

**MASSACHUSETTS MARITIME ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING**

Zoom

Two Hundred and Sixty Fourth Meeting of the MMA Board of Trustees
Friday, 21 August 2020

PRESENT: Trustees Chalas, Connor, Heath, Panchley, Petrillo, Prendergast, Shores, Thomann, Turkington, Wilkinson, Vice Chairwoman Waters, and Chairman Kane

ABSENT: None.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kane called the meeting to order at 0900 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

Chairman Kane thanked the Admiral, faculty, staff, and students for continuing operations during the uncertain time of COVID-19. He requested the chairman of Audit & Governance to stand up a President's Evaluation Review Committee.

The purpose of this special meeting is to review the Academic Restart Plan for fall 2020.

RADM Francis X. McDonald, President reviewed the Academy's four objectives:

1. To keep our cadets, faculty and staff - and by extension, their families - safe
2. To keep the Academy from becoming a mass-transmission center (such as the BioGen conference)
3. To find a path to get our 1/c cadets to degree completion in time for the 20 June Commencement
4. To minimize the academic disruption for the 2/c, 3/c and 4/c cadets

The Admiral reported on de-densifying the campus community by 50% in the dormitory complex and 50% in the in person academic programs. Cadet Officers will be living in the dormitory complex and ship. All 4/C will be living in the dormitory complex to aid in connecting them to the campus community.

CAPT Brigid Pavilonis, Vice President of Academic Affairs, CAPT Ed Rozak, Vice President of Student Services, and Dr. Jeffrey Cukor, Resident Doctor reported on the process and protocol for a safe return to campus.

Discussion ensued regarding any relief from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Chairman Kane requested for the September full board meeting a comprehensive report on what funds have come from the state, CARE ACT, and what is left for the Academy to cover.

Further, Chairman Kane asked the student trustee Anthony Petrillo what the comfort level on campus is for students. Trustee Petrillo reported students want to come back to campus and are comfortable going to class.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Kane requested a motion to adjourn the Board of Trustees open meeting at 1004. Trustee Wilkinson motioned to adjourn the Board of Trustees open meeting at 1004 seconded, MOVED unanimously by roll call vote:

- **Trustee Chalas-yes**
- **Trustee Connor-yes**
- **Trustee Heath-yes**
- **Trustee Panchley-yes**
- **Trustee Prendergast-yes**
- **Trustee Shores-yes**
- **Trustee Thomann-yes**
- **Trustee Turkington-yes**
- **Trustee Wilkinson-yes**
- **Vice Chairwoman Waters-yes**
- **Chairman Kane-yes**

The 21 August 2020 Board of Trustees Special Meeting adjourned at 1004.



James F. Kane
Board of Trustees
Chairman



Colleen Ruggieri
Clerk of the Board