**Business Meeting**

**November 10, 2020 – 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 held via Zoom. |  |
| *Nichi* | **3** | **Additions or Adjustments to the Agenda** | *N/A* |
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|  | **4** | **Requires Notification to and Acceptance by the Commission** |  |
| *Nichi* | 4a | Presentation of Maine Connections Academy’s Independent Third-Party Evaluation ***(Attached)*** | *Authorizing* |
| *Bob* | 4b | Presentation of the Plimpton Research Year Two Graduation Study ***(Attached)*** | *Authorizing* |
| *Fern* | 4c | Fiddlehead School of Arts & Sciences’ New Administrative Team Member – Roberta Polland (Business Manager) ***(Attached)*** | *Authorizing* |
| *John* | 4d | Maine Academy of Natural Sciences’ New Governing Board Members – Robin Cyr, Shannon Webber, and Jesse Wechsler ***(Attached)*** | *Authorizing* |
|  | **5** | **Requires Approval by the Commission** |  |
| *Nichi* | 5a | Minutes from the October 6, 2020 Business Meeting ***(Attached)*** | *Organization and Operation* |
| *Jim* | 5b | FY21 Budget vs. Actual – November Report ***(Attached)*** | *Organization and Operation* |
| *John* | 5c | To Consider and Approve Maine Arts Academy’s Request to Amend School Mission ***(Attached)*** | *Authorizing* |
| *Bob/Gina* | 5d | To Consider and Approve ACADIA Academy’s 2019-2020 Annual Monitoring Report ***(Attached)*** | *Authorizing* |
| *Bob/Gina* | 5e | To Consider and Approve Harpswell Coastal Academy’s 2019-2020 Annual Monitoring Report ***(Attached)*** | *Authorizing* |
| *Bob/Gina* | 5f | To Consider and Approve Maine Academy of Natural Sciences’ 2019-2020 Annual Monitoring Report ***(Attached)*** | *Authorizing* |
|  | **6** | **Monthly School Portfolio/Data Report** |  |
| *Gina* | 6a | Current Enrollment Statistics ***(Attached)*** and Data Collected Through Epicenter ***(Attached)*** | *Monitoring/Oversight* |
| *Gina* | 6b | Panorama SEL Survey Update | *Monitoring/Oversight* |
|  | **7** | **Executive Director/Commission Staff Report**  |  |
|  |  | ***School-Related Items:*** |  |
| *Gina* | 7a | COVID-19 Updates | *Organization and Operation* |
|  |  | ***Commission-Related Items:*** |  |
| *Bob* | 7b | Charter School Program Study - “The Impact of Charter Schools on Maine’s Education System” ***(Attached)*** | *Organization and Operation* |
| *Bob* | 7c | NACSA Post-Conference Update | *Authorizing* |
| *Nichi* | **8** | **Comments from Commission Members** | *N/A* |
|  | 8a | Chair: |  |
|  |  | *School Liaison Assignments* ***(Attached)*** | *Monitoring/Oversight* |
|  | 8b | Vice Chair |  |
|  | 8c | School Liaisons |  |
|  | 8d | Search Committee Update and Possible Executive Session | *Organization and Operation* |
| ***Title 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS, Chapter 13: PUBLIC RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS, Subchapter 1: FREEDOM OF ACCESS, §405. Executive sessions******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 be present.*** |
| *Nichi* | **9** | **Announcements** | *N/A* |
|  | 9a | Submission of Travel and Expense Vouchers | *Organization and Operation* |
|  | 9b | Next Regular Business Meeting – December 8, 2020 *(Location to Be Determined)* | *Organization and Operation* |
| *Nichi* | **10** | **Public Comment\*** | *N/A* |
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| *Nichi* | **11** | **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.*