
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- Tuesday, September 8th (10:00am-12:00pm) - Location TBD
- Tuesday, October 13th (10:00am-12:00pm) - Location TBD
- Tuesday, November 10th (10:00am-12:00pm) - Location TBD

XIV. Closing Items

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| A. Adjourn Meeting | Vote | Commission Chair |
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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.

As of September 24, 2025, state law reclassified the Maine Charter School Commission as "a public body corporate and politic and an incorporated public instrumentality of the State." This means the Commission is

now its own legal entity within state government. It can act in its own name — entering into contracts, managing state, federal, and private funds, and employing its own staff — while remaining a public body that performs essential government functions and stays accountable to the State.