

**MASSACHUSETTS MARITIME ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

ZOOM

Two Hundred and Seventy-Second Meeting of the MMA Board of Trustees
Friday, 11 March 2022

PRESENT: Trustees Chalas, McMichen, Panchley, Park, Shores, Thomann, Turkington, Wilkinson, Vice Chairman Connor, and Madam Chair Waters

ABSENT: Trustee Kane

CALL TO ORDER

Madam Chair Waters called the meeting to order at 0904 in accordance with the Massachusetts Open Meeting Laws. The meeting meets a physical quorum due to the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education making remote participation meet quorums due to the COVID-19 pandemic. (Note: all participants were remote).

CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT

Madam Chair Waters requested a moment of silence for Ukraine. She then asked Vice-Chair Connor to chair the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-Chair Connor requested a motion to approve the Board of Trustees' minutes from 03 December 2021 as written. Trustee Wilkinson motioned to approve the Board of Trustees minutes from 03 December 2021 as written, seconded, MOVED unanimously by roll call vote:

- Trustee Chalas - yes
- Trustee Connor - yes
- Trustee Kane-absent
- Trustee McMichen - yes
- Trustee Panchley - yes
- Trustee Park – yes
- Trustee Shores - yes
- Trustee Thomann- yes
- Trustee Turkington - yes
- Trustee Wilkinson - yes
- Madam Chair Waters - yes

Vice-Chair Connor requested a motion to approve the Board of Trustees' minutes from 15 December 2021 as written. Trustee Wilkinson motioned to approve the Board of Trustees minutes from 15 December 2021 as written, seconded, MOVED unanimously by roll call vote:

- Trustee Chalas - yes
- Trustee Connor - yes
- Trustee Kane-absent
- Trustee McMichen - yes
- Trustee Panchley - yes
- Trustee Park – yes
- Trustee Shores - yes
- Trustee Thomann- yes

- **Trustee Turkington - yes**
- **Trustee Wilkinson - yes**
- **Madam Chair Waters – yes**

REPORTS FROM CAMPUS CONSTITUENTS

Regimental Commander

1/C Daniel McAuliffe, Regimental Commander, reported the regiment is in good standing; starting to solicit new regimental staff for AY22/23. The year has gone by quickly.

Student Government Association

1/C Kolby Barbieri reported on upcoming events including Spirit of Boston and Ring Dance; working on acquiring a food truck for all home sporting events to increase attendance and there are many new clubs such as Fishing; Corn Hole; and Crossfit.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

RADM Francis X. McDonald, President, recapped COVID history (closing campus two years ago) and how the campus community has weathered the storm. Human Resources is working double time on hiring; the training vessels NSMV and Schooner Ernestina Morrissey are coming along; working on enrollment and increasing awareness of mental health.

He commanded the Regiment and SGA for adapting and moving forward with the sea term and experiential learning along with faculty and staff offering vibrant academic programs.

STRATEGIC INFORMATION REPORTS

Facilities & Finance Committee Report

Committee Chairman Turkington made a motion to approve Facilities & Finance-FY22-04, to consider authorizing and approving a tuition and fee increase of up to 2.5% for FY23 for undergraduate and Division of Graduate and Continuing Education courses contingent on the Commonwealth's FY23 budget, seconded, MOVED unanimously by roll call vote:

- **Trustee Chalas - yes**
- **Trustee Connor - yes**
- **Trustee Kane-absent**
- **Trustee McMichen - yes**
- **Trustee Panchley - yes**
- **Trustee Park - abstain**
- **Trustee Shores - yes**
- **Trustee Thomann- yes**
- **Trustee Turkington - yes**
- **Trustee Wilkinson - yes**
- **Madam Chair Waters - yes**

Discussion ensued around Trustee Park hosting a town hall for students to explain:

- The cost to run the Academy
- Provide background on food service and costs

Committee Chairman Turkington made a motion to approve Facilities & Finance-FY22-05, to consider authorizing and approving up to 4% contracted daily rate increase for Chartwells Dining Services for FY23, seconded, MOVED unanimously by roll call vote:

- Trustee Chalas - yes
- Trustee Connor - yes
- Trustee Kane-absent
- Trustee McMichen - yes
- Trustee Panchley - yes
- Trustee Park - abstain
- Trustee Shores - yes
- Trustee Thomann- yes
- Trustee Turkington - yes
- Trustee Wilkinson - yes
- Madam Chair Waters - yes

There were no other updates at this time.

Marine Operations Committee Report

Trustee Wilkinson thanked Dean McKenna for filling in for CAPT Pavilonis on Committee Day. He requested any updates from liaisons.

CAPT Brigid Pavilonis, Vice President of Academic Affairs, reported that *T. S. Kennedy* did not depart for the shipyard as scheduled due to lack of bids; Texas A&M will use *T. S. Kennedy* during the months of June and July; possibly shipyard will take place in August.

Mr. Brian Cherry, Director of Operations & Maintenance reported in CAPT Allen G. Metcalfe, Jr., absence. The steel is going up at the Beachmoor.

Education Committee Report

Committee Chair Chalas requested a motion to approve Education-FY22-01 to authorize and approve the granting of tenure effective 01 September 2022. Trustee Panchley motioned to approve Education-FY22-01 to authorize and approve the granting of tenure effective 01 September 2022, seconded, MOVED unanimously by roll call vote:

- Trustee Chalas - yes
- Trustee Connor - yes
- Trustee Kane-absent
- Trustee McMichen - absent
- Trustee Panchley - yes
- Trustee Park - yes
- Trustee Shores - yes
- Trustee Thomann- yes
- Trustee Turkington - yes
- Trustee Wilkinson - yes
- Madam Chair Waters - yes

CAPT Brigid Pavilonis, Vice President of Academic Affairs, reported all candidates have been duly reviewed.

Congratulations to:

LCDR Kurt DeCicco -Marine Transportation
Dr. Gregory Russell-Engineering

Dr. Anton Smith- Humanities
Dr. Edward Valla –Emergency Management

Committee Chair Chalas requested a motion to approve Education-FY22-02 to authorize and approve Education-FY22-02 to consider approving and accepting Representative Ronald J. Mariano as an Honorary Degree Recipient for Commencement 18 June 2022. Trustee Wilkinson motioned to approve Education-FY22-02 to authorize and approve Education-FY22-02 to consider approving and accepting Representative Ronald J. Mariano as an Honorary Degree Recipient for Commencement 18 June 2022, seconded, MOVED unanimously by roll call vote:

- **Trustee Chalas - yes**
- **Trustee Connor - yes**
- **Trustee Kane-absent**
- **Trustee McMichen - yes**
- **Trustee Panchley - yes**
- **Trustee Park - yes**
- **Trustee Shores - yes**
- **Trustee Thomann- yes**
- **Trustee Turkington - yes**
- **Trustee Wilkinson - yes**
- **Madam Chair Waters - yes**

Student Life Committee Report

Dr. Shannon Finning, Vice President of Student Services, reported the search is ongoing for the Commandant of Cadets/Dean of Students; 1/C Kolby was elected Massachusetts Student Advisory Board; and kicking off mental health focus groups.

Mr. Michael Ortiz, Dean of Enrollment, Equity & Inclusion, reported deposits are above last year at this time; the enrollment team is on the road; and the accepted students event is tomorrow.

Audit & Governance Committee Report

Committee Madam Chair Thomann requested updates from liaisons.

Ms. Rose Cass, Vice President of Finance, reported they have filed an audit for financial aid funds; minor comments have been addressed; and there have been no issues of fraud or misappropriation of funds.

Ms. Elizabeth Benway, Dean of Human Resources, reported on collective bargaining contracts.

REPORTS FROM CAMPUS CONSTITUENTS

MMA Parents Association

No report.

MMA Foundation

CAPT Elizabeth Simmons, Vice President of Advancement, reported they are watching the appropriations bill; if passed; the Academy could receive \$1,000,000.

MMA Alumni Association

Trustee McMichen reported on upcoming events and announced she has been appointed as the alumni trustee for another five years.

AFSCME

No report.

APA

No report.

MSCA

No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Due to Madam Chair Water's promotion, she will not be running for reappointment as chair of the board of trustees.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Connor requested a motion to adjourn the Board of Trustees' open meeting at 1013. Trustee Wilkinson motioned to adjourn the Board of Trustees open meeting at 1013 seconded, MOVED unanimously by roll call vote:

- Trustee Chalas - yes
- Trustee Connor - yes
- Trustee Kane-absent
- Trustee McMichen - yes
- Trustee Panchley - yes
- Trustee Park - yes
- Trustee Shores - yes
- Trustee Thomann-yes
- Trustee Turkington - yes
- Trustee Wilkinson - yes
- Madam Chair Waters - absent

The 11 March 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting adjourned at 1013.



Jessica L. Waters
Board of Trustees
Madam Chair

Colleen Ruggeri
Clerk of the Board