

**MASSACHUSETTS MARITIME ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

Bay State Conference Center

Two Hundred and Sixty Eighth Meeting of the MMA Board of Trustees

Friday, 04 June 2021

PRESENT: Trustees Chalas (remotely), Connor, McMichen, Panchley, Petrillo, Shores, Turkington, Wilkinson, Madam Vice Chair Waters, and Chairman Kane

ABSENT: Trustee Thomann

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kane called the meeting to order at 0904 in accordance with the Massachusetts Open Meeting Laws. The meeting meets a physical quorum.

CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT

Chairman Kane stated that this is student trustee, Anthony Petrillo's first Board of Trustees meeting in person after a year of remote participation due to the pandemic. Trustee Petrillo stated it was his first in person meeting and his last meeting on the board and will be turning the reigns over to newly elected student trustee Kaemon Park. Trustee Petrillo thanked the board and administration for their support and hopes to find his way back to being on the board later in his professional life.

Chairman Kane has served his two years as chairman of the Board of Trustees and sincerely thanked his colleagues for their support and solidarity.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Kane requested a motion to approve the Board of Trustees' minutes from 12 March 2021 as written. Trustee Connor motioned to approve the Board of Trustees minutes from 12 March 2021 as written, seconded, **MOVED** unanimously by roll call vote:

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

REPORTS FROM CAMPUS CONSTITUENTS

Regimental Commander

1/C Daniel McAuliffe, Regimental Commander reported on the goals of the regiment, working to get 1/C cadets to the finish line and graduate, restoring a sense of normalcy to the regiment and is looking forward to

orientation and the leadership program by engaging cadets back to the campus. RADM McDonald requested 1/C McAuliffe to send his Change of Command speech to the Clerk of the Board.

Student Government Association

No report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

RADM Francis X. McDonald, President stated it was fantastic to be back in-person meetings, the Kennedy slipped its lines and all COVID protocols aboard the ship were to stand down. The ship's crew and cadets erupted with joy.

RADM McDonald reported on upcoming events:

23 June 2021-T. S. Kennedy returns to its homeport Buzzards Bay at approximately 0900. The governor, LT governor, Secretary of Education, and Secretary of Health and Human Services may be in attendance.

25 June 2021 will be a special evening for our graduating cadets. Due to the pandemic, they have not been together as a class. The Ring Ceremony will take place on the mess deck patio followed by the Sunset Reception.

26 June 2021 is commencement at Clean Harbors Stadium.

RADM McDonald thanked the board, his leadership team and the cadet leadership for accomplishing the four overall goals set out last spring when the pandemic began.

STRATEGIC INFORMATION REPORTS

Facilities & Finance Committee Report

Committee Chairman Connor requested a motion to approve Facilities & Finance-FY21-05, to To consider approving and accepting the Academy Operating Budget of up to Fifty-Seven Million, Nine Hundred Three Thousand, Six Hundred and Twenty-Two Dollars (\$57,903,622) for FY22. Trustee Turkington motioned to approve Facilities & Finance-FY21-05, to consider approving and accepting the Academy Operating Budget of up to Fifty-Seven Million, Nine Hundred Three Thousand, Six Hundred and Twenty-Two Dollars (\$57,903,622) for FY22, seconded, MOVED unanimously by roll call vote:

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

Ms. Rose Cass, Vice President of Finance reported that the budget may finish in the black.

CAPT Allen G. Metcalfe, Jr., Vice President of Operations reported that the Buzzards Bay Water District has verbally granted 1500 gallons a day for the Beachmoor.

Trustee Connor thanked all the Facilities & Finance liaison's for their dedication and hard work over the past year.

Student Life Committee Report

Trustee Wilkinson asked liaisons for any updates.

CAPT Elizabeth Simmons, Vice President of External Affairs reported Admissions has 428 deposits for incoming freshman.

CDRE Ed Rozak, Vice President of Student Services updated the board on sea term and all in apparent good order. He introduced Dr. Shannon Finning who will be replacing him on his impending retirement. Dr. Finning thanked the board for the opportunity and is looking forward to get started.

Mr. Michael Ortiz, Associate Director of Intercultural Engagement Office reported senior staff will embark on anti-racism training in June. A full report will be submitted to trustees at Committee Day in August.

Marine Operations Committee Report

Trustee Chalas thanked Chairman Kane for his leadership over the past year.

Trustee Chalas requested a motion to approve Marine Operations-FY21-01 to consider approving and accepting the recommendation of the President for T. S. Kennedy planned activations for FY22. Madam Vice Chair Waters motioned to accept Marine Operations-FY21-01 to consider approving and accepting the recommendation of the President for T. S. Kennedy planned activations for FY22, seconded, MOVED unanimously by roll call vote:

- **Trustee Chalas-yes**
- **Trustee Connor-yes**
- **Trustee McMichen-yes**
- **Trustee Panchley-yes**
- **Trustee Petrillo-yes**
- **Trustee Shores-yes**
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- **Trustee Turkington-yes**
- **Trustee Wilkinson-yes**
- **Madam Vice Chair Waters-yes**
- **Chairman Kane-yes**

Mr. Jim McKenna, Dean of Undergraduate Studies reported on Sea Term. The ship is COVID free and left the Buzzards Bay Port with 406 cadets on board. The ship will return on 23 June 2021 and then go to Texas A&M for their sea term.

Dean McKenna introduced CAPT Tiffany Krihwan, captain of the Schooner Ernestina Morrissey. CAPT Krihwan reported on the amazing vessel and craftsmanship. Due to the pandemic, some supplies to complete the schooner have been delayed. She is hopeful to have the schooner at the Academy in the spring of 2022.

CAPT Allen G. Metcalfe, Jr., Vice President of Operations reported American Cruise Line is now using the Academy docks and construction of replacing floats for the Schooner Ernestina Morrissey has begun.

Education Committee Report

Trustee Turkington requested a motion to approve Education-FY21-02, to consider approving and accepting Honorary Degree Recipient for Commencement 26 June 2021. Trustee Panchley motioned to approve Education-FY21-02, to consider approving and accepting Honorary Degree Recipient for Commencement 26 June 2021, seconded, MOVED unanimously by roll call vote:

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

Mr. Jim McKenna, Dean of Undergraduate Studies reported on the completion of a successful spring semester with 365 undergraduates and 45 graduate students. The Academy has received NECHE final report with a positive outcome.

Ms. Anne Marie Fallen, Vice President of Technology and Library Services reported the Department of Higher Education has initiated a cyber-assessment across all state schools and will share the outcome at Committee Day in August.

Audit & Governance Committee Report

Trustee Wilkinson asked for updates from liaisons.

Ms. Rose Cass, Vice President of Finance reported all finances are in order and under control and the Academy is getting ready for its annual audit.

RADM McDonald gave a brief update on legislation and the Academy has submitted proposals for funding for the new labs.

Trustee Wilkinson reminder trustees that the president's self-evaluation is coming due.

Trustee Wilkinson requested a motion to approve Audit & Governance-FY21-03 Vote of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy Board of Trustees to approve the recommendations of the Nominating

Committee for Trustee Officers for 2021/2022. Chairman Kane motioned to approve Audit & Governance-FY21-03 Vote of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy Board of Trustees to approve the recommendations of the Nominating Committee for Trustee Officers for 2021/2022, seconded, MOVED unanimously by roll call vote:

- **Trustee Chalas-yes**
- **Trustee Connor-yes**
- **Trustee McMichen-yes**
- **Trustee Panchley-yes**
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- **Madam Vice Chair Waters-yes**
- **Chairman Kane-yes**

AY 22 Board of Trustees Officers:

**Ms. Jessica L. Waters – Madam Chair
Mr. Brian J. Connor – Vice Chairman**

Madam Vice Chair Waters stated today is a day of gratitude and she is honored.

REPORTS FROM CAMPUS CONSTITUENTS

MMA Parents Association

None.

MMA Foundation

CAPT Elizabeth Simmons, Vice President of External Affairs reported the Academy's birthday is 11 June and it will be celebrated with a social media blitz.

MMA Alumni Association

Trustee McMichen reported next Monday will be the association's first in-person meeting in over a year.

AFSCME

None.

APA

No report.

MSCA

No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Each trustee thanked CDRE Rozak for his service and leadership to the Academy and wished him well in his retirement.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Kane requested a motion to adjourn the Board of Trustees' open meeting at 1025. Trustee Wilkinson motioned to adjourn the Board of Trustees open meeting at 1025 seconded, MOVED unanimously by roll call vote:

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

The 04 June 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting adjourned at 1025.

Jessica L. Waters
Board of Trustees
Madam Chair

Colleen Ruggeri
Clerk of the Board