

Commission to Study the Scope and Quality of Citizenship Education

November 5, 2003 @ 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

State House Room # 438 (Judiciary Cmte. Rm.)

AGENDA

1. Convening of the Commission. (1:00 p.m.)

Sen. Douglass and Rep. Cummings, Commission Chairs, Commission Members & Staff

- Welcome and introduction of Commission members and staff; and
- Review of Commission purpose and duties (pursuant to Resolve 2003, c. 85).

2. Perspectives on Civic Education. (1:30 p.m.)

Presentation & Discussion (Fran Rudoff, Liz McCabe Park & Patrick Phillips)

- Overview of national perspectives; and
- Overview of Maine K-12 education and higher education perspectives.

3. Maine State Government Civic Education Initiatives. (2:30 p.m.)

Panel Presentation & Discussion with State Government Officials

- Overview of initiatives sponsored by the branches of Maine state government

Break (3:30 p.m.)

4. Scoping Out Key Policy Issues & Developing a Work Plan. (3:45 p.m.)

Commission Chairs, Members and Staff

- Conceptualization -- Commission members will discuss their perspectives on the purpose, key policy issues and expected outcomes of the study; and will prioritize the issues to be addressed;
- Information gathering -- Commission members will identify the resource people and information needed to effectively examine the key policy issues;
- Preparation -- Commission members will discuss ways to learn the perspectives of the public, stakeholders, experts and interested parties;
- Decision-making -- Commission members will discuss the process to be used in arriving at findings, conclusions and recommendations; and
- Logistics -- Commission members will establish a meeting schedule and discuss how best to establish and maintain communication during the study.

5. Adjournment.