

MASSART

**Board of Trustees
Administration & Finance Committee
November 21, 2025
Meeting Minutes**

Committee members in attendance: Committee Chair Suzanne Bump; Board Chair Daren Bascome; Trustees Keane, Ramapriya, and Sherman

Other Trustees in attendance: Trustees Giraldo and Saragoni

Others in attendance: President Mary Grant, Hannah Johnson, Robert Perry, Robert Chambers, Brenda Molife, Corey Zink, Nick Fetzer, Scott Connolly, Jim Kane, Deb Saks, Ariel Perez, Mariah Doren, Theresa O'Bryant, Camellia Sousa, Emily Foster Day, Anthony Flackett, Margaret Maki, Lyssa Palu-ay, Temple Gill

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bump at 12:03 pm.

2. Approval of the Minutes – October 3, 2025 and October 15, 2025

On a motion by Trustee Keane and a second by Trustee Sherman, it was then unanimously **VOTED: to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2025 and October 15, 2025 Administration and Finance committee meetings**, by roll-call vote.

Yes: Chair Bump, Board Chair Bascome, Trustee Keane, Trustee Ramapriya, Trustee Sherman

3. Action Items

- a) Vote to refer the proposed fees, not to exceed those listed, associated with the following to the full board for approval:**
 - i. PCE's Art New England, Youth Programs, and Teaching for Artistic Behavior, effective Summer 2026, and**
 - ii. Graduate Programs Boston Low Residency MFA, Academic Year 2026-2027**

VP Perry and AVP Fetzer presented PCE's Youth Programs, MassArt New England, and Teaching for Artistic Behavior (TAB), and Graduate Program's Boston Low-Res MFA proposed fees. Rates are set early in the calendar year for promotional purposes to maximize enrollment. Increases are necessary due to increases in contractual services, supply and personnel costs.

The proposed PCE rate increases average 2.79% for youth programs and 3.04% for Continuing Education. The proposed increase for the Low Res MFA program is 3.3%. These rates are on the low end for Grad and in the middle range for PCE as compared to peer schools.

On a motion by Trustee Keane and a second by Trustee Sherman, it was then unanimously **VOTED to refer the proposed fees, not to exceed those listed, associated with the following to the full board for approval:**

- i. **PCE’s Art New England, Youth Programs, and Teaching for Artistic Behavior, effective Summer 2026, and**
- ii. **Graduate Programs Boston Low Residency MFA, Academic Year 2026-2027**

Yes: Chair Bump, Board Chair Bascome, Trustee Keane, Trustee Ramapriya, Trustee Sherman

4. Updates:

a) FY26 Budget

VP Perry reviewed the FY26 budget through October 31st. The overall budget approach continues to be conservative, and A&F expects to end the fiscal year on or close to budget as proposed.

b) Facilities

AVP Jim Kane reviewed several facility improvements including the “Naturals” food station in the Tree House, new appliances in the Kennedy Cafe. There are several DCAMM capital improvements in the study phase including HVAC for MAAM that will allow them to properly host more exhibits, Tower Fire Pump replacement and Collins Fire Alarm upgrade.

i. Master Planning

VP Perry and VP/CoS Chambers said the Campus Master Planning Committee will be kicking off in December to work through the summer to develop a 10 year Campus Master Plan. Our partners at DCAMM are completing the RFQ process and will soon announce the selected House Doctor firm that will guide the committee through the process.

c) Cybersecurity Update

Interim CIO Deb Saks reviewed MassArt’s Cybersecurity and steps the IT team takes to protect the campus from cybersecurity threats. These initiatives include multi-factor authentication, user engagement, training and assessments. MassArt works with a highly respected cybersecurity firm and has excellent incident detection and response capabilities and strong cybersecurity best practices in place.

5. New Business

There was no new business.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Bump at 1:07 pm.

Meeting Materials:

- *Meeting Minutes – October 3, 2025*
- *Meeting Minutes – October 15, 2025*
- *A&F PowerPoint Presentation*
- *PCE Rates Memo*
- *Grad Rates Memo*