

NEW ORLEANS
MILITARY & MARITIME
ACADEMY

Meeting Minutes

20 Sep 2023

6:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Board President, Col Terry Ebbert, at 5:53 p.m.

Roll call – Col Terry Ebbert, Mr. James Bean, Mr. Peyton Bush, Mr. Doug Downing, MajGen David Mize, LtCol Tom Shinn, Mr. David Welker.

Absent – Mr. Arnold Baker, Mr. Hudson Ellis, Dr. Marcellus Grace, MGySgt Melanie Young.

1. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve June 28, 2023 Board Minutes by Mr. Downing, seconded by Mr. Bush; all in favor unanimously.
2. Reports and Recommendations

A. Financial Report – Presented by the NOMMA Finance Director and Mr. Doug Downing. Cash & US T-Bills of \$6.2M represents approximately 5.4 months of operating expenses, which is a strong liquid position. Bonds payable are due in 2034 – Interest only is due until then, 90% of which is subsidized by the US Treasury. Total Net Assets of \$12.9M is a strong financial position. Total Revenues under budget by \$190k. State and Local under budget by \$97k due to MFP being paid at \$12,104 on student count of 864 vs budget of \$12,709 on student count of 910. Federal and State Grants are under budget by \$(47k). Total Expenses are under budget by \$(210k). Salaries and benefits are under budget by \$(83k) due to open positions. Other Services are under budget by \$(93) due to Dual Enrollment \$(38k), insurance (\$34k) resulting in Change in Net Assets before Depreciation exceed budget by \$21k.

B. General School Update – Commandant gave the update. Current cadet enrollment at 910. Additional students potentially enrolling this week. The enrollment/student count fluctuates between August and usually settles by 1 October. Current employee count stands at 136 with additional positions (Facilities Engineer, PASS personnel); we are still seeking an Athletic Director. This is the largest employee count in NOMMA's history. The Commandant spoke of student mental health and wellness issues among numerous youths throughout the nation and described how NOMMA is addressing these challenges. PASS (Positive Alternatives and Student Support) Program is part of NOMMA's solution and is up and running, located in our newly acquired Fitness Center. SOS (Signs of Suicide) program is a one-day suicide prevention program and is scheduled to be held in classes on 9/26. New Schools for Baton Rouge (NSBR) is interested in replicating our school there. If there is interest from NOMMA, the next step is a feasibility study at no cost to NOMMA. NSBR desires to meet with NOMMA board. NOMMA will participated in Student Pledge Against Gun Violence scheduled for October.

JROTC – designated as naval honor school. Based on scholastics, competitions performance, community service, inspections. Beginning Commandant Cup Competition program to build

class and grade level spirit and teamwork through weekly fitness/drill/knowledge challenges. 3. Competed in the Walker High School Raider PT Meet (selected team of cadets volunteer, train, and compete in this unique event that includes a series of obstacle courses that must be negotiated. Cadets had a great time and showed great spirit and sportsmanship)

C. Academic Update – Principal gave the update.

Completed events - Teacher Orientation, Cadet Orientation, Teacher Professional Development Day.

Upcoming Events- SOS Signs of Suicide training for cadets; Parent Teacher Conferences, Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration, ACT, College Fair, senior parent APPLY night, Congressional Medal of Honor event, MCJROTC Ball, Veteran's Day celebration.

Third-party partnership enrollments: Delgado - 21, University of Holy Cross - 3, Operation Spark - 1, New Orleans Career Center - 3. Criminal Justice – pilot NOPD Cadet Program in New Orleans; Maritime - cadets expecting Delgado CTS.

Athletics – Volleyball (2-6) and Cross Country (1st meet 9/23) are underway. Upcoming- Basketball, Soccer, Wrestling, and Powerlifting.

PASS Update - total number of cadets assigned to PASS – 28.

D. Facilities Update – Fitness Center basic improvements, door locks. Cameras being installed. Equipment being repaired and maintained to make sure its functional and safe. Floor covering has been ordered for gym. Will hold first college fair w/out paying for auditorium. Building 10 will have groundbreaking soon. Will meet with contractors in regard to safety issues which may arise. Armed Intruder Drill was recently held. Will continue to refine and develop.

E. Development Update – NSTR

F. Nominating Committee – NSTR.

Unfinished Business – Commandant provided.

A. Campus Expansion – Master Plan has been submitted to the board members. Commandant provided a presentation regarding fundraising plan.

B. NOMMA Foundation - NSTR

3. New Business –

A. SY 2023-2024 Pupil Progression Plan. Motion to accept plan as submitted by Mr. Bush, seconded by LtCol Shinn; all in favor unanimously.

B. SY 2023-2024 Proposed Board Meeting Dates. Modification to November requested.

4. Public Comment – None

5. Remarks from Board Members – None
6. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 7:01 pm by LtCol Shinn , second by Mr. Welker; all in favor unanimously.
7. Executive Session – a motion to move to Executive Session at 6:26 p.m. was made by Mr. Bush, second by Mr. Downing; all in favor unanimously. Executive session was adjourned and the regular meeting was reconvened at 6:38 p.m.
8. Next Meeting Date: TBD