

NEW ORLEANS
MILITARY & MARITIME
ACADEMY

Meeting Minutes

26 April 2023

5:00p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Board President, Col Terry Ebbert, at 5:06 p.m.

Roll call – Col Ebbert, Mr. Bean, Mr. Downing, Dr. Grace, LtCol Shinn, Mr. Welker, MGySgt Young

Absent –Mr. Baker, Mr. Bush, Mr. Ellis, MajGen Mize

1. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve March 29, 2023 Board Minutes by Mr. Downing, seconded by Mr. Welker; all in favor unanimously.

2. Reports and Recommendations

A. Financial Report – Presented by Mr. Lafont and Mr. Downing. School is in a strong financial position, based upon our current financials. Actual results are above budget due to unfilled staff positions, budgeted fitness center expenses which have not been incurred and MFP revenue exceeding budget. Net results before depreciation are ahead of budget \$1.31M. Tbills are yielding 4.5%. Balance sheet composition has not changed and Net Assets remain strong at \$13.2M.

B. General School Update – Commandant gave the update. Current cadet enrollment is at 862. On track for next year's enrollment overall target number – however current 8th and 9th projected numbers are low with seats still available. NOMMA is hosting an Open House this evening and have 2 more scheduled over the next few weeks. 110 families signed up for tonight's Open House. Commandant invited board members to stop by the Open House after the meeting concludes. The board discussed JP school consolidation topic. Current employee count is at 123. Held a very successful Spring Art Festival with our Art and Band Departments last night – we are fortunate to have so many talented cadets. AMFRA is opening this fall in Arkansas; in accordance with our agreement, AMFRA Commandant and another staff member visited our campus and spent time with staff members; AMFRA Commandant was impressed with our morning formation and they now have a better understanding of our structure. New Schools for Baton Rouge had representative visit over the past few weeks. Our Principal and Commandant visited them this past Friday. Their desire is to replicate NOMMA-type school in BR. NSBR is trying to replicate successful school models across the country. If interested, next step is to conduct a feasibility study, at no cost to NOMMA. NOMMA Board President, Principal, Commandant and 3 cadets went to the state capitol as part of LAPCS Charter School Day at the Capitol, attended a House Education committee meeting, set up a table and met with some legislators in the rotunda lobby. Our Color Guard will present at the Navy League event on April 27.

C. Academic Update – Principal gave the update. Since our last board meeting we have completed: Aspen Challenge, Senior Trip (Universal Studios), Maritime Field Trip- Breakbulk Academy & Industry Introductions (Invited by Delgado), and Band Field Trip

Upcoming Events: Open House, Athletic and Team Awards, Testing Calendar - LEAP 4/27-4/28, 5/3-5/5, 5/10-5/12, AP 5/3-5/10, CLEP ongoing, Prom will be held 4/29, we will celebrate Teacher Appreciation week 5/8/23 - 5/12/23, Ring Ceremony 5/16, NOMMA Awards Night 5/18, Graduation 5/20, Exams 5/23-5/25. Class of 2023: ROTC Scholarship- Cadet Garst

Softball and baseball seasons have ended. We had a 9th grade Track &Field member qualify for state in the 100 m hurdles and high jump.

D. Facilities Update – Commandant provided. Subway vacated their suite. NOMMA has notified ADD and Property One of interest in leasing that space to renovate and satisfy immediate needs space.

E. Development Update – Commandant provided. NSTR

F. Nominating Committee – Commandant provided. Mr. Staines has resigned from our board after serving honorably for several years. We have additional prospective members who have expressed interest.

3. Unfinished Business – Commandant provided

A. Campus Expansion – An architectural firm has been hired to develop our master plan. We held our first workshop with them last week with our administrative team and today we held Workshop #2 with approximately 30 faculty and staff members. Closing date and signing ceremony for property acquisition is scheduled 25 May (including purchase and sale agreement and lease agreement); NOMMA, ADD, and NORD reps will be present for the ceremony. ADD working with LDEQ for site environmental remediation. Lease agreement, with minor edits is currently sitting with ADD. There will be two leases one between NOMMA and ADD for the fitness center; one, between NORD and ADD for the pool. ADD will be responsible for establishing separate electric meters for NOMMA and NORD to pay fair share.

B. NOMMA Foundation – LtCol Shinn agreed to be the Secretary and the Commandant will work on submitting the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws to the Louisiana Secretary of State.

4. New Business –

A. Resolution to permit reimbursement for campus expansion costs from future bond proceeds. Attorney Mr. Capraro, via ZOOM, presented on this resolution. Mr. Downing made a motion to accept the resolution as presented, seconded by Dr. Grace; all in favor unanimously.

B. SY 2023-2024 Budget Introduction and Discussion – Commandant and Finance Director presented status of FY 24 budget and responded to questions from Board members.

5. Public Comment – None

6. Remarks from Board Members –

Financial Disclosure forms due to LA State by 15 May; awards ceremony to be held at NOMMA on 18 May; 2023 Commencement Ceremony will take place on Saturday 20 May at 4 pm the Alario Center. Board members will have reserved seating.

7. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 6:06 p.m. by Mr. Downing, seconded by Dr. Grace; all in favor unanimously.
8. Next Meeting Date: Proposed for May 24, 2023