**Business Meeting**

**September 8, 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. |  |
|  | 2b | Definition of a Commission Discussion with Sarah Forster – 1:30pm ***(Attached)*** | *Authorizing* |
| *Nichi* | **3** | **Additions or Adjustments to the Agenda** | *N/A* |
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|  | **4** | **Requires Approval by the Commission** |  |
| *Nichi* | 4a | Minutes from the August 11, 2020 Business Meeting ***(Attached)*** | *Organization and Operation* |
| *Nichi* | 4b | Minutes from the August 26, 2020 Special Meeting | *Organization and Operation* |
| *Jim* | 4c | FY21 Budget vs. Actual – September Report | *Organization and Operation* |
| *Nichi* | 4d | To Consider and Approve Maine Connections Academy’s Request to Amend Enrollment ***(Attached)*** | *Monitoring/Oversight* |
| *Shelley* | 4e | To Consider and Approve Harpswell Coastal Academy’s 5th Grade Pre-Opening Report ***(Attached)*** | *Monitoring/Oversight* |
| *Fern* | 4f | To Consider and Approve Fiddlehead School of Arts & Sciences’ 7th Grade Pre-Opening Report ***(Attached)*** | *Monitoring/Oversight* |
|  | **5** | **Requires Notification to and Acceptance by the Commission** |  |
| *Fern* | 5a | To Consider and Accept Notification of the Hiring of Lori Towle as Fiddlehead School of Arts & Sciences’ Coordinator of Teaching and Learning ***(Attached)*** | *Monitoring/Oversight* |
| *John* | 5b | To Consider and Accept Notification of the Hiring of Angela Hesketh as Maine Academy of Natural Sciences’ Business Manager ***(Attached)*** | *Monitoring/Oversight* |
|  | **6** | **Monthly School Portfolio/Data Report** |  |
|  | 6a | Exit Interview Project and Results ***(Attached)*** | *Portfolio Update* |
|  | 6b | Enrollment Update | *Portfolio Update* |
|  | **7** | **Executive Director/Commission Staff Report**  |  |
|  |  | ***School-Related Items:*** |  |
|  |  | None |  |
|  |  | ***Commission-Related Items:*** |  |
|  |  | None |  |
| *Nichi* | **8** | **Comments from Commission Members** | *N/A* |
|  | 8a | Chair  |  |
|  | 8b | Vice Chair |  |
|  | 8c | School Liaisons |  |
|  | 8d | Search Committee Update  | *Organization and Operation* |
| *Nichi* | **9** | **Announcements** | *N/A* |
| *Amy* | 9a | Submission of Travel and Expense Vouchers | *Organization and Operation* |
|  | 9b | Next Regular Business Meeting – October 13, 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.*