NEW ORLEANS
MILITARY & MARITIME ACADEMY

Meeting Minutes

30 April 2025

5:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Board President, Col Terry Ebbert, at 5:05 p.m.

1. Roll Call – Col Terry Ebbert, Mr. Arnold Baker, Mr. Doug Downing, Mr. James Reiss III (ZOOM), Mr. David Welker

   Absent – Mr. James Bean, Mr. Peyton Bush, Dr. Marcellus Grace, MajGen David Mize

2. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve January 29, 2025 Board Minutes, as amended, by Mr Downing, seconded by Mr. Baker; all in favor unanimously.

3. Reports and Recommendations

   A. Financial Report – Presented by NOMMA Finance Director and Mr. Downing. Cash & US T-bills of $7M ($5.7M in T-bills) represent approximately 5 months of operating expenses which represents a strong liquid position. Total Net Assets of $13M represent a strong financial position. Total Revenues of $12,151k – exceeding budget by $9k. Total Expenses of $12,674k – over budget by $27k resulting in change in net assets before depreciation of $(524k) which is over budget by $(18k). Capital Expenditures - Suite 112 renovations $184k budgeted at $175k, HVAC Fitness Center $82k budgeted at $100k. Unbudgeted - Fourth District Repairs $48k and Kitchen HVAC - $22k

   B. General School Update – Commandant gave the update. Our current student count is 932. 25-26 enrollment target is 975. Preliminary placements have not changed and currently sit at 1018. Open Enrollment target numbers are due to NOLA-PS by 7 May. Open Enrollment begins 14 May. (3) additional Open House events have been scheduled for 8 May, 19 May, and 3 June. 143 staff members, including 1 on FMLA. We are moving towards our end-of-year activities. NOMMA should be proud that in our short history we have our first Military Service Academy appointment as one of our seniors will attend the U.S. Naval Academy. MARFORRES Commander will visit NOMMA next week at 1300 on 8 May. Discipline update: currently 9.8% OSS rate. During our most recent JROTC drill meet we placed 2nd overall. We placed 1st in the Armed/Unarmed category. Several cadets volunteered to support the Zurich Classic. We hosted our annual Change of Command ceremony yesterday. Our cadets were well behaved and looked sharp, in addition we hosted our annual Spring Arts Festival last night. Commandant briefed the board on an incident that occurred with our neighbors conducting training with no prior notification. A discussion amongst the board based on ICE and DOGE was initiated by Mr. Baker.

   C. Academic Update – Principal gave the update. Notable Accomplishments - NOMMA Named 2025 School Physical Activity Finalist Awardee at BESE meeting 6/3/25. Completed Events - 3/26 10th, 11th, and 12th grade ACT, 4/11 Prom, 4/14-4/21 Spring Break, 4/14-4/17Senior Trip with 91 cadets. 4/23 SEAC complete. 4/28 Labmar internship interviews – 6 applicants. Upcoming

Events - 5/5Junior Ring Ceremony, 5/6 Athletic Awards, 5/13 NOMMA Awards Ceremony, 5/14 Senior Gear return, 5/16 Graduation Practice, and on 5/17 NOMMA Graduation at the Alario Center at 10:00 a.m. Teacher Appreciation Week is next week. Ongoing events: Testing season includes LEAP, CLEP, 200+ cadets, AP, and IBC. Awards Season: Athletic, Grade Level, and NOMMA Awards. Athletics- Softball (9-4) district champions, Baseball (3-14). Currently ongoing: Track and field regional on 5/1 - 16 cadets. Summer workouts - wrestling, girls' soccer, basketball, volleyball, and daily weightlifting. Col Ebbert discussed having an article about our school in The Gazette or Leatherneck magazine for nationwide recognition.

D. Facilities Update – Operations Director provided. HVACs are an issue on both the main campus and at the Fitness Center. We continue to make repairs and provide maintenance service to units, but may need to make investment this calendar year. We obtained a rental AC unit for arts festival and upcoming 3-4 events. Maintenance, clean up and beautification planned for summer.

E. Development Update – Stewart Foundation 200k over 5 years. 25k Brown Foundation and there are 8 pending grants totaling 230k.

F. Board Membership Committee – Board President stated that need to formalize membership requirements and recruitment of new personnel. Board president will participate in required training in May; all members will be required to complete similar training during the next school year. A revised draft of board member requirements, expectations, and practices will be circulated in the coming months.

4. Unfinished Business – Commandant provided.

A. Campus Expansion/Capital Campaign Update – Board President, Commandant, Principal, and selected cadets attended Louisiana Public Charter School Day at the Louisiana Capital in Baton Rouge. Commandant and President met with legislators to brief them on NOMMA and campus expansion plans. Specifically, the Commandant spoke to legislators about our current capital outlay request of $1.6mm and further requested $250K to be allocated to NOMMA this coming year to continue design and development work. The project is currently focused on completing design for Historic Building #2. We will also consider alternative design plans that may include the former NOPD headquarters. The cadets experienced a meaningful learning event, especially regarding the role of charter schools and the functioning of state government. Col Ebbert felt that the trip to the LAPCS conference was highly beneficial for our school.

5. New Business - Commandant provided. NSTR. Financial disclosure forms are due to the state by 15 May.

6. Public Comment – None.

7. Remarks from Board Members – Reminder of graduation on 17 May at 10 a.m.

8. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 5:50 pm by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Welker; all in favor unanimously.

Next Meeting Date: June 25, 2025