



Maine Charter School Commission

Business Meeting

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Date and Time

Tuesday October 13, 2026 at 10:00 AM EDT

Location

Randall Student Center Fireside Lounge, University of Maine Augusta, 46 University Drive, 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 9/8/26 Commission Meeting Minutes	Approve Minutes	Brian Langley
II. Comments From Commission Chair		
A. Comments	Discuss	Brian Langley
• <i>Moment of Silence in Memory of Norm Higgins</i> (Former Commission member and two-term Chair of the Maine Charter School Commission) • <i>Update to Finance Committee Membership</i>		
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	Jim Handy
C. Executive Committee	FYI	Brian Langley
V. Public Comment*		
A. Public Comment	Discuss	Brian Langley
VI. Presentation(s)		
• <i>None</i>		

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VII. Executive Director/Commission Staff Report

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

- [51 Maine Students Named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists](#)
- [County residents among Maine Connections Academy graduates](#)

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 Community Regional Charter School's Renewal Application	Vote	Brian Langley
	• <i>CRCS Renewal Application</i> • <i>Site Visit Report</i> • <i>Year 4 Performance Report</i>		
B.	To Consider the Approval of Maine Academy of Natural Science's Renewal Application	Vote	Brian Langley
	• <i>MeANS Renewal Application</i> • <i>Site Visit Report</i> • <i>Year 4 Performance Report</i>		

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

A. New Governing Board Members	FYI	Brian Langley
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- *Maine Virtual Academy (Erin Shanahan)*

B. Board Member Resignations/Left the Board	FYI	Brian Langley
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- *None*

C. Board Member Term Outs	FYI	Brian Langley
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- *None*

XII. Future Topics

A. Future Topics	FYI	Brian Langley
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November

- Presentation of Maine Connections Academy's Independent 3rd Party Evaluation
- Presentation by Unity Environmental University
- 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
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Events

- *Monday, January 25th (8:00am-12:00pm) - Charter Public School Day at the Hall of Flags*

Professional Development

- 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

B. Upcoming Business Meeting(s)

FYI

Brian Langley

- 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

* 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.