**Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education**

# Schedule of Charter School and CMVS Items   September 2025 through June 2026   (as of September 2025)

**Note:** All items are tentatively scheduled and may be adjusted within the schedule as needed. Some items may not come before the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (Board) for discussion and vote because the Board has previously delegated authority to the Commissioner or because the Commissioner may not recommend granting a new charter/certificate or a school’s request. Following the list of items, the Department has provided a copy of its web posting which solicits public comment on authorizing items that may come before the Board during the 2025-26 school year.

**September 2025**

* Felix Commonwealth Virtual School - Adjustment of Conditions

**September Informational Items**

* *Charter Schools – Authorizing Overview for 2025-26*
* *Commonwealth of Massachusetts Virtual Schools – Authorizing Overview for 2025-26*
* *Report on Commissioner Approval of Collaborative Agreements/Amendments for FY2025*

**October 2025**

**October Informational Items**

* *Report on Student Learning Time Waivers for Remote Programming Granted by Commissioner*
* *Report on Approval of Loans Beyond the Charter Duration*

**November 2025**

* *No items scheduled*

**December 2025**

* *No items scheduled*

**January 2026**

* *Amendment of Charters (tentative)*
  + Roxbury Preparatory Charter School
* *Preview of New Charter Process (tentative)*

**January Informational Items**

* *Report on Contract Approvals Previously Delegated to the Commissioner*

**February 2026**

* *New Charter Application (tentative)*
* *Preview of New CMVS Application (tentative)*

**February Previews of Intended Actions**

* *Renewal Decisions or Recommendations*
  + Alma Del Mar Charter School
  + Boston Green Academy Horace Mann Charter School
  + Bridge Boston Charter School
  + Innovation Academy Charter School
  + Learning First Charter Public School
  + Martha’s Vineyard Public Charter School
  + Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter School of Excellence
  + New Heights Charter School of Brockton
  + Prospect Hill Academy Charter School

* *Renewal Decisions and Report on Conditions*
  + Benjamin Banneker Charter Public School
  + Codman Academy Charter Public School
  + Phoenix Academy Charter Public High School, Chelsea
  + Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School
* *Report on Conditions*
  + Baystate Academy Charter Public School
  + Marblehead Community Charter Public School
  + Pioneer Charter School of Science II
  + Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School
  + Roxbury Preparatory Charter School

**March 2026**

* *Renewal Recommendation and Report on CMVS Conditions*
* *New CMVS Application (tentative)*

**March Informational Items**

* *Report on February Actions Taken by the Commissioner*

**April 2026 and May 2026**

* *No items scheduled*

**June 2026**

* *No items scheduled*

Charter Amendment Request Pending Board Action

(Grade Span)

Pursuant to the Charter School Regulations, 603 CMR 1.10(1), the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (Board) must approve certain changes in the material terms of a school's charter. This year (2025-2026), the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Department) received one request from an existing charter school that involves changes to the school’s grade span.

Roxbury Preparatory Charter School

* Location: Boston
* Grades served: 5-12
* Maximum enrollment: 1,800
* Districts in region: Boston
* Proposed amendment to charter: Add grades PK-4 to the current 5-12 grade span to create a PK-12 school

Please contact the Department at [charterschools@mass.gov](mailto:charterschools@mass.gov) to obtain copies of the submitted amendment request.

Section 1.10 of 603 CMR contains several criteria that the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education (Commissioner) and the Board may consider in reaching a determination regarding a school's request to amend its charter. First, "the Commissioner and the Board may consider a charter school's compliance with applicable state, federal, and local law." Second, the Commissioner and the Board may consider the evidence regarding the success of the school's academic program, the viability of the school as an organization, and the faithfulness of the school to the terms of its charter. Third, if seeking an increase in student enrollment from certain districts, the board of trustees must qualify as a "proven provider" based on the existing school and must meet the performance criteria described in 603 CMR 1.04(4). Fourth, schools must address additional criteria as outlined in the Department's [guidelines](https://www.doe.mass.edu/charter/governance/board-amendment-guidelines.docx) on amendments.

The Department currently anticipates bringing this matter to the Board for consideration at a meeting no earlier than January 27, 2026, if the request is recommended by the Commissioner for approval. Updates on this process may be found on the Department’s [Board Meeting Schedule and Agendas](https://www.doe.mass.edu/bese/boedate.html) website.

The Department solicits comments from the superintendent of the school district within the charter school's district. Members of the public may submit written comments regarding a school's amendment request to: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, c/o Office of Charter Schools and School Redesign, 135 Santilli Highway, Everett, MA 02149 or by email to [charterschools@mass.gov](mailto:charterschools@mass.gov). Email is preferred. The deadline for public comment is December 5, 2025. The deadline is guided by the Board's anticipated schedule regarding charter school matters.

FY26 Applications for Renewal of Charters

This winter, the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education (Commissioner) will make recommendations to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (Board) regarding the renewal of the charters for 13 schools. Please contact the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Department) at [charterschools@mass.gov](mailto:charterschools@mass.gov) to obtain copies of any of the applications for renewal.

Consistent with charter school regulations, the review of the school's application for renewal for another five-year term is guided by evidence regarding the success of the school's academic program, the viability of the school as an organization, and the faithfulness of the school to the terms of its charter. The Commissioner's recommendations will consider each school's performance at the time of the charter renewal as well as the progress it has made during the past four years of operation. The evaluation will include a review of evidence such as the school's academic performance, accountability plan performance, annual reports, financial record, and application for renewal, as well as assessments conducted by the Department.

We currently anticipate that these matters will be brought to the Board for consideration prior to the February 24, 2026 meeting. Please check [Board Meeting Schedule and Agendas](https://www.doe.mass.edu/bese/boedate.html) for updates.

The Department invites written comments from superintendents in the school districts within each charter school's current district or region. Please see the table below for a list of charter schools that have submitted applications for renewal and the schools' associated districts. Comments may be submitted by December 5, 2025 to: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, c/o Office of Charter Schools and School Redesign, 135 Santilli Highway, Everett, MA 02149 or by email to [charterschools@mass.gov](mailto:charterschools@doe.mass.edu). Email is preferred.

Alma del Mar Charter School

* Chartered district or region: New Bedford
* Chartered maximum enrollment: 1,044
* Chartered grade span: K-8

Benjamin Banneker Charter Public School

* Chartered district or region: Cambridge, Somerville
* Chartered maximum enrollment: 350
* Chartered grade span: PK-6

Boston Green Academy Horace Mann Charter School

* Chartered district or region: Boston
* Chartered maximum enrollment: 595
* Chartered grade span: 7-12

Bridge Boston Charter School

* Chartered district or region: Boston
* Chartered maximum enrollment: 335
* Chartered grade span: PK-8

Codman Academy Charter Public School

* Chartered district or region: Boston
* Chartered maximum enrollment: 345
* Chartered grade span: PK-12

Innovation Academy Charter School

* Chartered district or region: Billerica, Chelmsford, Dracut, Groton-Dunstable, Littleton, Lowell, Tewksbury, Tyngsborough, Westford
* Chartered maximum enrollment: 800
* Chartered grade span: 5-12

Learning First Charter Public School

* Chartered district or region: Worcester
* Chartered maximum enrollment: 666
* Chartered grade span: K-8

Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School

* Chartered district or region: Edgartown, Martha’s Vineyard, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, Up Island Regional
* Chartered maximum enrollment: 180
* Chartered grade span: K-12

Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter School of Excellence

* Chartered district or region: Springfield
* Chartered maximum enrollment: 360
* Chartered grade span: K-5

New Heights Charter School of Brockton

* Chartered district or region: Brockton, Randolph, Taunton
* Chartered maximum enrollment: 735
* Chartered grade span: 6-12

Phoenix Academy Charter Public High School, Chelsea

* Chartered district or region: Chelsea, Everett, Lynn, Revere
* Chartered maximum enrollment: 225
* Chartered grade span: 9-12

Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School

* Chartered district or region: Agawam, Amherst-Pelham, Belchertown, Chicopee, East Longmeadow, Easthampton, Granby, Hadley, Hampden-Wilbraham, Hampshire, Hatfield, Holyoke, Ludlow, Northampton, South Hadley, Springfield, West Springfield, Westfield
* Chartered maximum enrollment: 400
* Chartered grade span: 7-12

Prospect Hill Academy Charter School

* Chartered district or region: Cambridge, Revere, Somerville, Waltham, Watertown, Woburn
* Chartered maximum enrollment: 1,200
* Chartered grade span: PK-12

FY26 Applications for Renewal of Virtual School Certificates

In March 2026, the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education (Commissioner) will make recommendations to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (Board) regarding the renewal of the certificates for two Commonwealth of Massachusetts Virtual Schools (CMVS). Please contact the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Department) at [virtualschools@mass.gov](mailto:virtualschools@mass.gov) to obtain copies of the CMVS applications for renewal.

“An Act Establishing Commonwealth Virtual Schools” (Act) authorized the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to establish Commonwealth of Massachusetts Virtual Schools (CMVS) that operated under certificates granted by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (Board) and are governed by public board of trustees. The Act amended Chapter 71, by adding Section 94. The commonwealth virtual school law, Massachusetts state law, [G.L. c. 71, §](https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXII/Chapter71/Section94)94, and regulations, [603 CMR 52.00](https://www.doe.mass.edu/lawsregs/603cmr52.html) and 603 CMR 52.04, permit the Board to grant certificates for not less than three years and not more than five years.

The Board will consider renewal applications pursuant to the criteria set forth in in 603 CMR 52.11, 603 CMR 52.04, and M.G.L. c. 71, § 94. The commissioner will make a recommendation to the Board regarding CMVS renewal applications in March 2026. The decision by the Board to renew a certificate shall be based upon the presentation of affirmative evidence regarding the faithfulness of the virtual school to the terms of its certificate, the virtual school's academic program, and the viability of the virtual school as an organization.

We currently anticipate that these matters will be brought to the Board for consideration at the March 24, 2026 meeting. Please check [Board Meeting Schedule and Agendas](https://www.doe.mass.edu/bese/boedate.html) for updates.

The Department invites written comments from superintendents and other interested parties regarding the CMVS renewal applications. Please see the table below for a list of CMVS that have submitted applications for renewal. Comments may be submitted by December 5, 2025 to: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, c/o Office of Charter Schools and School Redesign, 135 Santilli Highway, Everett, MA 02149 or by email to [virtualschools@mass.gov](mailto:virtualschools@mass.gov). Email is preferred.

Greater Commonwealth Virtual School

* Region: Statewide
* Maximum enrollment: 1,200
* Grade span: K-12

TEC Connections Academy Commonwealth Virtual School

* Region: Statewide
* Maximum enrollment: 3,000
* Grade span: K-12