

NEW ORLEANS
MILITARY & MARITIME
ACADEMY

Meeting Minutes

29 Apr 2026

5:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Board President, Col Terry Ebbert, at 5:02 p.m.

1. Roll Call – Col Terry Ebbert, Mr. James Bean, Mr. Doug Downing, Dr. Marcellus Grace, MajGen David Mize, Mr. David Welker, Mr. Casey Willis

Absent – Mr. Arnold Baker, Mr. Peyton Bush, Mr. Ron Loesel, Mr. James Reiss

2. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve Mar 25, 2026 Board Minutes by Mr. Downing, seconded Mr. Welker; all in favor unanimously.

3. Reports and Recommendations

A. Financial Report – Presented by NOMMA Finance Director and Mr. Downing. Cash & US T-bills of \$8.1 (\$6.6M in T-bills) represents approximately 5.5 months of operating expenses which represents a strong liquid position. Total Net Assets of \$13.1M represents a strong financial position. Total Revenues of \$13,266k – under budget by \$(326k). Total Expenses of \$13,394k – over budget by \$214k. Resulting in Change in Net Assets before Depreciation of \$(128k) as compared budget of \$412k which is under budget by \$(540k). Capital Expenditures - Construction in Progress - \$1,200. Capital Outlay NOMMA portion – \$0 vs budget of \$400k. HVAC Main Campus \$0 vs budget of \$250k.

B. General School Update – Commandant gave the update. Enrollment currently at 966. SY26-27 enrollment placements currently at 1101 with Open Enrollment round beginning 13 May. NOMMA match target set at 1190 for goal of 1 Oct student count of 1040. Open House events scheduled and widely advertised for 7 May, 18 May, and 4 June; thus far, eighty (80) families are signed up for 7 May. Overall, indicators suggest we are on track to meet enrollment goal. We are continuing heightened media advertisement efforts, typical for this time of year. Employee count currently at 144 with (2) currently on medical leave. (1) employee scheduled to return to military orders with LANG. Currently in process of planning employee roster for next school year. We have intensified Marine Instructor and SgtMaj recruiting efforts. First draft complete of document NOMMA as own expulsion authority; going through attorney review. JROTC worked in conjunction with academic rep to support cadets participating in LA High School Rally district meet. Celebrating April as the Month of the Military Child. Cadet Change of Command ceremony scheduled for Monday 4 May to establish cadet leadership team for SY 2026-27. Will be supporting upcoming color guards on morning and evening of 15 May. Completed US Coast Guard swear-in ceremony for one cadet.

C. Academic Update – Principal gave the update. Completed Events - Senior Trip, Spring Break, CLEP Tests, State Literary Rally 2 cadets qualified, 4/18 Prom, Spring Arts Festival at gym, LDPE featured NOMMA EL programming at EL Leader convening. Ongoing Events - LEAP Assessments. Upcoming Events - LEAP Assessments; 5/4-5/8 Teacher Appreciation, 5/4 Change of Command; 5/4, 5/6, 5/8, AP Assessments; 5/11, Junior Ring Ceremony; 5/13, Athletic Awards; 5/14, NOMMA Awards at the Fitness Center; 5/16, 10:00 a.m. Graduation at the Alario Center; 5/19-5/21 - Final Exams; Teacher Leader Summit; Summer School. Class of 2026 - Expected Graduates: 166; Non-Grads: 2 due to LEAP – still 1 more opportunity to retake the LEAP in June; Scholarships: \$2,070,000; SAME Scholarship (\$3000) awarded to one of our cadets. Discipline Update - OSS: 11.1%; ISS: 40.4%; PASS 18.3%. Frequent Offenses: ISS- uniform violation, failure to serve consequence, cellphone. OSS- possession/use of a vape, participate/instigate a physical altercation. PASS- vape, disrespect faculty/cadet, habitually violate school rules. SHO: 20 cadets referred to the hearing office; 7 expulsion hearings, 13 disciplinary conferences; 1 cadet expelled from NOMMA. Athletics - Track & Field had 33 regional qualifiers this year and will compete at regionals on 4/29. Any state qualifiers will compete at LSU on 5/7. Softball finished as district champions! Baseball finished as the district runner-up. Volleyball tryouts will be held on May 4th and 5th. All teams plan to engage in summer activities.

D. Facilities Update – Operations Director provided. Renovation to storage area/warehouse in the back of Bldg 16 has started. It will provide additional space and be climate controlled. Our Facilities Engineer has improved the capacity and lifespan of our current HVAC system, but issues persist as equipment ages; facilities team will continue to work on AC units proactively as we head into warmer months. Recently attended the ADD Board Meeting; Sureway bus company rep requested extension of September deadline to relocate from Fed City. NOMMA continues to monitor to ensure Sureway will be able to provide service to summer school and as new school year begins in August.

E. Development Update – Yesterday, NOMMA received a 30k grant from the Brown Foundation in support of Career and Technical Education, bringing philanthropic donations for this FY over \$100K; 825k in declined requests. Accelerate completing prospect research of NOMMA national grant eligibility. Board members are encouraged to donate through GiveNOLA Day to support operations or directly to school to support capital campaign.

F. Board Membership Committee – Board President provided – noted importance of maintaining standing finance committee and requested members consider chairing the committee. Extended thank you to new board members, who are now required to go through a formal background check.

4. Unfinished Business – Commandant provided.

A. Campus Expansion/Capital Outlay/Capital Campaign Update – Commandant provided. The Goldring Foundation voted to provide a matching grant for NOMMA Phase 1 Campus

Improvement Campaign, and will pay \$1 for every \$2 raised up to \$2M, match expires 6/30/2027. Response from Benson Foundation pending.

5. New Business

A. Commandant introduced requirement to present, discuss next school year's budget in a board meeting that precedes a future budget meeting when board will vote to adopt the budget. SY2026-27 Budget – Finance Director provided. Current planning of FY27 budget reflects revenue of \$19,059k which exceeds projected FY26 by \$356k; FY27 budgeted expense is \$19,038k which exceeds projected FY26 by \$492k. FY27 budgeted change in net assets before depreciation of \$21k which is less than projected FY26 by \$(135k). For FY26 we are expecting a profit before depreciation of \$156k. Revenue Comments - State and Local Public School Financing – increase of \$755k. MFP funding from the State of Louisiana is budgeted at \$15,038 student for 1,006 cadets (average of 3 most recent student counts), compared to projected FY 26 of \$14,743 for 972 cadets. FY27 budget reflects a 2% increase in MFP/state funding per cadet. FY26 projected increase of \$3.5% (average MFP/state funding increase for FY21-FY26 averaged 5.2%). Private Donations - \$400k. Expense Comments - Salaries and Employee Benefits: Planning annual salary increase of 1% for staff, resulting in increase of \$166k (does not incl benefits). Medical insurance expense increase of 12%. Capital Expenditures Budget – FY27; Capital Outlay – NOMMA portion - \$500k. HVAC – Main Campus \$250k.

6. Remarks from Board Members – MajGen Mize briefed board on recent successful visit from MajGen Clark, and his wife, from MARFORRES and described it as mutually beneficial.

7. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 6:13 p.m. by Mr. Welker, seconded by Mr. Bean; all in favor unanimously.

Next Meeting Date: May 27, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.