



Maine Charter School Commission

Business Meeting

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Date and Time

Tuesday September 8, 2026 at 10:00 AM EDT

Location

Maine Virtual Academy, Ballard Center, Suite 230, 6 East Chestnut Street, Augusta

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		Brian Langley
C. To Consider the Approval of the 8/11/26 Commission Meeting Minutes	Approve Minutes	Brian Langley
II. Comments From Commission Chair		
A. Comments	Discuss	Brian Langley
III. Additions or Adjustments to the Agenda		
A. Additions/Adjustments	Discuss	Brian Langley
IV. Committee Reports		
A. School Performance Committee	FYI	Tom Keller
B. Finance Committee	FYI	Lana Ewing
C. Executive Committee	FYI	Brian Langley
V. Public Comment*		
A. Public Comment	Discuss	Brian Langley
VI. Presentation(s)		
• None		
VII. Executive Director/Commission Staff Report		
A. School Updates	Discuss	Lana Ewing
B. Organizational Updates	Discuss	Lana Ewing

Purpose Presenter

- *SY2026-27 Annual Calendar*

C. Media Updates FYI Lana Ewing

- [*Planned center would expand STEM education across southern Maine*](#)
- [*Several Knox, Waldo County graduates among Class of 2026 at Maine Connections Academy*](#)

VIII. Monthly School Portfolio/Data Report

A. SY2025-26 Year End Enrollment/Unenrollment Discuss Amy Allen

IX. Unfinished Business

- *None*

X. New Business Requiring Approval and/or Acceptance

A. To Receive and Place on File the SY2024-25 Annual Monitoring Report Financial Metrics Addendums Vote Brian Langley

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

A. New Governing Board Members FYI Brian Langley

- *Maine Academy of Natural Sciences (Patty Duffy)*
- *Maine Connections Academy (Angela Lallier)*

B. Board Member Resignations/Left the Board FYI Brian Langley

- *Maine Connections Academy (Lisa Coombs)*

C. Board Member Term Outs FYI Brian Langley

XII. Future Topics

	Purpose	Presenter
A. Future Topics	FYI	Brian Langley
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	
December		
	• NO MEETING	

XIII. Announcements

A. Important Dates	FYI	Brian Langley
Professional Development		
	• <i>Tuesday, September 8th (12:30-2:30pm)/Commission PD - "Launching The Year - Authorizing, Vision, Mission, and Strategic Plan"/In Person (Maine Virtual Academy, Ballard Center, 6 East Chestnut Street, Augusta)</i> • <i>Wednesday, September 23rd (10:00am-12:00pm)/Panorama PD - "Launching the Year Right"/Zoom</i> • <i>Thursday, October 22nd (10:00-11:30am)/BoardOnTrack PD - "Governance and Fiduciary Duties"/Zoom</i> • <i>Thursday, November 5th (10:00-11:30am)/PLT Strategies - "Communications and Advocacy 101"/Zoom</i>	
B. Upcoming Business Meeting(s)	FYI	Brian Langley
	• Tuesday, October 13th (10:00am-12:00pm) - Location TBD • Tuesday, November 10th (10:00am-12:00pm) - Location TBD • Tuesday, January 12th (10:00am-12:00pm) - Location TBD	

XIV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Brian Langley
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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.