Maine Charter School Commission

Business Meeting

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Date and Time

Tuesday November 10, 2026 at 10:00 AM EST

Location

Baxter Academy for Technology and Science, 185 Lancaster Street, Portland

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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 Amy Allen at (207)592-6364 or amy@mainecharterschoolcommission.org

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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 10/13/26 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	Jim Handy
C.	Executive Committee	Vote	Brian Langley
V.	**Public Comment***		
A.	Public Comment	FYI	Brian Langley
VI.	**Presentation(s)**		
A.	The Children's Academy's Presentation of Maine Connections Academy's Independent Third Party Evaluation	FYI	Chris Indorf
B.	Unity Environmental University	FYI	Angel Laredo
C.	Welcome and Innovation Grant Update: Baxter Academy for Technology and Science	FYI	Anna Klein Christie
VII.	**Executive Director/Commission Staff Report**		

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A.	School Updates	Discuss	Lana Ewing
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 Receive and Place on File SY2025-26 Annual Monitoring Reports	Vote	Brian Langley

- SY2025-26 Annual Monitoring Reports
  - ACADIA Academy
  - Baxter Academy for Technology and Science
  - Community Regional Charter School
  - Ecology Learning Center
  - Fiddlehead School of Arts & Sciences
  - Maine Academy of Natural Sciences
  - Maine Arts Academy
  - Maine Connections Academy
  - Maine Virtual Academy

B.	To Receive and Place on File the SY2025-26 Annual Charter School Report	Vote	Brian Langley

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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

- *None*

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

- *None*

C.	Board Member Term Outs	FYI	Brian Langley

- *None*

XII. Executive Session

The Commission will enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(F), to discuss information contained in records that are confidential by statute, specifically personnel records of a charter public school that are confidential under 20-A M.R.S. §6101(2)(B)(3) and (6). No action will be taken in executive session.

XIII. Future Topics

A.	Future Topics	FYI	Brian Langley

December

- NO MEETING

January/February

- FOAA Training
- 2026 Boards and Commissions Report
- 2026-27 School Enrollment Statistics
- 2026-27 Demographic Data Breakdowns
- 2026-27 Resident District Breakdown
- 2026-27 Resident Town Breakdown
- Charter Student Residence & Legislative Crosswalk

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March

- Mid-Year Meeting Updates

XIV. Announcements

A. Important Dates — FYI — Brian Langley

Events

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

Professional Development

- *Thursday, January 14th (10:00-11:30am) - Board effectiveness and strategic oversight*
- *Wednesday, February 3rd (10:00-11:30am) - Social media Deep Dive and Toolkit*
- *Thursday, March 11th (10:00-11:30am) - Mid-year reflection on board performance and school outcomes*
- *Tuesday, April 27th (9:30-11:00am) - Writing for Clarity and Precision*
- *Thursday, May 13th (10:00-11:30am) - Year-end board assessment and planning for the year ahead*
- *Thursday, May 27th (9:30-11:00am) - Communications & Advocacy Planning for SY2027-28*
- *Wednesday, June 26th (10:00am-12:00pm) - Spring 2027 Panorama Survey Results Deep Dive*

B. Upcoming Business Meeting(s) — FYI — Brian Langley

- Tuesday, January 12th (10:00am-12:00pm) - Location TBD
- Tuesday, February 9th (10:00am-12:00pm) - Location TBD

XV. 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.