



**127<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature**  
**Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs**

Senator Brian D. Langley  
Senate Chair

Representative Victoria P. Kornfield  
House Chair

**\*\*\* PRELIMINARY AGENDA \*\*\***

Friday, November 4, 2016 @ 10:00 a.m.  
Cross State Office Building, Room #202

**1. Call to Order & Introduction of Committee Members**

Sen. Brian D. Langley, Senate Chair and Rep. Victoria P. Kornfield, House Chair

**2. Interview of Nominees to the Maine Charter School Commission (MCSC)**

*Note: Title 20-A, §2405, sub-§8, requires the Education Committee to review the MCSC nominations made by the 3 State Board of Education (SBE) members of the MCSC*

A. Sen. Brian D. Langley, Senate Chair or Rep. Victoria P. Kornfield, House Chair, will preside over the work session to interview the nominees;

*Note: Unless permitted by the Presiding Chair, only the Education Committee members will participate in the interview and review of the nominee*

**B. Nominee for Reappointment (Mr. J. Michael Wilhelm)**

(1) Ms. Jana Lapoint, SBE Vice Chair and a SBE member of the MCSC, will introduce Dr. J. Michael Wilhelm of Casco, Maine, the nominee for reappointment to the MCSC;

(2) Dr. Wilhelm will be invited to make a statement;

(3) After his statement, the Education Committee will interview Dr. Wilhelm; and

(4) After interviewing the nominee, Education Committee members will appraise the nominee's strengths and weaknesses and will take formal action (via a motion and vote) on the report to the SBE.

**C. Nominee for Appointment (Mr. Jim Rier)**

(1) Ms. Jana Lapoint, SBE Vice Chair and a SBE member of the MCSC, will introduce the Honorable Jim Rier of Topsham, Maine, the nominee for appointment to the MCSC;

- (2) Mr. Rier will be invited to make a statement;
- (3) After his statement, the Education Affairs Committee will interview Mr. Rier; and
- (4) After interviewing the nominee, Education Committee members will appraise the nominee's strengths and weaknesses and will take formal action (via a motion and vote) on the report to the SBE.

**3. Briefing: Update on the Maine Department of Education's Status on Positions and the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Stakeholder Meeting**

Aaron Chadbourne, Senior Policy Advisor, Governor's Office

*Note: Sen. Langley and Rep. Kornfield sent a letter to the Governor on behalf of the Education Committee requesting that Mr. Chadbourne provide a briefing to the committee updating where the Department of Education (DOE) stands on the status of the DOE's positions, including Special Education, Social Studies and Nursing Consultant positions, and the status of the DOE's progress and process for developing the State Accountability Plan required by the federal ESSA*

**4. Announcements**

**5. Adjournment**