**Business Meeting – June 8, 2021 @ 1:00pm**

***Meeting will be held via Zoom***

***Law:*** *To allow charter schools to be established as public schools that: 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; and provide students, parents, community members and local entities with expanded opportunities for involvement in the public education system. (MRSA 20-A, §2402)*

***Adopted Mission:*** *The Maine State Charter School Commission will provide thoughtful stewardship in authorizing and monitoring public charter schools consistent with State statutes to create unique, high-quality learning options for Maine students.*

**Agenda**

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| **Person Responsible** | **Item Number** | **Agenda Item** | **Commission Responsibility or Performance Framework** |
| *Nichi* | **1** | **Call to Order and Declare a Quorum** | *N/A* |
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| *Nichi* | **2** | **Reminders** | *N/A* |
|  | 2a | This meeting is being recorded via Zoom. |  |
|  | 2b | We ask that those of you who are not members of the Commission or Commission staff remain muted at all times, until public comments are being heard. |  |
|  | 2c | Pursuant to Section G-1. 1 MRSE §403-A, voting will be done via roll call. |  |
|  | 2d | Members of the public may participate during public comment. You’ll be asked to “raise your hand” using the raise hand feature on Zoom or by commenting in the chat box at the appropriate time. |  |
| *Nichi* | **3** | **Additions or Adjustments to the Agenda** | *N/A* |
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|  | **4** | **Old Business** |  |
| *Jeremy* | 4a | Stipend for Schools Not Using Infinite Campus (Will Take Action in July) | *Organization and Operation* |
| *Jeremy* | 4b | Future Consideration of Per Diem Reimbursement Document (Contingent on Strategic Plan) | *Organization and Operation* |
|  | **5** | **Requires Notification to and Acceptance by the Commission** |  |
| *Fern/Jeremy* | 5a | Resignation of Alan Yuodsnukis from the Harpswell Coastal Academy Governing Board ***(Attached)*** | *Authorizing/Monitoring* |
| *Shelley/Jeremy* | 5b | Hiring of Mara Wiggin as Educational Program Director at Fiddlehead School of Arts & Sciences ***(Attached)*** | *Authorizing/Monitoring* |
| *Jim/Jeremy* | 5c | Maine Virtual Academy’s New Board Chair (Donna Pelletier) Effective July 1, 2021 | *Authorizing/Monitoring* |
| *Jim/Jeremy* | 5d | Maine Virtual Academy’s New Technology Director - Joel Randazza ***(Attached)*** | *Authorizing/Monitoring* |
| *John/Jeremy* | 5e | New Governing Board Members at Community Regional Charter School - Seth Noonkester and Nicole Reinholt ***(Attached)*** | *Authorizing/Monitoring* |
| *Nichi/Jeremy* | 5f | New Governing Board Members at Ecology Learning Center – Najean Shedyak, Mark Ostroff, and Jamie Francomano ***(Attached)*** | *Authorizing/Monitoring* |
|  | **6** | **Requires Approval by the Commission** |  |
| *Nichi* | 6a | Minutes from the May 11, 2021 Business Meeting ***(Attached)*** | *Organization and Operation* |
| *Nichi* | 6b | Minutes from May 25, 2021 Special Meeting of the Commission ***(Attached)*** | *Organization and Operation* |
| *Jim* | 6c | FY21 Budget vs. Actual – June Report ***(Attached)*** | *Organization and Operation* |
| *Gina* | 6d | To Consider and Approve Revised Targets on the Indicators for the Maine State Assessment on the Performance Framework for all Schools ***(Attached)*** | *Authorizing/Monitoring* |
| *Gina* | 6e | To Consider and Approve Updates to Charter Contract Template ***(Attached)*** | *Authorizing/Monitoring* |
| *Jeremy* | 6f | To Consider and Approve Adoption of New MCSC Budget Template ***(Attached)*** | *Organization and Operation* |
| *Jeremy* | 6g | To Consider and Approve MCSC Strategic Plan ***(Attached)*** | *Organization and Operation* |
|  | **7** | **Monthly School Portfolio/Data Report** |  |
|  |  | *None* |  |
|  | **8** | **Executive Director/Commission Staff Report** |  |
| *Jeremy* | 8a | Election of Officers Discussion ***(Attached)*** |  |
| *Jeremy* | 8b | [2021 Education Leaders Experience (ELE) Kappa Class](https://www.educatemaine.org/programs/education-leaders-experience#:~:text=The%20Education%20Leaders%20Experience%20(ELE,education%20plays%20in%20sustaining%20growth.) | *Organization and Operation* |
| *Jeremy* | 8c | Media Update   * [Greely High School again named top school in Maine in U.S. News rankings; Kennebunk, Falmouth and Cape Elizabeth schools, along with Baxter Academy of Portland, were also in the top 5](https://www.centralmaine.com/2021/05/24/greely-high-school-again-named-top-school-in-maine-in-u-s-news-rankings/) * [Stop attacking and start supporting Maine charter schools](https://bangordailynews.com/2021/05/25/opinion/contributors/stop-attacking-and-start-supporting-maine-charter-schools/) * [Maine charter schools post mixed results but fill a need for families](https://www.centralmaine.com/2021/06/01/maine-charter-schools-post-mixed-results-but-fill-a-need-for-families/) * [Maine’s two virtual charter schools see enrollment increase during pandemic](https://www.pressherald.com/2021/06/01/maines-two-virtual-charter-schools-see-uptick-in-enrollment-during-pandemic/) |  |
| *Jeremy* | 8d | Legislative Update   * LD 334 * LD 604 |  |
| *Jeremy* | 8e | 2021 Maine School Law Summer Institute ***(Attached)*** |  |
| *Jeremy* | 8f | Draft Commission “Handbook” ***(Attached)*** |  |
|  | **9** | **Future Topics** |  |
| *Nichi* | 9a | July   * School Stipend Approval * Per Diem Reimbursement Adoption * Commission Calendar Adoption * [NACSA Policy Index](https://policyindex.qualitycharters.org/?_ga=2.232406431.1877443967.1620928349-54330831.1604005755) Presentation * Expansion Criteria Eligibility * Election of Officers   August   * Pending Further Information   September   * Pending Further Information | *Organization and Operation* |
|  | **10** | **Executive Session** |  |
| *Title 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS, Chapter 13: PUBLIC RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS, Subchapter 1: FREEDOM OF ACCESS, §405. Executive sessions*  *(A) Discussion or consideration of the employment, appointment, assignment, duties, promotion, demotion, compensation, evaluation, disciplining, resignation or dismissal of an individual or group of public officials, appointees or employees of the body or agency or the investigation or hearing of charges or complaints against a person or persons subject to the following conditions:*   1. *An executive session may be held only if public discussion could be reasonably expected to cause damage to the individual’s reputation or the individual’s right to privacy would be violated;* 2. *Any person charged or investigated must be permitted to be present at an executive session if that person so desires;* 3. *Any person charged or investigated may request in writing that the investigation or hearing of charges or complaints against that person be conducted in open session. A request, if made to the agency, must be honored; and* 4. *Any person bringing charges, complaints or allegations of misconduct against the individual under discussion must be permitted to present.* | | | |
|  | **11** | **Announcements** | *N/A* |
| *Jeremy* | 11a | 2021 Virtual NACSA Leadership Conference *(October 14, 18, 20 and 22)* | *Organization and Operation* |
| *Jeremy* | 11b | This Month’s Celebrations | *Organization and Operation* |
| *Nichi* | 11c | Next Regular Business Meeting – July 13, 2021 *(Zoom)* | *Organization and Operation* |
| *Nichi* | 11d | Important School Renewal Dates   * September 29, 2021 CRCS Public Hearing for Renewal, 4:30-6:00pm at Overman Academy, 78 Water Street, Suite 2 Skowhegan, ME 04976 * September 30, 2021 MeANS Public Hearing for Renewal, 4:30-6:00pm at Maine Academy of Natural Sciences - 16 Prescott Drive, Hinckley, ME 04944 | *Authorizing/Monitoring* |
| *Nichi* | **12** | **Public Comment\*** | *N/A* |
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| *Nichi* | **13** | **Adjourn** | *N/A* |

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**\*** *The Charter School Commission does not allow airing of complaints in public meetings regarding Commission and charter school employees or school employment matters, in order to protect employee privacy, to comply with Maine law and pursuant to our contractual relation with the schools. To the extent that the Commission receives complaints and concerns relating to school employees in writing, those concerns will be reviewed and addressed by the Commission and its staff outside of a public meeting. This meeting is not the appropriate forum for such comments. You are free to direct your concerns in writing to the Commission’s Executive Director, if you have not done so already.*