

## New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy

Meeting Minutes  
10 December 2019  
5:00p.m.

1. Roll call –, MGySgt Melanie Young, Col Terry Ebbert, Mr. Doug Downing, Dr. Marcellus Grace Gen David Mize, Mrs. Carol McCall, Mr. Tony Staines, Mr. David Welker. Absent: Mr. Peyton Bush, Mr. John Charpentier , , Mr. Tom Shinn, Mr. James Bean,
2. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve by Mr. Downing; second by Gen Mize; all in favor.
3. Reports and Recommendations
  - a. Financial Report – Mr. Downing gave financial report.
    - i. Review of statements through October reveal \$220K deficit, which is normal for this time of year due to timing.
    - ii. School remains in strong cash position with 3 months of operating reserves
    - iii. Budget currently for student count of 925; currently at 961, which would improve financials above current budget.
  - b. General School Update – Commandant provided the report.
    - i. NOMMA Board of Directors recognized at recent LAPCS Conference with 2019 Excellence in Governance award.
    - ii. LAPCS Conference included numerous informative presentations.
    - iii. School fully operational on all fronts, all going as planned.
    - iv. Enrollment currently at 960. Demographics roughly 1/3 across African-American, Hispanic and Caucasian

(significant growth in Hispanic population over the past 3 years).

- v. LDoE released School Performance Scores in November. NOMMA received an “A” rating and is ranked at the #1 Open-Enrollment high school/combination school in Orleans, Jefferson, and other parishes.
  - vi. NOMMA hosted our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Drill Meet at NAS/JRB Belle Chasse on Saturday 7 Dec. Seven (7) high schools participated in the competition. Cadets completed in drill and color guard team. Marine Forces Reserve (MFR) assisted by providing Marines to serve as judges. NAS/JRB offered exceptional support. The event was a great success.
  - vii. Consideration being given to leasing two (2) additional suites in the Federal City Retail Complex (parking garage) due to increasing demand for classroom, office, and special education needs. Commandant coordinating with Business Manager/Accountant to determine financial feasibility.
  - viii. NOMMA staff working with Public Relations team to prepare a professional brochure advertising key points of the Academy; will be provided as appropriate to public members.
  - ix. NOMMA staff member conducting research to procure a new, modern bell system.
- c. Academic/Athletic Update – Principal provided report.
- i. Review of the results of the Louisiana Department of Education’s School Performance Score for NOMMA for 2019. The highlight was a school score of 99.6 which correlates to a grade letter of an “A”. Additionally, the school was named as an “Equity Honoree” (scoring in the 90th percentile across all school population

subgroups) and as a “Top Gains Honoree” (which recognizes schools that show the growth students achieve throughout the school year.) When compared to other open enrollment public high schools in Orleans Parish, NOMMA ranked number one.

- ii. NOMMA athletes are currently involved in six different varsity sports: cross-country, wrestling, boys’ basketball, girls’ basketball, boys’ soccer, and girls’ soccer. The boys’ cross-country team placed 2nd in the district meet, broke the school record several times, and for the first time in school history competed in the state cross-country meet which was held on the campus of Northwestern State University in Natchitoches.
- iii. The second annual homecoming basketball game will be held at the LSU Health Center Gym on January 25, and the homecoming dance will be on the 26th.

d. Development Update – Commandant gave update.

- i. New development consultant and grant writer is making positive contribution. Several private grant submissions in preparation or have already been submitted.

e. Facilities Update – Commandant included in General update.

4. Old Business – Campus Expansion; Commandant/Gen Mize gave report.

- a. Campus Expansion Proposal provided in January 2019; Draft Cooperative Endeavor Agreement submitted to ADD in July. No formal feedback from ADD.

5. New Business - Board member emails will be created on nomma.net

6. Public Remarks – None.
7. Remarks from Board Members: none
8. NEXT MEETING: January 28, 2020 at 5:00 pm
9. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Mr. Grace, second by Mr. Welker. Motion was approved unanimously.