

Maine Charter School Commission

Monthly Commission Meeting

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Date and Time

Tuesday January 14, 2025 at 1:00 PM EST

Location

Room #103, Cross Office Building, 111 Sewall Street, Augusta or via Zoom

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I.	Ор	ening Items		
	Α.	Record Attendance		Susan Whipkey
	В.	Call the Meeting to Order		Norm Higgins
	C.	To Consider the Approval of the 12/10/24 Commission Meeting Minutes	Approve Minutes	Norm Higgins
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	В.	Finance Committee	FYI	Leigh Albert
		FY25 Budget vs Actual Spending Report		
	C.	Executive Committee	FYI	Norm Higgins
V.	Pul	blic Comment*		
	Α.	Public Comment	Discuss	Norm Higgins
VI.	Pre	esentation(s)		
	Α.	SY2023-24 Annual Report Review and Discussion with Commissioner Makin ***Commissioner Makin will join at 2:30***	Discuss	Lana Ewing

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VII.	Exe	ecutive Director/Commission Staff Report		
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	В.	Organizational Updates	Discuss	Lana Ewing
		Q2 Annual Calendar Progress Check		
	C.	Media Updates	FYI	Lana Ewing
		• None		
VIII.	Мо	nthly School Portfolio/Data Report		
	Α.	2024 Annual Boards and Commissions Report	Discuss	Lana Ewing
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	В.	To Consider the Approval of Baxter Academy for Technology and Sciences' Request of Innovation Funds for its Wheelchair Prototype Project	Vote	Norm Higgins
XI.		w Business Requiring Notification to the Commission (No fo mmission)	ormal action to I	be taken by
	Α.	New Governing Board Members	FYI	Norm Higgins
		• None		
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		• None		
	C.	Board Member Term Outs	FYI	Norm Higgins
		• None		
XII.	Fut	ure Topics		
	Α.	Future Topics	FYI	Norm Higgins
		February		
		Preview Enrollment Map Update		
		March		
		 Performance Framework Minor Clarifications Mid-Year Meetings Review Summary of New School Applications Received 2025 Renewal Timeline 		
XIII.	An	nouncements		
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		• 2/13/25 - Deadline for Submission of New School Applic	ations	
	В.	Upcoming Business Meetings	FYI	Norm Higgins
		• February 11, 2025 (Cross Office Building, Room #103,	Augusta) or Zool	n

• March 11, 2025 (Cross Office Building, Room #103, Augusta) or Zoom

XIV. Closing Items

	Purpose	Presenter
A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Norm Higgins

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Coversheet

To Consider the Approval of the 12/10/24 Commission Meeting Minutes

Section:	I. Opening Items
Item:	C. To Consider the Approval of the 12/10/24 Commission Meeting
Minutes	
Purpose:	Approve Minutes
Submitted by:	
Related Material:	Minutes for Monthly Commission Meeting on December 10, 2024



Maine Charter School Commission

Minutes

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Directors Present

Brian Langley (remote), James Ford, Jim Handy, Leigh Albert, Norm Higgins, Tom Keller, Tori Kornfield

Directors Absent

None

Guests Present

Amy Allen (remote), Lana Ewing, Susan Whipkey

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Norm Higgins called a meeting of the board of directors of Maine Charter School Commission to order on Tuesday Dec 10, 2024 at 1:06 PM. Tom read the Mission and Vision statements.

C. To Consider the Approval of the 11/12/24 Commission Meeting Minutes

Jim Handy made a motion to approve the minutes from the Monthly Commission Meeting on 11-12-24.

Tori Kornfield seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Tom KellerAyeNorm HigginsAyeBrian LangleyAyeLeigh AlbertAyeJim HandyAyeTori KornfieldAyeJames FordAye

II. Comments from Commission Chair

A. Comments

Norm thanked the members for creating an environment where honest conversations can be held as evidenced by the participation in the Commission Strategic Planning Meeting.

In the upcoming legislative session, Norm anticipates conversation around how the Federal Government will use finances to advocate its agenda. At the state level, school choice will be discussed. The Commission will monitor the impacts on Charter Schools.

III. Additions or Adjustments to the Agenda

A. Additions/Adjustments

None

IV. Committee Reports

A. School Performance Committee

Tori reported the following:

- The Committee discussed Fiddlehead's request to use its Yurt as classroom space and recommended the school revise and reconsider the request.
- The Committee reviewed demographic breakdowns and discussed data anomalies among the schools regarding gender and school populations representative of the local community.

B. Finance Committee

Brian reported the Committee reviewed the following:

- The Fiddlehead Yurt proposal withdrawal.
- SY24-25 Enrollment Data with a slight increase in student counts and higher percentage of economically disadvantaged students and students with IEPs.
- 1st Quarter Financial Metrics for Schools with overall positive results and continued monitoring of those with high-risk scores.
- The financial order requesting \$118,000 from carryover funds Committee approved.

Tom suggested the committee seek cross school professional development funding for innovative instruction modes.

C. Executive Committee

Norm reported the Committee discussed potential legislation to:

- amend the structure of Commission operations to allow the option to operate more independently as a state agency.
- expand enrollment cap on virtual schools.

The Commission will monitor upcoming legislation and support if desired.

V. Public Comment*

A. Public Comment

Jana Lapointe clarified that the potential legislation concerning the enrollment cap for virtual schools is considered to allow a 10% over / underway leeway.

Lana thanked Matt Newburg, the executive director at Maine Academy of Natural Sciences as he steps down for a new position. Matt reported that Evan Coleman and Pat Heyman will serve as school leaders on an interim basis until a search to start in January concludes.

Heather King shared that Maine Arts Academy is holding a free community dinner served at their school on Christmas Eve at noon. Recently, the students participated in a full theater performance and a dance performance at UMA and are working on a 3-D architectural rendering of the Cushnoc Brewery building in downtown Augusta for display there. The students visited seven colleges in November.

For Community Regional Charter School, building principal Susan Muzzy reported that 11 staff members participated in a conference in Boston and are incorporating items learned within the school. Elizabeth Firnkes shared a tool being used at Overman Academy to enhance mathematics skills, Pathways to Careers.

Anna Klein Christie reported Baxter's Chess team participated in a National Championship in D.C. and was on Maine Public Broadcasting on Friday.

VI. Presentation(s)

A. Maine Virtual Academy's Independent Third Party Evaluation

Dr. Mary Madden presented Maine Virtual Academy's 3rd Party Evaluation for SY23-24. The evaluation explored experiences of 16 newly enrolled students and their parent/caregiver by holding two interviews during the school year. The interviews were held first early in the year to learn about the choice to come to MeVA and then towards the end of the year.

Highlights and challenges include the following:

- Student needs assessments are thorough.
- Video recording of lessons is helpful.
- Weekly newsletters are informative.
- Offering college classes is important.
- Teachers and staff respond quickly to questions.
- Making peer connections is challenging.
- Academic Progress almost always went up from previous school experiences.

Recommendations include the following:

- · Continue to provide recordings of lessons and quickly respond to questions
- Provide public school guidance counselors with information on MeVA.
- Clarify in-person/social opportunities are limited. Virtual experience is emphasized over in-person as the wide geographic area is a barrier to in-person meetings.

VII. Executive Director/Commission Staff Report

A. School Updates

Lana reported the following:

Maine Arts Academy has received grants recently.

- Kennebec Savings Bank Catalyst grant for \$30,000 to pay for auditorium seating and a collaborative traveling theater production with Augusta's Colonial Theater.
- Whole Foods grant for \$3,500 to pay for food warmers and other kitchen equipment.

Maine Arts Academy was on a segment of the Maine Business Show which highlighted what an arts education looks like for students in Maine.

Tom suggested a letter be sent thanking Kennebec Savings Bank for their partnership.

B. Organizational Updates

Lana reported the following:

• Binders with Maine Charter School Commission documents were provided to the Commissioners.

- School Board members and leaders attended a professional development session yesterday. They provided feedback on the Commission's Strategic Plan and reviewed their own short-term goals.
- Lana graduated from the Georgetown course on educational finance, Edunomics.
- Commissioner Makin will attend the January Commission meeting to review and ask questions on Annual Report.
- Mid-year meetings with all the schools will take place in January.

C. Media Updates

VIII. Monthly School Portfolio/Data Report

A. Student Enrollments and Demographic Data Breakdowns

Amy presented the Enrollment Data as of 10/1 with the following highlights:

- The total charter school student number increased since last year but is less than 2% of total Maine students.
- Most schools are meeting the contracted enrollments.
- Students from 143 Maine districts and 300 cities, towns or unorganized territories are enrolled.
- 22.88% of students have an IEP and 44.31% are economically disadvantaged. Both scores are higher than currently published state averages.
- Portfolio wide, gender and race breakdowns are comparable to the statewide breakdown, but not in all individual school communities.
- Students speak 19 different languages, excluding English.

IX. New Business Requiring Approval and/or Acceptance

A. To Consider Ecology Learning Center's Request to Amend Bylaws

Jim Handy made a motion to approve the Ecology Learning Center's amendments to its bylaws.

Tori Kornfield seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call Jim Handy Aye

Roll Call					
Leigh Albert	Aye				
Norm Higgins	Aye				
Tori Kornfield	Aye				
Tom Keller	Aye				
James Ford	Aye				
Brian Langley	Aye				

B. To Consider Amending 20-A MRSA, §2405 Sub-§8 To Establish the Commission as a Body Corporate and Politic and a Public Instrumentality of the State

Jim Handy made a motion to pursue legislation amending 20-A MRSA to establish the Commission as a Body corporate and Politic and a Public Instrumentality of the State. Tori Kornfield seconded the motion.

Lana read the recommendation from the Department of Administrative Financial Services (DFAS) which she will send to Commission members. Under a new structure, legal representation, IT assistance and insurance coverage, physical storage and meeting space will be items to consider.

Missy O'Neal-Low from the DOE clarified there is no plan to change the make-up of the Board as part of this change.

The deadline to submit legislation is January 10th.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Jim HandyAyeTori KornfieldAyeTom KellerAyeBrian LangleyAyeLeigh AlbertAyeJames FordAyeNorm HigginsAye

X. Announcements

A. Important Dates

February 13th is the deadline for new school applications. The review/approval process will be discussed in the January meeting.

B. Upcoming Business Meetings

XI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 2:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Norm Higgins

Documents used during the meeting

- Dashboard for FY25 11_27_24.pdf
- MeVA Independent Third Party Evaluation September 2024.pdf
- 2024-25 School Enrollment Statistics.pdf
- School Year 2024-25 Demographic Data Breakdowns.pdf
- ELC Amendment for Change in School ByLaws (Part 1).pdf
- ELC Amendment for Change in School ByLaws (Part 2).pdf
- ELC Amendment for Change in School ByLaws (Part 3).pdf
- MeAA New Governing Board Member (April Hughes).pdf

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Finance Committee

Section: Item: Purpose: Submitted by: Related Material: IV. Committee Reports B. Finance Committee FYI

Dashboard for FY25 12_20_24.pdf



Office and Other Supplies

TOTAL General Operations

\$525

\$35,157

\$109

\$16,310

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\$416

\$18,847

MCSC FY25 Budget vs. Actual (As of December 20, 2024)

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	Projection	Actual	Difference	Actual			Projection	Projection Actual
Revenue	FY25	FY25	FY25	FY24	<u>Costs (1)</u>		FY25	FY25 FY25
Allotment - Legislatively Mandated	\$694,809	\$607,726	(\$87,083)	\$694,809	Total Cost Summary	\$84	9,472	9,472 \$359,090
Additional State Subsidy Available	\$110,603		(\$110,603)	\$29,395				
Total Allotment - ED279	\$805,412	\$607,726	(\$197,686)	\$724,204				
Carryover Funds	\$38,285	\$0	(\$38,285)	\$82,096				
Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,163				
TOTAL Annual Revenue	\$843,697	\$607,726	(\$235,971)	\$808,463				

					(1) Detail	of Costs	
	Projection FY25	Actual FY25	I	Difference FY25	Actual FY24		Projection FY25
Personnel						Technology for Schools	
Staff Salaries	\$302,779	\$149,221	T	\$153,558	\$275,491	NWEA MAP Test	\$14,400
Atlantic Staffing Service Fee	\$67,669	\$32,646	T	\$35,023	\$101,932	Panorama Education	\$11,500
Benefits	\$63,000	\$31,500	T	\$31,500	\$60,000	Infinite Campus	\$21,789
TOTAL Personnel	\$433,448	\$213,366		\$220,082	\$437,423	Lotterease	\$2,625
						Epicenter	\$40,646
Contracted Services						College-Readiness Diagnostics	\$4,725
Financial Consultant	\$51,739	\$8,573	T	\$43,166	\$38,408	Board on Track	\$35,000
Public Relations/ Engagement	\$25,000	\$0	T	\$25,000	\$20,843	TOTAL Technology for Schools	\$130,684
Project-Based Support	\$45,000	\$5,494	Ŷ	\$39,506	\$51,563	-	
Operational/Financial Support	\$0	\$0	->>	\$0	\$0	Technology for MCSC	
TOTAL Contracted Services	\$121,739	\$14,067		\$107,672	\$110,814	Office of Information Technology	\$3,675
						Cell Phone Services	\$2,730
Personal Services - Per Die	m / Commission	Members				Website	\$5,000
Per Diem	\$15,400	\$4,675	Ŷ	\$10,725	\$12,729	Remote CART Captioning Service	\$0
NACSA	\$0		->>	\$0	\$0	BoardOnTrack	\$5,775
TOTAL Personal Services	\$15,400	\$4,675		\$10,725	\$12,729	TOTAL Technology for MCSC	\$17,180
Travel						Charter School Innovation/Co	ollaboration
Commission Members	\$8,400	\$1,466	Ŷ	\$6,934	\$3,958	Innovation Fund/Professional Development	\$40,000
Staff	\$13,000	\$7,747	Ŷ	\$5,253	\$7,772	Board Chair Collaboration	\$1,700
TOTAL Travel	\$21,400	\$9,213		\$12,187	\$11,730	CountMe In	\$1,500
						TOTAL Charter School Innovation/C	\$43,200
General Operations							
Insurance/Risk Management	\$893	\$27	T	\$866	\$822	Sta-Cap	
Printing/Photocopying Services	\$1,000	\$804	Ŷ	\$196	\$516	Sta-Cap	\$10,264
Dues and Subscriptions	\$7,203	\$3,300	T	\$3,903	\$6,926	TOTAL Contingency	\$10,264
Meeting Room Rental	\$1,050		T	\$1,050	\$0		
Postage	\$315	\$0	Ŷ	\$315	\$272	Contingency	
Advertising	\$525	\$200	T	\$325	\$200	Contingency	\$21,000
Food	\$420	\$944	•	(\$524)	\$234	TOTAL Contingency	\$21,000
General Government Service Center	\$11,825	\$10,427	Ŷ	\$1,398	\$9,395		
Legal and Professional Services	\$11,401	\$500	Ŷ	\$10,901	\$10,858		
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Actual

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Difference

FY25

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Actual

FY24

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Coversheet

SY2023-24 Annual Report Review and Discussion with Commissioner Makin ***Commissioner Makin will join at 2:30***

Section:VI. Presentation(s)Item:A. SY2023-24 Annual Report Review and Discussion with CommissionerMakin ***Commissioner Makin will join at 2:30***DiscussPurpose:DiscussSubmitted by:Annual_Report_to_the_Commissioner_2023-24.pdf



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The Maine Charter School Commission

Seat #1 Tom Keller



Seat #5 Jim Handy



Seat #2 James Ford



Seat #6 Norm Higgins *Chair*



Seat #3 Victoria Kornfield



Seat #7 Leigh Albert *Vice Chair*



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Seat #4 Brian Langley



November 2024

Commissioner Makin,

We are pleased to submit the SY2023-24 Annual Charter School Report for your review. This report fulfills our statutory obligation to provide the Commissioner of Education with an annual status report on the performance of charter schools in the state.

We measure school performance using the Performance Framework developed by the Maine Charter School Commission, which outlines four categories that work in tandem to indicate school performance. The areas measured are:

- <u>Academic Achievement</u>: Is the school an academic success? Is the school adequately preparing students for their desired post-secondary outcomes?
- <u>School Climate and Family Engagement</u>: Does the school provide the conditions for students to be successful?
- <u>Organizational Sustainability</u>: Is the school an effectively run and sustainable organization?
- Financial Management and Viability: Is the school financially viable?
- <u>School Mission and Student Persistence</u>: Is the school faithful to its mission? Does the school ensure access for all students eligible to attend the school?

Below is a snapshot of performance framework outcomes:

- Based on results from the spring administration of the Maine Through Year Assessment, **8 of 9** public charter schools are **meeting** or **exceeding** framework expectations for reading proficiency, performing above the state average. Math proficiency is an area of growth with **4 of 9** schools **meeting** or **exceeding** expectations.
- 6 of 7 charter high schools are **meeting** or **exceeding** framework expectations for 4-year high school completion and surpassing the Maine Department of Education's annual graduation goal of 87%.
- In SY2023-24 the Commission began measuring 5 and 6-year high school graduation rates and **6 of 7** charter high schools are **exceeding** expectations on the framework.
- Charter high schools use the Accuplacer to assess post-secondary readiness.
 6 of 7 of the high schools are exceeding framework expectations, demonstrating that students graduating from Maine's public charter high schools are college-ready upon graduation.
- Chronic absenteeism rates are high with **4 of 9** schools **meeting** or **exceeding** framework expectations. To "meet expectations" schools must be between 10%-18% chronically absent. While rates remain high for several schools, many have decreased the percentage from a year ago.
- Schools administered the annual Panorama survey last spring measuring

school climate and engagement with families, students, teachers, and staff. Results compared to like-schools nationally are as follows:

- Family satisfaction rates from **8 of 9** charter schools **exceeded** expectations.
- Students in grades 6-12 responded favorably on the required survey scales in 6 of 9 charter schools. Students in grades 3-5 had lower favorability, which will be monitored closely by the Commission.
- This is the first year that results from teachers and staff have been reported separately. Overall, responses were favorable with high teacher satisfaction rates at **7 of 9** schools and high staff satisfaction rates at **8 of 9** schools.
- All charter school governing boards meet on a regular basis and are required to engage in a baseline of annual training and development. We had strong school board attendance at our in-person events. However, most school boards are **not meeting** the baseline training expectation. We will clarify the expectations with the hope that all boards satisfy this requirement in SY2024-25.
- Student persistence is a strength across the charter school portfolio, with the majority of schools **meeting** or **exceeding** expectations.
- Financial measures for FY24 are included in annual monitoring reports for the first time without the need for a report addendum later in the year. Instead of delaying our reporting as we await the completion of annual financial audits, Commission staff calculated the metrics using school-provided fourth quarter financial data. As financial audits are completed for FY24, staff will re-calculate the metrics and compare the results to the Q4 results. If there are material changes which move outcomes to a different risk category, an addendum will be filed. This change allows for a full picture of school performance in the Annual Report.

Public charter schools with students in grades 3-8 are required to report results from the NWEA MAP assessment to the Commission annually. Because the student experience taking the Maine Through Year Assessment is similar to that of the NWEA MAP assessment, schools were uncomfortable with "double testing" and asked if the Commission would consider a waiver for the NWEA MAP Assessment. After consultation with the Assessment Team at the Maine Department of Education, we granted the requested waivers. Unfortunately, the growth data available via the Maine Through Year Assessment appears to be unreliable. The Commission will again require schools to administer the NWEA MAP beginning in the fall, in addition to the Maine Through Year Assessment.

Charter schools **serve an at-risk population** as evidenced by framework results. Economically disadvantaged students from **5 of 6** schools (with reportable subgroup data) are **exceeding** expectations in reading proficiency while **2 of 6** are **exceeding** in math proficiency. Accuplacer results overwhelmingly show that disadvantaged students are college-ready upon graduation.

Highlights from the portfolio include:

- Katie Strait, a science teacher at <u>Baxter Academy for Technology and</u> <u>Science</u>, was named the 2024 Cumberland County Teacher of the Year and was one of 4 finalists for Maine Teacher of the Year. This is the first time a charter school teacher has earned such a distinction.
- The Clifford Arts & Student Center is the <u>Ecology Learning Center's</u> new public performing arts theater, public art gallery, and art studio. "The Cliff" will host regular music and film events as well as educational workshops for students and community members. The Center which includes a 200-seat theater, commercial kitchen, dining space, and ceramics studio was built in 2000 and gifted to the Ecology Learning Center by the Unity Environmental University in collaboration with the Unity Foundation.
- <u>Maine Arts Academy</u> completed its first full year in its new location the former Maine Veterans Home in Augusta. Staff and students alike recognized the importance of community involvement and organized a "Day of Caring" where they planted trees for the Viles Arboretum and groomed the ball fields for the City of Augusta. Students regularly perform for the veterans that moved to their new location on "Heroes Way" in Augusta.
- The Threshold Program at <u>Maine Academy of Natural Sciences</u> a diploma program for students who have become disengaged from school for a variety of reasons (e.g., challenges that make it difficult to attend school regularly and/or pregnant and parenting teens) continues to impress and outperform similar programs nationally. Students that do not earn their high school diploma with their cohort often choose to return for a 5th, or even 6th, year to complete their education. Graduation rates over the last few years have ranged from 80%-100%.
- The two virtual public charter schools <u>Maine Connections Academy</u> and <u>Maine Virtual Academy</u> are serving nearly 1,000 students in Maine with at least that many students on a waitlist hoping for an opportunity to enroll. Students that choose a virtual education come from different walks of life elite or speciality athletes and performers who need a flexible schedule; students who live in areas that do not provide advanced classes; parents who have homeschooled their children but require advanced middle school and high school content; students with physical disabilities; students who work during the day to help support their families, often in a family business; students who had a difficult time in their resident school (i.e., bullying and/or other trauma); and students with high levels of anxiety. Both schools are in the top 10 of ranked high schools in the state of Maine per a recent review by the U.S. News and World Report.

Charter schools experience financial and organizational challenges. Schools report increased enrollment from inpatient settings (e.g., Spurwink Chelsea Day Treatment, Crossroads Youth Center, and Becket House); difficulty finding certified special education staff; high special education costs (ACADIA Academy had 6 out-of-district placements in SY2023-24); and insufficiently funded requirements (i.e., speech pathology, sign language interpretation, and bus

service). Transportation to school is a barrier for many families and contributes to high chronic absenteeism rates and schools have reported losing students due to domestic challenges, such as students removed from the home and placed in foster care outside of the catchment area.

We look forward to another year of collaboration with the Maine Department of Education to ensure the best education for Maine's students and families and look forward to discussing the details of this report with you and your team.

Sincerely,

Lana Ewing, Executive Director

Charter School Profiles (2024-25 School Year)





	Community Regional Charter School 48 South Factory Street, Skowhegan <u>www.crcsme.org</u>
C _{RCs}	Nicki Reinholt, <i>Board Chair</i> Travis Works, <i>Executive Director</i>
	Grades Served: PK to 12 Enrollment = 385
	23.64%Special Education 70.39% Economically Disadvantaged

the Ecology	Ecology Learning Center 230 Main Street, Unity www.ecologylearningcenter.org
Learning	Beth Alma, <i>Board Chair</i> Leza Packard, <i>Head of School</i>
Center	Grades Served: 9 to 12 Enrollment = 120*
*Not Certified	*26.67% Special Education *35.83% Economically Disadvantaged





	Maine Arts Academy 310 Cony Road, Augusta www.maineartsacademy.org
Maine Arts Academy	Linda Warner, <i>Board President</i> Heather King, <i>Head of School</i>
	Grades Served: 9 to 12 Enrollment = 245
	17.14% Special Education 40.82% Economically Disadvantaged





1	Approved	None	
2	Operating	ACADIA Academy	Originally opened in 2016
		Baxter Academy for Technology and Science	Originally opened in 2013
		Community Regional Charter School	Originally opened in 2012
		Ecology Learning Center	Originally opened in 2020
		Fiddlehead School of Arts & Sciences	Originally opened in 2013
		Maine Academy of Natural Sciences	Originally opened in 2012
		Maine Arts Academy	Originally opened in 2016
		Maine Connections Academy	Originally opened in 2014
		Maine Virtual Academy	Originally opened in 2015
3	Renewed	Maine Connections Academy	Renewed in October 2023
4	Transferred	None	
5	Terminated	None	
6	Closed	Harpswell Coastal Academy	Charter Contract Ended on 6/30/23
7	Never Opened	None	

Status of the Maine Charter School Portfolio

Performance

Charter school authorizers are responsible for maintaining high standards for school performance, upholding school autonomy, and protecting student and public interests. Using a performance contract as both a guide and a tool, the Maine Charter School Commission maintains high standards and manages charter school performance – not by dictating inputs or controlling processes – but by setting expectations and holding charter districts accountable for results. The Maine Charter School Commission engages in responsible and effective performance management by ensuring charter districts have the autonomy to which they are entitled and the public accountability for which they are responsible.

The Maine Charter School Commission's relationship with the charter districts it authorizes begins with a bargain for performance. The Maine Charter School Commission agrees to entrust a charter district's governing board with public dollars and public school students and to give it broad autonomy over how it achieves agreed-upon goals. In return, the school's board commits to achieving specified results, managing public funds responsibly, complying with its legal obligations, and providing a quality education to the students in its care.

In order for this bargain of autonomy in exchange for accountability to work, it is essential that the Maine Charter School Commission establish, maintain, and enforce high performance standards for all schools in its portfolio. This includes not only holding schools accountable for the academic performance of all of their students, which should always be the primary measure of quality, but also holding schools accountable for financial and organizational performance. The critical first step in effective performance management is to set and communicate clear and rigorous expectations for performance. Schools need clearly defined standards, so they know what is expected of them, and the Maine Charter School Commission needs to manage performance effectively by holding schools accountable for outcomes without attempting to control inputs.

The National Association of Charter School Authorizers' (NACSA) Principles & Standards for Quality Charter School Authorizing emphasizes that a quality authorizer establishes standards for school performance that are clear, quantifiable, rigorous, and attainable. NACSA also recommends that authorizers develop and formally adopt a Performance Framework that includes academic, financial, and organizational performance measures for use by schools and authorizers to establish expectations, guide practice, assess progress, and inform decision making over the course of the charter term and at renewal or revocation. The three areas of performance covered by the framework – academic, financial, and organizational – form the backbone of the Maine Charter School Commission's performance management system. This framework enables effective performance management and promotes school success by establishing and communicating performance expectations for all schools in the MCSC's portfolio in a way that is objective, transparent, and directly related to school quality.

The Performance Framework benefits both the Maine Charter School Commission and charter districts it authorizes. The framework promotes transparency and objectivity in authorizing and protects school autonomy. It enables charter school performance contracting to function as intended by providing both charter districts and the Maine Charter School Commission with clarity about expected outcomes, objective evidence of achievement, and a comprehensive tool for evaluating results.

The framework promotes transparency and objectivity by putting the authorizer on record and schools, parents, stakeholders, and the public on notice about the performance standards that will be used to evaluate whether or not a school is successful and is living up to its end of the charter bargain. The framework helps to establish expectations at the beginning of the school's operation so that there will be no surprises when a school is held accountable for meeting them over the course of the charter term and at renewal.

The framework protects school autonomy by clarifying in objective terms the performance data the Maine Charter School Commission will collect and the outcomes that it expects and will evaluate. The framework helps to establish the boundaries of the parties' relationship and define the rights and responsibilities of both the charter school and the Maine Charter School Commission.

The Commission made slight adjustments to the framework in February 2024. Below is a summary of how the charter school portfolio as a whole performed on the Performance Framework during the 2023-24 school year:

ACADIA	ACADIA Academy	ELC	Ecology Learning Center
Baxter	Baxter Academy for Technology + Science	FSAS	Fiddlehead School of Arts & Sciences
CRCS	Community Regional Charter School	MCA	Maine Connections Academy
CRCS (CCA)	CRCS - Creative Children's Academy	MeAA	Maine Arts Academy
CRCS (DA)	CRCS - Dimensions Academy	MeANS	Maine Academy of Natural Sciences
CRCS (OA)	CRCS - Overman Academy	MeVA	Maine Virtual Academy

Legend of School Abbreviations:

SECTION 1: STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Student Performance: The school consistently makes progress in student academic achievement for all students.

FRAMING QUESTIONS: Is the school an academic success? Is the school adequately preparing students for their desired post-secondary outcomes?

1.1a Student Academic Proficiency: MDOE Through Year Assessment, Reading

Target: Schools will report the percentage of students assessed at each grade level, and at the campus and district levels. Schools will report the percentage of students "at state expectation" and "above state expectation" on proficiency.

Outcomes:

Exceeding Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Approaching Expectations	Not Meeting Expectations
≥5% of state average of	Between ≥-5% and <5% of	Between ≥-15% and <-5% of	<-15% of state average of
schools "at or above state	state average of schools "at	state average of schools "at	schools "at or above state
expectation"	or above state expectation"	or above state expectation"	expectation"
ACADIA, Baxter, ELC, MCA, MeAA, MeANS	FSAS, MeVA		CRCS



1.1a Academic Proficiency - Reading

1.1b Student Academic Proficiency: MDOE Through Year Assessment, Math

Target: Schools will report the percentage of students assessed at each grade level, and at the campus and district levels. Schools will report the percentage of students "at state expectation" and "above state expectation" on proficiency.

Outcomes:

Exceeding Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Approaching Expectations	Not Meeting Expectations
≥5% of state average of	Between ≥-5% and <5% of	Between ≥-15% and <-5% of	<-15% of state average of
schools "at or above state	state average of schools "at	state average of schools "at	schools "at or above state
expectation"	or above state expectation"	or above state expectation"	expectation"
Baxter	ACADIA, ELC, FSAS	MCA, MeAA, MeANS	CRCS, MeVA



1.1b Academic Proficiency - Math

1.1c Proficiency by subgroup, Through-Year Assessment, <u>Reading</u>

Target: Schools will report the percentage of students in each reportable subgroup assessed at each grade level, and at the campus and district levels. Schools will report the percentage of students in each reportable subgroup "at state expectation" and "above state expectation" on proficiency. Comparable subgroups include: Students on IEPs, Multilingual Learners, Economically Disadvantaged, Race, and Ethnicity. To be reported, subgroups must have **at least 10 students**.

Outcomes:

Exceeding Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Approaching Expectations	Not Meeting Expectations
≥5% of state average of	Between ≥-5% and <5% of	Between ≥-15% and <-5% of	<-15% of state average of
schools "at or above state	state average of schools "at	state average of schools "at	schools "at or above state
expectation"	or above state expectation"	or above state expectation"	expectation"
Baxter, ELC, MCA, MeAA, MeANS	ACADIA, FSAS, MeVA	CRCS	

1.1c Subgroup Proficiency - Reading



1.1d Proficiency by subgroup, Through-Year Assessment, <u>Math</u>

Target: Schools will report the percentage of students in each reportable subgroup assessed at each grade level, and at the campus and district levels. Schools will report the percentage of students in each reportable subgroup "at state expectation" and "above state expectation" on proficiency. Comparable subgroups include: Students on IEPs, Multilingual Learners, Economically Disadvantaged, Race, and Ethnicity. To be reported, subgroups must have **at least 10 students**.

Outcomes:

Exceeding Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Approaching Expectations	Not Meeting Expectations
≥5% of state average of	Between ≥-5% and <5% of	Between ≥-15% and <-5% of	<-15% of state average of
schools "at or above state	state average of schools "at	state average of schools "at	schools "at or above state
expectation"	or above state expectation"	or above state expectation"	expectation"
Baxter, ELC	FSAS, MeAA, MeANS	ACADIA, CRCS, MCA, MeVA	

1.1d Subgroup Proficiency - Math



1.2 Reading on Grade Level - 3rd Grade

Target: Students will read on grade level based on the school's assessment tool by the end of third grade. <u>Three (3) public charter schools have 3rd grade students and reported the data as required. Here are the results:</u>

Outcomes:

ACADIA Academy	Community Regional Charter School	Fiddlehead School of Arts & Sciences
71% (Fountas and Pinnell)	43% (Fountas and Pinnell)	67% (NWEA/MTY Assessment)

1.3a Student Academic Growth: NWEA MAP Growth 3rd-8th

Target: School will meet the goal of 45%-55% of eligible students meeting their projected growth on NWEA MAP <u>reading</u>

Outcomes:

Exceeding Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Approaching Expectations	Not Meeting Expectations
Exceeds 55%	Between 45%-54.9%	Between 35%-44.9%	Below 35%
		CRCS, MeVA	ACADIA, FSAS, MCA

3 2 1 0 Exceeding Meeting Approaching Not Meeting

1.3a Academic Growth - Reading

1.3b Student Academic Growth: NWEA MAP Growth 3rd-8th

Target: School will meet the goal of 45%-55% of eligible students meeting their projected growth on NWEA MAP <u>language</u>

Outcomes:

Exceeding Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Approaching Expectations	Not Meeting Expectations
Exceeds 55%	Between 45%-54.9%	Between 35%-44.9%	Below 35%
	MeVA	CRCS	



1.3b Academic Growth - Language
1.3c Student Academic Growth: NWEA MAP Growth 3rd-8th

Target: School will meet the goal of 45%-55% of eligible students meeting their projected growth on NWEA MAP <u>math</u>

Outcomes:

Exceeding Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Approaching Expectations	Not Meeting Expectations
Exceeds 55%	Between 45%-54.9%	Between 35%-44.9%	Below 35%
MeVA		ACADIA, CRCS, FSAS	МСА



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1.4a Subgroup Performance: Maine State Assessment (NWEA MAP) 3rd-8th

Target: Subgroups of students will meet the goal of 45%-55% of eligible students meeting their projected growth on NWEA MAP <u>reading</u>

Outcomes:

Exceeding Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Approaching Expectations	Not Meeting Expectations
Exceeds 55%	Between 45%-54.9%	Between 35%-44.9%	Below 35%
	FSAS	CRCS, MeVA	ACADIA, MCA

1.4a Subgroup Growth - Reading



1.4b Subgroup Performance: Maine State Assessment (NWEA MAP) 3rd-8th

Target: Subgroups of students will meet the goal of 45%-55% of eligible students meeting their projected growth on NWEA MAP <u>language</u>

Outcomes:

Exceeding Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Approaching Expectations	Not Meeting Expectations
Exceeds 55%	Between 45%-54.9%	Between 35%-44.9%	Below 35%
	MeVA	CRCS	



1.4b Subgroup Growth - Language

1.4c Subgroup Performance: Maine State Assessment (NWEA MAP) 3rd-8th

Target: Subgroups of students will meet the goal of 45%-55% of eligible students meeting their projected growth on NWEA MAP <u>math</u>

Outcomes:

Exceeding Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Approaching Expectations	Not Meeting Expectations
Exceeds 55%	Between 45%-54.9%	Between 35%-44.9%	Below 35%
MeVA		ACADIA, CRCS, FSAS	МСА

1.4c Subgroup Growth - Math



1.5 4 Year High School Completion

Target: 4-year high school graduation rate (current cohort). Schools will meet annual 2024 goal of 87%

Outcomes:

Exceeding Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Approaching Expectations	Not Meeting Expectations
Exceeds 90%	Met annual target (87%)	Less than 5% below target	5% or more below target
Baxter, CRCS, MCA, MeAA, MeVA	ELC		MeANS



1.5 4-Year HS Graduation Rate

1.5a 5 and 6 Year High School Completion

Target: 5-and-6-year high school graduation rate. Schools will meet the annual 2024 goal of 87%.

Outcomes:

Exceeding Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Approaching Expectations	Not Meeting Expectations
Exceeds 90%	Met annual target (87%)	Less than 5% below target	5% or more below target
Baxter, CRCS, ELC, MeAA, MeVA	МСА		MeANS



1.5a 5-and-6-Year HS Graduation Rate

1.6a Post-Secondary Readiness

Target: School will meet goal of 75%-85% students meeting one of the following by the end of 12th grade:

- <u>Accuplacer</u> The College Readiness indicator with scores of 239 or above in reading and a 226 or above in math or;
- <u>SAT</u> scores of EBRW 530 or higher and 520 or higher in math or;
- <u>ASVAB</u> score of 31 or higher.

Outcomes:

Exceeding Expectations 85% or more students are meeting or exceeding the goal in both reading and math	Meeting Expectations 75%-85% of students are meeting or exceeding the goal in both reading and math	Approaching Expectations 60%-75% of students are meeting or exceeding the goal in both reading and math OR the school is meeting expectations in reading OR math, but not both.	Not Meeting Expectations 60% or fewer students are meeting or exceeding the goal in both reading and math
Baxter, CRCS, MCA, MeAA, MeANS, MeVA		ELC	



1.6a Post-Secondary Readiness

1.6b Post-Secondary Readiness: Subgroups

Target: Students will meet goal of 75%-85% students meeting one of the following by the end of 12th grade:

- <u>Accuplacer</u> The College Readiness indicator with scores of 239 or above in reading and a 226 or above in math or;
- <u>SAT</u> scores of EBRW 530 or higher and 520 or higher in math or;
- <u>ASVAB</u> score of 31 or higher.

The school will provide achievement data of major subgroups (English learner, special education, sex, economically disadvantaged, 504, ethnic and racial minorities).

Outcomes:

Exceeding Expectations 85% or more students are meeting or exceeding the goal in both reading and math	Meeting Expectations 75%-85% of students are meeting or exceeding the goal in both reading and math	Approaching Expectations 60%-75% of students are meeting or exceeding the goal in both reading and math OR the school is meeting expectations in reading OR math, but not both.	Not Meeting Expectations 60% or fewer students are meeting or exceeding the goal in both reading and math
Baxter, MeAA	CRCS, MCA, MeANS, MeVA		



1.6b Subgroup Post-Secondary Readiness

1.6c Post-Secondary Readiness: Post-Secondary Activity

Target: At the end of their graduating year, 70%-89% of each schools' students will have successfully participated in at least one post-secondary activity such as (and <u>not limited to</u>) college course, Advanced Placement course, Certificate program, career technical coursework or internship.

Outcomes:

Exceeding Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Approaching Expectations	Not Meeting Expectations
Exceeds 80%	70% - 79.9%	60% - 69.9%	Fewer than 60%
Baxter, ELC, MCA, MeANS, MeVA	МеАА	CRCS	



1.6c Post-Secondary Activity

1.6d Post-Secondary Readiness: FAFSA

Target: Schools will report annual rates and school-supported opportunities for FAFSA support.

Schools reported as required.

Outcomes:

Baxter Academy for Technology and Science	74% of students/families completed
Community Regional Charter School	36% of students/families completed
Ecology Learning Center	86% of students/families completed
Maine Academy of Natural Sciences	33% of students/families completed
Maine Arts Academy	38% of students/families completed
Maine Connections Academy	50% of students/families completed
Maine Virtual Academy	30% of students/families completed

1.7 Student Attendance

Target: Chronic absenteeism rate. Schools will have 10%-18% or fewer students classified as chronically absent on the last day of school. Chronic absenteeism rates will be reported at both the campus and district levels. Pre-K rates are not part of MDOE's chronic absenteeism calculations. Schools will report chronic absenteeism rates, though this target will not be rated.

Outcomes:

Exceeding Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Approaching Expectations	Not Meeting Expectations
Fewer than 10%	10%-18%	17.9%-25%	Greater than 25%
MeVA	ACADIA, MCA, MeAA	Baxter	CRCS (DA), CRCS (OA), ELC, FSAS, MeANS



1.7 Chronic Absenteeism

SECTION 2: SCHOOL CLIMATE AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

The school creates safe, positive, healthy, culturally responsive, inclusive, and welcoming learning environments. These environments cultivate supportive, authentic relationships and a strong sense of belonging and connection, which value the diverse assets and voices of all students, staff, and families.

FRAMING QUESTION: Does the school provide the conditions for students to be successful?

2.1 State Compliance

Target: The school operates in compliance with the terms of its charter and applicable federal and state laws and regulations regarding public Charter District Leaderships, including exclusionary practices.

All schools operate in compliance with the terms of their charter and applicable federal state laws and regulations regarding public Charter District Leaderships, including exclusionary practices.

2.2 Family Engagement: Panorama School Climate Survey - Family Results

Target: Results from 3/3 required scales* on the **Family** Panorama School Climate Survey will be 50% or higher when compared to like schools (%FRL, grade band, urban/rural). Participation must be a minimum of 35% in order to qualify. Participation under 35% will automatically result in a "does not meet" standard. (*Required scales: School Climate, Safety, and School Fit)

Outcomes:

Exceeding Expectations 3 of the 3 required scales are 50% or higher when compared to like schools	Meeting Expectations 2 of the 3 required scales are 50% or higher when compared to like schools	Approaching Expectations 1 of the 3 required scales are 50% or higher when compared to like schools	Not Meeting Expectations 0 of the 3 required scales are 50% or higher when compared to like schools OR participation rate is less than 35%
Baxter, CRCS, ELC, FSAS, MCA, MeAA, MeANS, MeVA			ACADIA

2.2 Panorama Survey - Family Results



2.3 School Climate: Panorama School Climate Survey - Student Results

Target: Results from 4/4 of the required scales on the <u>**Student**</u> Panorama School Climate Survey will be 50% or higher when compared to like schools (%FRL, grade band, urban/rural). Participation among eligible students must be a minimum of 75% in order to qualify. Participation under 75% will automatically result in a "does not meet standard". (*Required scales: School Climate, Safety, Rigorous Expectations, and Teacher-Student Relationships)

Outcomes:

Exceeding Expectations 4 of the 4 required scales are 50% or higher when compared to like schools	Meeting Expectations 3 of the 4 required scales are 50% or higher when compared to like schools	Approaching Expectations 2 of the 4 required scales are 50% or higher when compared to like schools	Not Meeting Expectations Fewer than 2 of the required scales are 50% or higher when compared to like schools OR participation rate is less than 75%.
Baxter, CRCS (OA), MCA, MeANS, MeVA		FSAS	ACADIA, CRCS (DA), ELC, MeAA

NOTE - Ecology Learning Center "Did Not Meet" in this category due to participation rates being below 75%. Results; however, overwhelmingly **exceeded** national averages for like schools.



2.3 Panorama Survey - Student Results

2.4 School Climate: Panorama School Climate Survey - Teacher Results

Target: Results from 4/4 of the required scales* on the <u>**Teacher**</u> Panorama School Climate Survey will be 50% or higher when compared to like schools (%FRL, grade band, urban/rural). Participation under 75% will automatically result in a "does not meet standard". (*Required scales: School Climate, Leadership, Professional Learning, and Feedback and Coaching)

Outcomes:

Exceeding Expectations 4 of the 4 required scales are 50% or higher when compared to like schools	Meeting Expectations 3 of the 4 required scales are 50% or higher when compared to like schools	Approaching Expectations 2 of the 4 required scales are 50% or higher when compared to like schools	Not Meeting Expectations Fewer than 2 of the required scales are 50% or higher when compared to like schools OR participation rate is less than 75%
Baxter, CRCS (OA), MCA, MeAA, MeANS, MeVA	ELC		ACADIA, CRCS (DA), FSAS

2.4 Panorama Survey - Teacher Results



2.5 School Climate: Panorama School Climate Survey - Staff Results

Target: Results from 4/4 of the required scales* on the <u>Staff</u> Panorama School Climate Survey will be 50% or higher when compared to like schools (%FRL, grade band, urban/rural). Participation under 75% will automatically result in a "does not meet standard". (*Required scales: School Climate, Leadership, Professional Learning, and Feedback and Coaching)

Outcomes:

Exceeding Expectations 4 of the 4 required scales are 50% or higher when compared to like schools	Meeting Expectations 3 of the 4 required scales are 50% or higher when compared to like schools	Approaching Expectations 2 of the 4 required scales are 50% or higher when compared to like schools	Not Meeting Expectations Fewer than 2 of the required scales are 50% or higher when compared to like schools OR participation rate is less than 75%
Baxter, CRCS (OA), MCA, MeAA, MeANS, MeVA	ACADIA, CRCS (CCA)		CRCS (DA), ELC, FSAS

NOTE - Ecology Learning Center "Did Not Meet" in this category due to participation rates being below 75%. Results; however, overwhelmingly **exceeded** national averages for like schools.





2.6 School Climate: Panorama Survey

Target: Annually, the school will review its Panorama Education School Climate survey results and develop an action plan to address areas for continued improvement. Plan and outcome will be submitted to the Commission.

Outcomes:

Meeting Expectation	Approaching Expectations	Not Meeting Expectations
School develops and implements	School develops and partially	School does not develop or does not
a plan	implements plan	implement plan
ACADIA, Baxter, CRCS, ELC, FSAS, MeANS, MeAA, MCA, MeVA		



SECTION 3: ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

Effective Governing Boards: Members of the Governing Board uphold their responsibilities under Maine law and regulations to act as public agents authorized by the state and provide competent and appropriate governance to ensure the success and sustainability of the school.

Facilities: The school maintains a facility that allows the school's mission to excel.

FRAMING QUESTIONS Is the school an effectively run and sustainable organization?

3.1 Governing Board Effectiveness

Target:

Legal and Fiduciary Responsibilities

- Board of trustee members are active and engaged, fulfill their legal responsibilities and obligations, comply with the board's bylaws, and always act in the best interests of the school community.
- Talent strategy and accountability
 - The Governing Board demonstrates appropriate oversight of the Charter District Leadership administration, financial health, progress towards meeting academic and other school goals, and alignment with the mission and other terms of the charter, without managing the day-to-day operations of the school. The board conducts appropriate oversight of the officers and leaders of the organization, including an annual evaluation of the leader and considers succession planning.

Culture of Collaboration

• The Governing Board has clear and well-understood systems for decision-making and communication processes; board of trustee's meetings are designed to foster open, deliberate, and thorough discussions to facilitate and ensure public accountability.

Focus on Improvement

- The Governing Board engages in continuous and strategic improvement planning by setting, and regularly monitoring progress relative to, priorities and goals that are aligned with the school's mission, vision, and
- educational philosophy and accountability cycles of the authorizer.



Outcomes:

Board has fulfilled contract obligations as charter contract holder in the State of MaineBoard has demonstrated a lack of capacity to be a strong contracting partner and may have failed to fulfill	High Risk Board has not fulfilled contract obligations as a charter contract holder in the State of Maine. MCSC may intervene with mitigation measures or other intervention protocols.
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3.2 Public Accountability: Transparent, responsive, and legally complaint Board operations

Target: The Governing Board will hold a minimum of 6 meetings per school year in accordance with approved bylaws and in accordance with the Freedom of Access Act (FOAA).

Outcomes:

Meeting Expectations	Not Meeting Expectations
6 or more meetings	5 or fewer meetings
ACADIA, Baxter, CRCS, ELC, FSAS, MeANS, MeAA, MCA, MeVA	



3.2 Public Accountability (Transparent, Responsive, and Legally Compliant Board Operations)

3.3 Public Accountability: Transparent, responsive, and legally compliant Board operations

Target: Timely* publication of Board meeting agenda and minutes upon approval and submission to the Charter Commission, that thoroughly captures the discussion and decisions of the board. (*Timely is defined as posting an agenda a minimum of 5 business days before the meeting and for minutes, posting within 5 business days of approval.)

Outcomes:

Meeting Expectations All minutes and agendas posted timely	Approaching Expectations 1-2 items not posted timely	Not Meeting Expectations 3 or more not posted timely
MeVA	CRCS, MCA, MeAA, MeANS	ACADIA, Baxter, ELC, FSAS

3.3 Timely Publication of Board Meeting Materials



3.4 Reporting Accuracy and Timeliness

Target: 80%-90% of reports are submitted on time and are accurate and complete

Outcomes:

Exceeding Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Approaching Expectations	Not Meeting Expectations
More than 90% of reports are	80%-89.9% of reports are	70%-79.9% of reports are	Fewer than 70% of reports
submitted on time and are	submitted on time and are	submitted on time and are	are submitted on time and
accurate and complete	accurate and complete	accurate and complete	are accurate and complete
Baxter, CRCS, ELC, MCA, MeAA, MeANS, MeVA	ACADIA, FSAS		

3.4 Reporting Timeliness and Accuracy



3.5 Board Training

Targets: Board members will engage in a baseline of annual training and development.

Outcomes:

Exceeding Expectations Board provides evidence of development opportunities, such as: an annual board retreat, third-party consultation for board training on identified growth areas, an annual self-governance evaluation process, etc.	Meeting Expectations 100% of required courses have been taken and evidence is provided	Approaching Expectations 80%-99.9% of required courses are taken and evidence is provided	Not Meeting Expectations Less than 80% of required courses have been completed
		ELC, MeAA, MeVA	ACADIA, Baxter, CRCS, FSAS, MCA, MeANS

3.5 Board Training and Professional Development



3.6 Facility meets Local and State requirements

Target: The school certifies that its facility (or facilities) meets all local and state requirements for public school facilities, including current Certificate of Occupancy and a Plan for maintenance and capital improvements of school facilities consistent with 20-A M.R.S. §§1001(2), 4001, 4502(5)(C); Maine DOE Rule Chapter 125.5.03 and 20-A M.R.S. §§6302, 6501; Maine DOE Rule Chapter 125.5.10

Outcomes:

Exceeding Expectations Charter District Leadership has obtained an environmentally friendly certification such as LEED	Meeting Expectations Certified as required and approved by the Board	Not Meeting Expectations Not certified as required
	ACADIA, Baxter, CRCS, ELC, FSAS, MCA, MeAA, MeANS, Meva	

3.6 Facility Meets Local and State Requirements



3.7 Facility supports Programming

Target: The facility provides a safe, clean, and aesthetically pleasing campus environment that optimizes learning, teaching, and working for all students, faculty, and staff.

Outcomes:

Meeting Expectations Facility provides a campus environment that optimizes learning, teaching and working that supports mission and key design element implementation.	Approaching Expectations Facility partly, but not fully, p;rovides a campus environment that optimizes learning, teaching and working that supports mission and key design element implementation.	Not Meeting Expectations Facility does not provide a campus environment that optimizes learning, teaching and working that supports mission and key design element implementation.
ACADIA, Baxter, CRCS, ELC, FSAS, MCA, MeAA, MeANS, MeVA		

3.7 Facility Supports Programming



SECTION 4: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND VIABILITY The school maintains a sound and stable financial condition and operates in a financially sound and publicly accountable manner.

FRAMING QUESTION: Is the school financially viable?

4.1a Current Ratio (Near-Term Measures)

Target: Current ratio is greater than or equal to 1.1.

Outcomes:

Lower Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk
Greater than 1.5	1.0 - 1.5	Less than 1
ELC, FSAS, MCA, MeAA, MeANS, MeVA	ACADIA, CRCS	Baxter

4.1a Near-Term Measures (Current Ratio)



4.1b Unrestricted Days Cash on Hand (Near-Term Measures)

Target: Unrestricted days cash will be at least 30 days.

Outcomes:

Lower Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk
60 or more days	30-60 days	Fewer than 30 days
FSAS, MCA, MeVA	Baxter, CRCS, MeAA	

4.1b Near Term Measures (Unrestricted Days Cash on Hand)



4.1c Enrollment Variance (Near-Term Measures)

Target: Actual enrollment is within 5% of the enrollment projected in the approved budget.

Outcomes:

Lower Risk Actual within 2% of the projected enrollment	Moderate Risk Variance is between 2 and 5%	High Risk Variance is greater than 5% of the projected enrollment
ACADIA, Baxter, CRCS, ELC, FSAS, MCA, MeAA, MeVA	MeANS	

4.1c Near-Term Measures (Enrollment Variance)



4.1d Financial Obligations Default (Near-Term Measures)

Target: The school meets all debt and real estate lease obligations.

Outcomes:

Lower Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk
Not in default and not delinquent	In default and/or delinquent and has	In default and/or delinquent and has
ACADIA, Baxter, CRCS, ELC, FSAS,	obtained waivers from lenders and/or	not obtained waivers from lenders
MCA, MeAA, MeANS, MeVA	lessors	and/or lessors



4.1d Near-Term Measures (Financial Obligations Default)

4.2a Total Margin (Sustainability Measures)

Target: The school's Aggregated Three-Year Total Margin is positive, and the most recent year Total Margin is positive.

Outcomes:

Lower Risk Aggregated Three-Year Total Margin is at least 1.5% and the most recent year Total Margin is positive	Moderate Risk Aggregated Three-Year Total Margin is positive or zero AND the current year Total Margin ≥-10%	High Risk Aggregated Three-Year Total Margin is negative OR the current year Total Margin is <-10%
MeVA	CRCS, ELC, MeAA	ACADIA, Baxter, FSAS, MCA, MeANS

4.2a Sustainability Measures (Total Margin)



4.2b Debt to asset ratio (Sustainability Measure)

Target: The debt to asset ratio will be less than 90%.

Outcomes:

Lower Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk
Less than 90%	90 to 100%	Greater than 100%
ACADIA, CRCS, ELC, FSAS, MCA, MeAA, MeANS, MeVA	Baxter	



4.2b Sustainability Measures (Debt to Asset Ratio)

4.2c Cash Flow (Sustainability Measure)

Target: Charter District Leadership maintains a positive cumulative 2-year cash flow.

Outcomes:

⊿ fl	ower Risk positive cumulative 2-year cash ow and positive cash flow in the nost recent year.	Moderate Risk A positive cumulative 2-year cash flow.	High Risk Does not have a positive cumulative 2-year cash flow.
c	RCS, MeVA	ELC, MCA	ACADIA, Baxter, FSAS, MeAA, MeANS

4.2c Sustainability Measures (Cash Flow)



4.2d Financial Obligations Coverage Ratio (Sustainability Measure)

Target: Charter District Leadership is able to pay current debt principal and interest and lease payments from the current year surplus.

Outcomes:

Lower Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk
Exceeds 1.1	Is 1.0 to 1.1	Is less than 1.0
CRCS, ELC, FSAS, MeAA, MeVA	Baxter	ACADIA, MCA, MeANS



4.2d (Sustainability Measures (Financial Obligations Coverage Ratio)

4.3 Financial Planning and Budgeting

Target: School publishes a 3-year annual financial plan that includes a 2-year annual budget and a 1-year projection for year 3 that is board approved.

Outcomes:			
Meeting Expectations School annually publishes a 3-year financial plan that includes a budget for the next 2-years and a 1-year projection for year 3.	Not Meeting Expectations School has not published a current 3-year financial plan that includes a budget for the next 2-years and a 1-year projection for year 3.		
Baxter, CRCS, ELC, FSAS, MCA, MeAA, MeANS, MeVA	ACADIA		



4.3 Financial Planning and Budgeting

SECTION 5: SCHOOL MISSION AND STUDENT PERSISTENCE Mission and Key Design Elements: The school is faithful to its mission, implements the key design elements outlined in its charter.

Access: The school ensures access for all students eligible to attend the school. Student enrollment and persistence is a leading indicator of school health.

5.1 Mission and Key Design Implementation

Target:

- 1. The school demonstrates its approved mission.
- 2. The school implements the key design elements* in the approved charter and any subsequently approved amendments in a manner that serves all of its students.
- 3. The Board and Administration share a common and consistent understanding of the school's mission and key design elements outlined in the charter.

*Key Design Elements are aspects of the school, originally articulated in the charter application or in subsequent amendments, which make the school unique and distinct from other district or Charter Schools.

Outcomes:

Meeting Expectations Facility provides a campus environment that optimizes learning, teaching and working that supports mission and key design element implementation.	Approaching Expectations Facility partly, but not fully, p;rovides a campus environment that optimizes learning, teaching and working that supports mission and key design element implementation.	Not Meeting Expectations Facility does not provide a campus environment that optimizes learning, teaching and working that supports mission and key design element implementation.
ACADIA, Baxter, CRCS, ELC, FSAS, MeANS, MeAA, MCA, MeVA		



5.2 Student Persistence - School Year

Target: 85% or more of eligible students enrolled on the last day of school will be the same students who were enrolled on State Student Count Day (10/1)

Outcomes:

Exceeding Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Approaching Expectations	Not Meeting Expectations
Exceeds 90%	85%-89.9%	75%-84.9%	Fewer than 75%
ACADIA, Baxter, ELC, FSAS, MeANS, MeVA	CRCS (OA), MCA	CRCS (DA)	CRCS (CCA), MeAA



5.2 Student Persistence (School Year)

5.3 Student Persistence Year-to-Year

Target: Recurrent enrollment from one year to the next 85%-89.9% or more of eligible students enrolled on the last day of school will have completed an Intent to Re-Enroll form for the following SY by March 31 of current SY.

Outcomes:

Exceeding Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Approaching Expectations	Not Meeting Expectations
Exceeds 90%	85%-89.9%	75%-84.9%	Fewer than 75%
ACADIA, Baxter, CRCS (DA), ELC, FSAS, MeAA, MeANS, MeVA	CRCS (OA)	МСА	CRCS (CCA)



5.3 Student Persistence (Year-to-Year)
SECTION 6: SCHOOL CUSTOMIZATION

Schools will work with the Commission to design and execute customized criteria that enhances the context and connection to the school's mission.

ACADIA Academy

 ACADIA will improve social & emotional and academic outcomes for all students by building strong collaborative relationships between students and staff and staff teams through the implementation of the BARR framework: By the end of the school year, at least 90% of students will have established goals and identified strategies for obtaining them as evidenced on the Small block and Big block data sheets.

Approaching Expectations: 78%-88.9%

2. Students in grades K-2 will demonstrate strong writing growth on twice yearly assessments: 75% of all K-2 students will demonstrate writing growth as measured by ACADIA's writing rubric.

Approaching Expectations: 63%-72.9%

Baxter Academy for Technology and Science

1. College Readiness: PSAT 10 and SAT 11 school average scores will meet or exceed the state average.

Exceeding Expectations: Exceeds state average in both PSAT 10 and SAT 11, or in either PSAT 10 or SAT 11

2. Grade-Level Proficiency-Maine Through-Year Assessment: 10th Grade Maine Through-Year Assessment school average scores will meet or exceed the state average.

Exceeding Expectations: Exceeds state averages in both ELA and Math, or in either ELA or Math.

3. Science Proficiency-Maine Science Assessment: Maine Science Assessment school-average scores will meet or exceed the state average.

Exceeding Expectations: Exceeds state average

4. Flex Fridays: The school will hold public events for the student body to share Flex Friday presentations (2 times per year).

Exceeding Expectations: School holds more than 2 Flex Friday public events

Community Regional Charter School

 Percentage of students meeting projected growth on NWEA MAP within standard deviation - Schoolwide, in grades K-11, CRCS will meet the goal of 60%-70% of eligible students meeting their projected growth on NWEA MAP reading within one standard deviation.

Meeting Expectations: Between 60%-69.9%

 Percentage of students meeting projected growth on NWEA MAP within standard deviation - Schoolwide, in grades K-11, CRCS will meet the goal of 60%-70% of eligible students meeting their projected growth on NWEA MAP math within one standard deviation.

Meeting Expectations: Between 60%-69.9%

3. Percentage of students meeting projected growth on NWEA MAP within standard deviation - Schoolwide, in grades K-11, CRCS will meet the goal of 60%-70% of eligible students meeting their projected growth on NWEA MAP **language** within one standard deviation.

Approaching Expectations: Between 50%-59.9%

Ecology Learning Center

Passion Projects - The intended outcome of week-long winter Passion Projects is to guide students to explore and develop an independent interest that will prepare them for future education and employment opportunities. Students will gain skills in project planning, completion, and presentation. They will strengthen skills in organization, public speaking, and self-reflection. The goal meets the school's mission by immersing students in an "authentic real-world learning" project of their choice, seeking "mentorship," and identifying a need or challenge in their community. We will measure our goal using a rubric and narrative reflection. The rubric will provide quantitative data by measuring four categories (planning, process, product, presentation). The narrative reflection will provide qualitative data by asking students to write about the quality of their work, how they would re-do or revise their project, and what they learned about themselves throughout the Passion Project.

Exceeded Expectation: With a goal of 95%, at least 75% of students will earn an overall score of 80%-100% on their week-long winter Passion Project.

Fiddlehead School of Arts & Sciences

 Clear classroom standards and educational program - 100% of classroom standards are documented, aligned to the Maine State Standards, and to Fiddlehead's mission. In SY23-24, 90% of classrooms use the standards with fidelity in operation.

Exceeding Expectations: 100% of classrooms use the standards with fidelity in operation.

2. Assessments used to document learning - 100% of classroom structures and plans are documented that operationalize the classroom standards. In SY23-24, 90% of classrooms use the structures and plans in operations. Defined personnel roles and responsibilities and descriptions of the following programs within the school community: PBIS, RTI Format, Restorative Justice, Performance Measures, Organizational Chart, School Calendar, Comprehensive Needs Assessment, School Schedule, and Financial Responsibilities - In SY23-24, 100% of staff will be clear on the program & resources that our school community embraces.

Exceeding Expectations: 100% of classrooms use the structures and plans in operation.

Maine Academy of Natural Sciences

1. Campus: Attendance - 75% of students will meet their individual attendance goal.

Approaching Expectations: 65%-74.9%

2. Campus: Graduation - 85% of eligible seniors enrolled on the last day of school will graduate at the end of the year.

Meeting Expectations: 85%-94.9%

3. Campus Participation on NWEA MAP testing - 90% Participation on Fall and Spring MAP (local) Testing for Campus

Exceeding Expectations: Exceeds 95%

- 4. Threshold: Engagement Goals 75% of students will meet their Engagement Goals by the end of the year. Every student will create one specific, measurable goal with their teacher based on the data from the following criteria:
 - a. Credit/Transcript Deficiencies (1-4)
 - i. Behind more than 10 credits (2 or more years behind)
 - ii. Behind 5 credits or more (1 year behind)
 - iii. Behind 1-5 credits
 - iv. On pace
 - b. Absenteeism History (1-4)
 - i. Absent 50% or more of previous year's calendar days
 - ii. Chronically absent for entire year (17-87 absences)
 - iii. chronically absent for 1-4 quarters (absent 5-16 absences)
 - iv. Not chronically absent in any quarter in previous year
 - c. Graduation Likelihood (1-4)
 - i. Will take 2 or more years extra to graduate
 - ii. Will take between one to two extra years to graduate
 - iii. Will take less than one extra year to graduate
 - iv. Will graduate within four years of entering high school
 - d. Familial and Community Support (1-4)
 - i. Little to No Support from Family and Community
 - ii. Infrequent Support from Family and Community
 - iii. Frequent Support from Family or Community
 - iv. Consistently Strong Support from Family and Community

Approaching Expectations: 65%-74.9%

5. Threshold: Participation on NWEA MAP testing - 80% Participation on Fall and Spring MAP (local) Testing for Threshold

Exceeding Expectations: Exceeds 90%

Maine Arts Academy

 Mission and Vision - At the end of their graduating year, 85%-95% of MeAA students will have participated in at least two activities to share their art with the community such as performances, art shows, dance competitions, volunteer performances, fashion shows and other opportunities to share their passion for the arts. Meeting Expectations: 85%-95%

2. MeAA Students Demonstrate Strong Performance Proficiency: At the end of their graduating year, 85% of MeAA students will have met proficiency or higher on 2 or more performances based on the performance rubrics.

Exceeding Expectations: Greater than 87%

Maine Connections Academy

1. Participation in extracurricular activities - At least 80% of students will participate in 1 or more school sponsored field trips, activity day, special event, or club.

Meeting Expectations: 75%-84.9%

Maine Virtual Academy

- Student Median Conditional Growth Percentile on the MAP Student Growth Summary Report: The student median conditional growth percentile is the fiftieth (50th) or higher as of the spring NWEA <u>math</u> for each eligible grade level (grades 7-11):
 - 7th: Meeting
 - 8th: Meeting
 - 9th: Exceeding
 - 10th: Meeting
 - 11th: Approaching

Meeting Expectations:

50th-65th%ile

- Student Median Conditional Growth Percentile on the MAP Student Growth Summary Report: The student median conditional growth percentile is the fiftieth (50th) or higher as of the spring NWEA <u>reading</u> for each eligible grade level (grades 7-11):
 - 7th: Approaching
 - 8th: Approaching
 - 9th: Meeting
 - 10th: Approaching
 - 11th: Meeting

Approaching Expectations: 35th-49%ile

- 3. Student Median Conditional Growth Percentile on the MAP Student Growth Summary Report: The student median conditional growth percentile is the fiftieth (50th) or higher as of the spring NWEA <u>language</u> for each eligible grade level (grades 7-11):
 - 7th: Approaching
 - 8th: Meeting
 - 9th: Meeting
 - 10th: Meeting
 - 11th: Meeting

Meeting Expectations: 50th-65th%ile

For school specific performance tables, use the links below to navigate to the school's individual SY2023-24 annual monitoring report. Reports include charter specific data.

- 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

Narrative

Progress toward the strategic vision

MISSION, VISION, VALUES



<u>Vision</u>

Innovative public charter schools will provide Maine students with an equitable opportunity for an excellent education where students are valued, supported and challenged.



<u>Mission</u>

To authorize, monitor and support innovative public charter schools that provide a dynamic, high-quality education for every student.

<u>Values</u>

- **Excellence** Pursue high-quality schools with excellent student outcomes.
- **Equity** Promote diversity, equity and inclusion as strengths that contribute to innovative and successful schools.
- **Students First** Ground our actions in promoting great opportunities for students and families.
- **Collaboration** Work with schools and community stakeholders to shape excellent schools grounded in trust.
- **Accountability** Hold ourselves and schools to rigorous standards using a high bar for quality and transparency.
- **Innovation** Encourage dynamic new and different educational models that expand opportunities for students.

After making significant progress toward the priorities outlined in the Maine Charter School Commission's "Strategic Plan 2021-2024", the Commission is well positioned to outline priorities for the next three years. The Commission recently revised the organization's Mission, Vision and Values (above), thus paving the way for ambitious future planning that will bring us closer to our purpose that Maine students have access to excellent educational options. The Commission looks forward to launching its "Strategic Plan 2025-2028" in January 2025.

Status of the portfolio

During SY2023-24, there were nine (9) charter districts operating in the state of Maine – 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, and Maine Virtual Academy.

In the spring of 2024, the renewal process with the Ecology Learning Center and Maine Virtual Academy began. Commission staff visited with members of each schools' governing boards and administrative teams to review outcomes for the issuance of Year 4 Performance Reports. These reports were issued to the school by June 30th - along with charter renewal guidance. Each school submitted renewal applications over the summer. Earlier this fall, Commission members met with family members, students, and teachers to gauge overall satisfaction with the schools. Public hearings followed and the Commission voted to renew both charter contracts for an additional five (5) years.

ACADIA Academy and Maine Arts Academy are currently in the fourth year of their current charter contracts and we look forward to the renewal process beginning this year.

Work began on finding Maine's tenth public charter school. Commission staff held a series of informational sessions with prospective applicants and the application for a new public charter school was issued on July 1, 2024. Eight (8) letters of intent were received and applications are due in February 2025. We look forward to considering applications for a new charter school to open in fall 2026.

Services to support excellent performance

Panorama

The Maine Charter School Commission began its partnership with Panorama Education in 2016. Each spring, schools are required to distribute school climate surveys to families, students, teachers, and staff. Results are compared to "like schools nationally" and performance outcomes are reported in monitoring reports that are completed annually in November. As part of the Commission's contract with Panorama Education, schools have access to "Social Emotional Learning - Student Competency & Well Being Measures" content. Although not required, three schools took advantage of those tools this past school year.

Infinite Campus

Infinite Campus is a powerful student information system that supports student learning by ensuring school districts streamline educational processes, promote stakeholder collaboration and personalize learning. The Commission continued its partnership with Infinite Campus throughout the 2023-24 school year with 8 of the 10 public charter schools actively using the platform.

Epicenter

Maine's public charter schools are held to a rigorous Performance Framework which measures academic, financial, and organizational success. Epicenter is a web-based platform that streamlines school operations, board governance, and school compliance activities and puts data and documents at the fingertips of authorizers and authorized schools 24/7/365. The Commission began its partnership with Epicenter in the fall of 2016 and the relationship is strong to this day. Both the renewal application and the new school application are now online using Epicenter's "EdLusion" platform and work is currently underway to assess performance framework outcomes using "scorecards" that will streamline annual reporting going forward.

Lotterease

Maine public charter schools must follow enrollment as outlined in Maine State Law (Title 20-A, Chapter 112, §2404). There are many different parts to enrollment and the lottery process, which can be complicated when keeping track of it all manually. The Commission sought a web-based platform that could assist schools in the management of the enrollment process from the initial contact with families through full enrollment of their child(ren) and partnered with Lotterease in 2020.

ACCUPLACER

ACCUPLACER is a powerful tool that helps colleges assess student readiness for introductory credit-bearing courses and make reliable placement decisions. Charter high schools are required to administer the Accuplacer, SAT or ASVAB to each student before graduation.

Financial performance

State law allows the Charter School Commission to draw up to 3% of the annual per-pupil allocation received by each public charter school under its authorization. In FY24, the Commission remained at the 2.35% allocation.

Based on the FY24 ED279s, the Commission's revenue was \$724,203.95 and \$734,129.49 was spent on monitoring performance and supporting the success of Maine's public charter schools. A financial order requesting additional funds for staffing, NWEA testing and Epicenter enhancements was granted in March 2024. The balance was carried over to FY25.



Demographics (SY2023-24)











Coversheet

Organizational Updates

Section:	VII. Executive Director/Commission Staff Report
Item:	B. Organizational Updates
Purpose:	Discuss
Submitted by:	
Related Material:	SY 2024-2025 Quarter 2_Mid Year Progress Report.pdf

Quarter 2/Mid Year Commission Staff Progress Report

SY 2024-2025		
Priority	Outcome by close of SY2024-2025	
New Charter School	The Commission considers applications for and selects a new Maine charter school	
Finalize and Implement Strategic Plan	The Strategic Plan will drive the work of the Commission through 2028	
Commission Staff Organizational Structure	The Commission will adjust and correct the staff organizational structure	

August-December 2024	
Item	Status
Support new charter applicants/hold monthly info sessions	Complete
New 3-Year Strategic Plan draft	Complete
Revise/approve new internal policies + revisions	Complete
Complete all 2023 EOY School Meetings	Complete
 ELC Renewal Admin/Board Meeting Focus Groups Public Hearing Write ELC Renewal Report Finalize ELC Renewal Report Vote 	Complete
MEVA Renewal • Admin/Board Meeting • Focus Groups • Public Hearing • Write MEVA's Renewal Report	Complete

Finalize MEVA's Renewal ReportVote	
Maine Arts Academy Expansion Amendment (MS)	Complete
ACADIA ByLaw Amendment	Complete
ELC ByLaw Amendment	
Annual Reports	Complete
Annual Report to the Commissioner	Complete
2023-2024 EOY Enrollment Data - Compile and Analyze	Complete
10/1 2024 Enrollment Data - Compile and Analyze	Complete
Maine Connections Academy New Facility: Pre-Opening Completion and Facility Walk-Through	Complete
SY2022-23 Annual Monitoring Reports Addendum	Complete
NACSA Conference - October	Complete
Georgetown Edunomics Lab Course	Complete
Determine SY 2024 Oversight Fee	Complete
Host School Board + Leader Strategic Plan Feedback Meeting	Complete
Host Commission Strategic Plan Feedback Meeting	Complete
Publish Commission Binder	Complete
Boards + Commissions Report	Complete
Prepare to amend 20-A to alter structure of Commission	Complete
Application Review Process	Complete

Upcoming: January-June 2025	
Item	Status

Midyear School Meetings	Upcoming
Midyear School Meeting reports	Upcoming
SY23-24 Financial Audits	Upcoming
Amend 20-A: Bill submitted for the legislative session	Upcoming
If 20-A is amended, implement operational changes	Upcoming
Present "Annual Report to the Commissioner" to the Education Committee	Upcoming
FY26 Commission Budget	Upcoming
New School Ready to Launch Playbook	Upcoming
New School Applications Received	Upcoming
New School Application Evaluation, Capacity Interviews, Commission Interviews, Public Hearings	Upcoming
Launch Panorama	Upcoming
Write service contracts and amendments	Upcoming
Nomination of Commission Officers	Upcoming
ACADIA and Maine Arts: Spring Renewal Meetings	Upcoming
Staff Evaluations	Upcoming

Coversheet

2024 Annual Boards and Commissions Report

Section:	VIII. Monthly School Portfolio/Data Report
Item:	A. 2024 Annual Boards and Commissions Report
Purpose:	Discuss
Submitted by:	
Related Material:	2024 Annual Boards and Commissions Report.pdf

Maine Secretary of State



Board or Commission Annual Report Covering calendar year 2024

MAINE CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION AMY LYNN ALLEN, Clerk of the Board 182 SHS AUGUSTA, ME 04333-0182

SOS Tracking #: 5185 Title 5, Chapter 379: 5 MRSA § 12004-G, sub-§ 10-D

Name of Person Completing the Report: AMY LYNN ALLEN Estimate of the number of hours that the Clerk spent working for the board or commission: 2080.00 Date Report Filed: December 11, 2024

Is your board or commission active?: Yes Did your board or commission meet in 2024?: Yes

Total number of meetings in 2024?: 75 Average number of members attending: 2.48 Average length of meeting: 1.29

Summary of the activities of the board or commission related to accomplishing its mission in 2024:

In 2024, the Maine Charter School Commission continued its monitoring and oversight of Maine s public charter schools. With an opening for a new charter school, the Commission released the new charter school application in July and looks forward to receiving completed applications in February 2025. Work is underway to launch the next Strategic Plan, and the Commission engaged with national experts to revise its mission, vision, and values ahead of the launch of the new Plan. In October, the Commission voted to renew both the Ecology Learning Center and Maine Virtual Academy charter contracts for 5 years each. The daily work of the Commission is carried out by a staff of three Executive Director, Operations Director, and Business Manager.

1 - Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 01/04/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 3 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$165.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$165.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

2 - Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 01/04/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 2 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$55.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$55.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

3 - Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: LEADERSHIP MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 01/04/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 1 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

4 - Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: SCHOOL PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 01/04/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 3 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$165.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$165.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

5 - Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: MONTHLY COMMISSION MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 01/09/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: AUGUSTA, ME Number of members attending: 7 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 2.50

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$385.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$385.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$171.50 Funding Source: GENERAL FUND: \$171.50

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

6 - Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: LEADERSHIP MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 01/30/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: -1 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

7 - Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: MCSC SELF-EVALUTATION RESULTS DISCUSSION PART 2 Date of meeting or other activity: 01/30/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 7 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.50

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$385.00 Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$385.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

8 - Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: SCHOOL PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 02/05/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 3 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.50

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$165.00 Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$165.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

9 - Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 02/08/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: -3 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$165.00 Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$165.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

10 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 02/08/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 3 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 2.50

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$110.00 Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$110.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

11 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: MONTHLY COMMISSION MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 02/13/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: AUGUSTA, ME Number of members attending: 7 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 2.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$385.00 Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$385.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$356.50 Funding Source: GENERAL FUND: \$356.50

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

12 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESENTATION Date of meeting or other activity: 02/14/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 1 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$55.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$55.00

13 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: LEADERSHIP MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 02/27/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 1 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$55.00 Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$55.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

14 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: MEETING WITH HUSSON UNIVERSITY Date of meeting or other activity: 02/29/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 1 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$55.00 Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$55.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

15 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: MEETING WITH MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM Date of meeting or other activity: 03/04/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 1 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$55.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$55.00

16 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: DATA DASHBOARD REVIEW Date of meeting or other activity: 03/04/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 1 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$0.00

17 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: SCHOOL PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 03/04/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 3 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$165.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$165.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

18 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: FINANCE COMMITEE MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 03/07/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: -3 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$165.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$165.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00
19 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 03/07/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 2 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$110.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$110.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

20 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: ECOLOGY LEARNING CENTER OPEN HOUSE Date of meeting or other activity: 03/10/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: UNITY, ME Number of members attending: 2 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 2.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$110.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$110.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$171.00 Funding Source: GENERAL FUND: \$171.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

21 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: MONTHLY COMMISSION MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 03/12/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: PORTLAND, ME Number of members attending: 7 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 3.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$385.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$385.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$415.00 Funding Source: GENERAL FUND: \$415.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

22 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: LEADERSHIP MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 03/26/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 1 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$55.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$55.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

23 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: SCHOOL PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 04/01/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 3 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$165.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$165.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

24 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: MEETING WITH UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS Date of meeting or other activity: 04/02/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 1 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 0.50

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$55.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$55.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

25 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 04/04/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 2 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$110.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$110.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

26 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: FINANCE DEBRIEFING WITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Date of meeting or other activity: 04/05/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 1 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$55.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$55.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

27 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: MONTHLY COMMISSION MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 04/09/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: AUGUSTA, ME Number of members attending: 6 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 2.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$330.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$330.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$370.50 Funding Source: GENERAL FUND: \$370.50

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

28 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: MAINE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FINANCE TEAM MEE Date of meeting or other activity: 04/10/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 1 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$55.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$55.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

29 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: MEETING WITH BAXTER ACADEMY Date of meeting or other activity: 04/10/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 1 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

30 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: MEETING WITH REGION 10 CTE Date of meeting or other activity: 04/22/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: BRUNSWICK, ME Number of members attending: 1 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 2.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$55.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$55.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$41.50 Funding Source: GENERAL FUND: \$41.50

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

31 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: SCHOOL VISIT WITH COMMUNITY REGIONAL CHARTER SC Date of meeting or other activity: 04/23/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: SKOWHEGAN, ME Number of members attending: 1 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 3.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$55.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$55.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$100.00 Funding Source: GENERAL FUND: \$100.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

32 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: LEADERSHIP MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 04/30/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 1 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$55.00 Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$55.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

33 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: SCHOOL PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 05/06/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 3 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.50

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$165.00 Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$165.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

34 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: MEETING WITH MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY Date of meeting or other activity: 05/08/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 1 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$55.00 Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$55.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

35 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 05/09/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 3 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.50

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$110.00 Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$110.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

36 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 05/09/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 3 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$165.00 Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$165.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

37 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: MCSC STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP Date of meeting or other activity: 05/14/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: AUGUSTA, ME Number of members attending: 7 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 2.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

38 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: MONTHLY COMMISSION MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 05/14/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: AUGUSTA, ME Number of members attending: 7 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$385.00 Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$385.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$244.00 Funding Source: GENERAL FUND: \$244.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

39 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: MEETING WITH MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY Date of meeting or other activity: 05/21/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 1 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$55.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$55.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

40 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: LEADERSHIP MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 05/28/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 1 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$55.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$55.00

41 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: SCHOOL PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 06/03/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 3 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$165.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$165.00

42 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 06/06/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 2 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$110.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$110.00

43 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: MONTHLY COMMISSION MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 06/11/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: UNITY, ME Number of members attending: 6 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.50

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$330.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$330.00

44 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: LEADERSHIP MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 06/25/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 1 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$55.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$55.00

45 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: LEADERSHIP MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 07/30/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 1 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$55.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$55.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

46 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: SCHOOL PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 08/05/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 3 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$165.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$165.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

47 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 08/08/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: -2 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$110.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$110.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

48 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 08/08/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 2 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$110.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$110.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

49 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: MONTHLY COMMISSION MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 08/13/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: AUGUSTA, ME Number of members attending: 7 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 2.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$385.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$385.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$236.00 Funding Source: GENERAL FUND: \$236.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

50 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: LEADERSHIP MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 08/27/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 1 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$55.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$55.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

51 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: SCHOOL PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 09/02/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 3 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$165.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$165.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

52 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 09/05/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: -3 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$110.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$110.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

53 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 09/05/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 3 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$165.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$165.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

54 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: MONTHLY COMMISSION MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 09/10/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: AUGUSTA, ME Number of members attending: 7 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$385.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$385.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$214.00 Funding Source: GENERAL FUND: \$214.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00
55 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: CHARTER SCHOOL ALLIANCE MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 09/17/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: GRAY, ME Number of members attending: 1 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$55.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$55.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$24.00 Funding Source: GENERAL FUND: \$24.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

56 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: PUBLIC HEARING FOR RENEWAL - ECOLOGY LEARNING CH Date of meeting or other activity: 09/17/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: UNITY, ME Number of members attending: 1 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.50

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

57 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: LEADERSHIP MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 09/26/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 1 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$55.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$55.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

58 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: PUBLIC HEARING FOR RENEWAL - MAINE VIRTUAL ACADE Date of meeting or other activity: 09/26/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 1 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.50

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

59 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: SCHOOL PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 09/30/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 3 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$165.00 Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$165.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

60 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 10/03/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 3 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$165.00 Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$165.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

61 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 10/03/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 2 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$55.00 Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$55.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

62 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: MONTHLY COMMISSION MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 10/08/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: AUGUSTA, ME Number of members attending: 6 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 2.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$330.00 Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$330.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$207.50 Funding Source: GENERAL FUND: \$207.50

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

63 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: LEADERSHIP MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 10/30/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 1 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$55.00 Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$55.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

64 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: SCHOOL PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 11/04/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 3 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$165.00 Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$165.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

65 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 11/07/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 4 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$220.00 Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$220.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

66 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: MONTHLY COMMISSION MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 11/12/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: GRAY, ME Number of members attending: 6 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.50

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$400.50 Funding Source: GENERAL FUND: \$400.50

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$330.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$330.00

67 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: SCHOOL VISIT WITH ACADIA ACADEMY Date of meeting or other activity: 11/19/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: LEWISTON, ME Number of members attending: 2 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 2.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$43.00 Funding Source: GENERAL FUND: \$43.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$110.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$110.00

68 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: SCHOOL PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 12/02/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 3 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$165.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$165.00

69 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: LEADERSHIP MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 12/02/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 1 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$55.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$55.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

70 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 12/05/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 2 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for refreshment costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$110.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$110.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

71 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 12/05/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 2 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$110.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$110.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

72 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: MCSC SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT Date of meeting or other activity: 12/09/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: AUGUSTA, ME Number of members attending: 2 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 2.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$110.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$110.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$69.00 Funding Source: GENERAL FUND: \$69.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

73 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: MCSC STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT Date of meeting or other activity: 12/10/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: AUGUSTA, ME Number of members attending: 7 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 2.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$192.78 Funding Source: GENERAL FUND: \$192.78

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

74 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: MONTHLY COMMISSION MEETING Date of meeting or other activity: 12/10/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: AUGUSTA, ME Number of members attending: 7 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 2.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$385.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$385.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$274.50 Funding Source: GENERAL FUND: \$274.50

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

75 -Meeting or Other Activity

Description of meeting or other activity: STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING(S) DEBRIEF Date of meeting or other activity: 12/12/2024 Location of meeting or other activity: ZOOM, ME Number of members attending: 1 of 7 Length of meeting or other activity: 1.00

Total Reimbursement to board members other than for per diem or expenses such as a stipend.: \$0.00

Total Per diem compensation received by board members for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes per diem payments only.: \$55.00

Funding Source: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE: \$55.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for public hearing costs for a meeting or other activity of the board.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for facility rental costs for a meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category may also include, but is not limited to, the cost associated with internet connections, audio visual equipment or telecommunication connections and equipment.: \$0.00

Total Expenses for which board members were reimbursed for each meeting or other activity of the board. This expense category includes, but is not limited to, mileage, lodging, tolls and meals and incidentals.: \$0.00

Total Expense related to the functioning of the board for other expenses not classified in 5 MRSA Section 12005-A, sub-section 6-A, paragraph D. This expense category may include, but is not limited to, the cost of professional services. This expense category (as well as the other expense categories) does NOT include State employee (personal services) costs to support the board; this information does not need to be reported.: \$0.00

5185 - MAINE CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

Members of the Board or Commission as recorded in the Secretary of State's office as of the date of filing:

Seat 01

THOMAS E. KELLER 208 N. NEWCASTLE ROAD, NEWCASTLE, ME 04553 Appointment Date: 07/13/2022 Expiration Date: 06/30/2025

Seat 02

JAMES E. FORD 23 BOODY STREET, BRUNSWICK, ME 04011 Appointment Date: 06/14/2023 Expiration Date: 06/30/2026

Seat 03

VICTORIA P. KORNFIELD 48 MADISON STREET, BANGOR, ME 04401 Appointment Date: 10/01/2024 Expiration Date: 06/30/2027

Seat 04

BRIAN LANGLEY 11 SOUTH STREET, ELLSWORTH, ME 04605 Appointment Date: 04/20/2023 Expiration Date: 06/30/2025

Seat 05

HON. JAMES R. HANDY 9 MAPLEWOOD ROAD, LEWISTON, ME 04240 Appointment Date: 09/20/2022 Expiration Date: 06/30/2024

Seat 06

HON. NORMAN E. HIGGINS 103 TURTLE COVE, SEBEC, ME 04481 Appointment Date: 09/20/2022 Expiration Date: 06/30/2025

Seat 07

LEIGH WEISENBURGER ALBERT 39 DYER ROAD, LEWISTON, ME 04240 Appointment Date: 09/20/2022 Expiration Date: 06/30/2025 Total seats vacant as of December 31, 2024: 0

Coversheet

To Consider the Approval of the Commission's 2025-2028 Strategic Plan

Section:	X. New Business Requiring Approval and/or Acceptance
Item:	A. To Consider the Approval of the Commission's 2025-2028 Strategic
Plan	
Purpose:	Vote
Submitted by:	
Related Material:	Strategic Plan DRAFT 2025-2028.docx (3).pdf



2025-2028

BACKGROUND

After making significant progress toward the priorities outlined in The Maine Charter School Commission's "Strategic Plan 2021-2024," the Commission is well-positioned to outline priorities for the next three years. The Commission recently revised the organization's Mission, Vision and Values, thus paving the way for ambitious future planning that will bring us closer to our purpose that Maine students have access to excellent educational options.

The key questions that drove the Strategic Plan revision are:

- How will we fulfill our vision and mission over the next three years?
- What are the steps we need to take to get there?
- How will we know we have made progress and/or arrived?

THE CHALLENGE

There is a long history of school choice in Maine, including traditional district public schools, independent schools, town academies, and – beginning in 2011 – public charter schools. Families have long sought innovative models to ensure their children are receiving the education that best supports and challenges them. The Commission aims to provide educational options to families and students in Maine by positioning charter schools as an integral part of the school-choice ecosystem. In particular, the charter schools in Maine attract students and families who seek alternative school environments that may not be easily offered through a traditional system. From virtual schools serving 262 towns, cities, and unorganized territories to arts and STEAM academies in more populated areas, charters provide diverse educational options for families seeking choice.

Over the last 5 years, we have seen the demand for charters increase, even as traditional district public school enrollment has decreased due to declining population and a significant drop in the 2020-2021 school year due to the pandemic.¹

As demand increases, the Commission will stay true to its mission "to authorize, monitor and support innovative public charter schools that provide a dynamic, high-quality education for every student." By committing to consistent, high-quality authorizing, monitoring and improvement, the Commission will ensure that its vision will be realized: "innovative public charter schools will provide Maine students with an equitable opportunity for an excellent education where students are valued, supported and challenged."

¹ Educate Maine via the MDOE Data Warehouse, <u>https://educationindicators.me/maine-school-enrollment</u>

MISSION, VISION, VALUES



<u>Vision</u>

Innovative public charter schools will provide Maine students with an equitable opportunity for an excellent education where students are valued, supported and challenged.



<u>Mission</u>

To authorize, monitor and support innovative public charter schools that provide a dynamic, high-quality education for every student.

Title 20-A Education § 2402 (LINK)

- Improve pupil learning by creating more high-quality schools with high standards for pupil performance
- Close achievement gaps between high-performing and low-performing groups of public school students
- Increase high-quality educational opportunities within the public education system
- Provide alternative learning environments for students who are not thriving in traditional school settings
- Create new professional opportunities for teachers and other school personnel
- Encourage the use of different, high-quality models of teaching and other aspects of schooling
- Provide students, parents, community members, and local entities with expanded opportunities for involvement in the public education system

<u>Values</u>

Excellence: Pursue high-quality schools with excellent student outcomes.

Students First: Ground our actions in promoting great opportunities for students and families.

Equity: Promote diversity, equity and inclusion as strengths that contribute to innovative and successful schools.

Collaboration: Work with schools and community stakeholders to shape excellent schools grounded in trust.

Innovation: Encourage dynamic, new and different educational models that expand opportunities for students.

Accountability: Hold ourselves and schools to rigorous standards using a high bar for quality and transparency.

KEY LEVERS

The following are the tools that the Commission has at its disposal to enhance outcomes for students and families:



Contracts between charter boards and the Charter Commission allow us to set expectations for performance and leverage legal tools to enforce a shared covenant.



The Performance Framework provides details on how each charter operator is making progress toward a high bar for performance on multiple domains ranging from student achievement to financial health.



Reporting systems allow the Charter Commission to publicly share the overall health and performance of the charter school program in Maine, providing transparency and context for school quality.



Service and authorizing fees ensure that the Charter Commission has the necessary resources to support the monitoring of charter schools and provide services to each operator.



Access to MDOE and other state level actors positions the Charter Commission to coordinate and communicate with other state leaders to increase achievement and well-being of students.



The power to convene and network allows the charter operators to collaborate and connect organizations with shared interests to solve problems.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The strategic priorities represent the focus of our work for the next three years. They provide us with an opportunity to make thoughtful decisions about what is important, what isn't, and the rationale that shaped our thinking.

Strategic Priority #1: Encourage excellent, innovative schools

The core of our work is ensuring that Maine charter schools are models of excellence for public schools that provide innovative and exceptional educational options available to all students. Charter schools have greater autonomy – and responsibility – to push the boundaries of a traditional educational model with innovative programming that encourages excellence.

This priority will be driven by the following actions:

> Allocate funds annually for an **Innovation Fund** to which the charter school(s) may separately or jointly apply to fund innovative programming to increase student achievement, improve student opportunities, and enhance services to students.

> Use the **Performance Framework** as a mirror to reflect school performance back to each charter school across multiple measures of achievement, encouraging schools to highlight what is unique about their programming. The Performance Framework clarifies and prioritizes practices, such as fiscal stewardship, for operating an excellent school and provides school performance transparency to the full school community.

> **Collaborate with school leaders** through professional learning, networking, and collective problem solving to maximize efforts toward achieving missions. The Charter Commission will connect school leaders to solve shared problems in collaborative ways through monthly meetings, and semi-annually professional development opportunities.

> **Provide semi-annual School Board Professional Development** to support sustained charter school excellence. The Charter Commission will connect school boards to solve shared problems in collaborative ways though semi-annually professional development opportunities.

> **Approve expansions of existing schools** when they have demonstrated strong community demand, an innovative model, and high-performance outcomes.

Strategic Priority #2: Authorize Excellent New Charter School(s)

The Commission has the authority to authorize charter schools in Maine. We commit to engaging in a fair, thorough process that will result in the opening and sustained excellence of new charter school(s) that will expand high-quality educational options for students and families in Maine.

This priority will be driven by the following actions:

> A thoughtful and rigorous new school application review process that includes a fair review of all applications using a revised application rubric based on nationally recognized high-quality examples and a team process that holds a high bar for school quality and sustainability.

> **Ongoing support for charter applicants** through monthly information sessions with the Executive Director and process, document and timeline transparency.

> If a new charter school is selected, **the Commission will provide guidance and support in the preoperational year to encourage a strong start to the school** through publishing a Ready-to-Open Guide and working in partnership with the school's founding team to outline deadlines for the key components of launching the new year.

Strategic Priority #3: Good to Great Authorizing

The Maine Charter School Commission will model thoughtful, effective and efficient governance and decision making with procedures for evaluating its own performance and encouraging continuous improvement.

This priority will be driven by the following actions:

> Thorough onboarding of new Commission Members to ensure continuity of mission focus and decision-making that supports an innovative, high-quality charter network.

> Highlighting the work of charter schools in Maine with policymakers to support policies and practices that increase school quality, choice and funding.

> Learn from national authorizing partners by engaging in semi-annual professional development and sharing lessons learned, to focus our efforts on authorizing best practices and model continuous learning and improvement.

> **Model board efficiency** by using the latest board technology and strategies to run efficient, informed, and collaborative meetings.

Strategic Priority #4: Organizational Excellence

The Commission staff will make changes to ensure that we are operating at our most effective to provide excellent service to all charter school stakeholders.

This priority will be driven by the following actions:

Support legislative change that reclassifies the Maine Charter School Commission as a body corporate and politic and a public instrumentality of the State.

> Implement operational efficiency by acquiring a bank account, credit card and contracting with high-quality service providers.

> Use public funds wisely by eliminating redundant fees, such as the annual fee to a temporary agency to staff our long-term, full time staff members.

Coversheet

To Consider the Approval of Baxter Academy for Technology and Sciences' Request of Innovation Funds for its Wheelchair Prototype Project

Section:	X. New Business Requiring Approval and/or Acceptance			
Item:	B. To Consider the Approval of Baxter Academy for Technology and			
Sciences' Request of Innovation Funds for its Wheelchair Prototype Project				
Purpose:	Vote			
Submitted by:				
Related Material:	Baxter Academy Application for Innovation Fund 12-18-24.pdf			

Baxter Academy Innovation Fund Request December 17, 2024

Name of Requestor	Anna Klein-Christie
Organization/School	Baxter Academy
Phone	207-712-0508
Email	anna, kleinchristie@baxter-academy.org
Signature	- Ma
Date	December 18, 2024
Total Amount Requested	10,000

Overview:

Baxter Academy's innovative STEM project for the 2024-25 academic year seeks to redefine what is possible in education through a humanitarian-focused curriculum. Students will design and prototype a wheelchair optimized for use in challenging terrains, addressing critical needs in underserved regions. Beyond technical innovation, this project embodies holistic learning—providing students with leadership opportunities, meaningful empathy, fostering community connections, and inspiring a model for interdisciplinary collaboration. The initiative is not merely a curriculum enhancement; it is a transformative endeavor for both the school and our community. It is not a STEM project for STEM's sake.

Please explain the proposed use of funds in detail:

Project Goals:

- 1. **Design innovative wheelchair prototypes** that prioritize cost-efficiency, durability, and ease of maintenance, making mobility accessible to underserved populations.
- 2. Create a replicable, humanitarian-focused STEM curriculum centered around addressing global challenges.
- 3. Engage diverse community and professional stakeholders, including refugees, local partners, and global organizations.

Project Approach:

• Design Phase:

Students will research existing wheelchair designs, identify gaps, and engineer innovative solutions addressing cost, weight, endurance, and reparability. This process is informed by collaborations with:

- Partners for World Health
- University of Southern Maine (USM)

- Southern Maine Community College (SMCC)
- Husson Manufacturing
- The Wheelchair Foundation (CA)
- Members of Portland's refugee community, including individuals from Kenya, Angola, and the Democratic Republic of Congo

Prototyping and Testing:

Students will fabricate prototypes using sustainable materials and advanced fabrication techniques, with off-site study and production opportunities supported by partners.

• Presentation and Feedback:

Students will showcase their prototypes in two key presentations:

- **Mid-Year Shark Tank (Flex Friday):** Students will present their progress, including designs and real-world applications.
- **Final Presentation (May):** A culmination of the design process, highlighting relevance, replicability, and scalability.

Curricular Integration:

Second-semester coursework will deepen students' technical and contextual understanding of humanitarian design, ensuring academic rigor and project relevance.

Knowledge Dissemination:

Baxter Academy's Executive Director will present this project at a charter school conference, promoting the curriculum as a replicable model for other educational institutions.

Innovation Funds will support:

- 1. **Prototyping Materials:** Composites, metals, and sustainable resources required for fabrication.
- 2. **Student Travel:** Off-site opportunities for research, development, and production with industry partners.
- 3. **Stakeholder Collaboration:** Compensation for refugee families, focus groups, and technical advisors contributing to the project.

How will this proposal enhance the performance of your school?

This initiative reflects Baxter Academy's mission to prepare students for a rapidly evolving world. The project is outward-facing, cultivating professional development (PD) and operational evolution for the school. It equips students and staff alike with leadership skills by engaging with community organizations (Rotaries, Chambers of Commerce, and trade groups) and fostering project-development strategies with external partners—skills that are critical and often underemphasized in traditional education.

This also Inward-facing, the project builds leadership/student capacity within the school:

- Managing interdisciplinary teams of staff and students.
- Inspiring students from diverse academic and life experiences.

Developing funding strategies for production and scaling of prototypes.

We hope that this pedagogical process can be repeated in the years to come, focused on different projects that are relevant to partner organizations.

Please explain how this relates to your professional development and operation of the school:

Baxter Academy will support schools - traditionally public and charter schools in a new kind of learning:

Professional and Leadership Development:

- Students will learn to present their work to community groups and develop professional confidence.
- Faculty will grow their leadership capabilities by directing a multi-disciplinary project and aligning resources to support student success.

Community Engagement and Global Impact:

- Students will work directly with stakeholders, including refugee communities from Kenya, Angola, and the Democratic Republic of Congo, to ensure the designs meet real-world needs.
- Partnerships with organizations like Partners for World Health, USM, SMCC, Husson Manufacturing, and the Wheelchair Foundation will provide expertise and support.

As the Executive Director of Baxter Academy, this project is an extraordinary opportunity to serve as a spokesperson for Charter Schools and education in Maine. It is a chance to collaborate with schools. It is also an opportunity to manage a project with stakeholders of varying degrees of skills, talents, interests, resources and engagement.

How will you measure the success of your innovation?

Baxter Academy and the Charter Commission will be able to measure the success of our work through:

- 1. the student design of a wheelchair prototype
- 2. the faculty design of curriculum related to the project
- 3. the organizational relationships that were developed
- 4. the organizational exploration of projects of similar process

It should be noted that this project transcends typical classroom learning:

• Student Growth: Develops leadership, problem-solving, and communication skills.

- Community Impact: Builds bridges between the school, local organizations, and global communities.
- Institutional Development: Advances the school's mission by fostering operational and professional growth among staff and students.

Fill in as Appropriate:

Proposed Date of Activity	September 15, 2024 - May 15, 2024
Duration	School year 2024-2025
Location	Baxter Academy site, catchment area in Southern Maine, and collaboration with institutions in Florida and California
Number of Participants	2 design students, 1 Differential Calculus Class, 1 CAD class, school-wide education

Please provide a breakdown of the Total Amount Requested. If you have received a proposal from a provider you <u>must</u> attach a copy to this request.

Item	Funding	Funding through other
	requested	sources
Materials Fee	8,000	
Classroom Educational Materials/Programming	1,000	
Prototype production	1,000	
Fab Lab Upgrade (new CNC)		7,000 (PacGen gift/Bangor Savings Bank)
Partners for World Heath Program support		3,800 (private Gift)
Translation Services for working with refugee families		500 (collaboration with USM)
Marketing & Outreach regarding Innovative Programming in Charter School		500 (Bangor Savings Bank)
Total Cost	10,000	11,800

There is great interest from the community because of the compelling nature of the project and the innovation that drives it as a pilot project. Above simple project-based learning, it is relevant learning that addresses meaningful challenges through a collaborative process. The purchase of the CNC will be useful for all engineering programs at Baxter Academy.

Conclusion:

This project exemplifies the transformative power of education, turning global challenges into tangible opportunities for learning and innovation. It positions Baxter Academy as a thought leader in STEM education, equipping students with the skills, mindset, and drive to tackle intractable problems. The Innovation Fund Grant will ensure this project achieves its full potential—benefiting students, the community, and the broader educational landscape.