

New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy
Meeting Minutes
26 April 2015
5:00p.m.

1. Roll call – Col. Ebbert, Capt. Grace, Capt. Whiddon, Mr. Downing, Mr. Bean, Gen. Bergman, Mrs. McCall, Mr. Charpentier, Mr. Reiss, Maj. LeMaire; Secretary.
Absent: Mr. Staines
2. Approval of Minutes - Motion by Mr. Bean; second by Mrs. McCall, all in favor
3. Reports and Recommendations
 - a. Legislative Update – Anti-Charter legislation has been pulled for the session. Leslie Jacobs and Louisiana Charter School Association (LAPCS) spoke in support of Charter Schools; Type 2 charter ruling is in appeals court. Compensation discussion for Charter school executives is often not a direct comparison. As an example, some public school principals are contracted only 10 months per year and NOMMA contracts for 12 months per year. Charter salaries tend to exceed those of public schools.
 - b. Financial Report – Doug Downing – Statement of financial position is solid, but would like to have two months of working capital on hand. Running behind budget due to 3 drivers; 1)budget assumes 650 students and we are reimbursed at 643; 2)state and local funding less than anticipated per student due to mix of students from different parishes. Orleans funding is less than surrounding parishes with exception of Jefferson. We list numbers of students from each parish and this determines our MFP. 3) Donations and private grants not progressing as desired. All in favor of accepting Report.
 - c. Academic Update – Second Graduation commencement is May 14, 2016 10 a.m. in Chalmette. Multiple students receiving scholarships including Naval ROTC and Xavier. Graduating 104 students this year. Military Order of Foreign Wars (MOFW) going through scholarship awards and provide to ROTC students. Paris Island trip attended by 44 students for spring break; consisted of Sophomores and Juniors; trip funded by JROTC. National Director of JROTC Robert Aldman visited school. Hiring two Senior Military Instructors to complete our compliment of ROTC instructors bringing total to 8.
4. Old Business
 - a. Development Updates – Formal letter to Boysie Bollinger and Laynie Schouest visited school. Frank Stewart has indicated support and verbally committed.
 - b. Construction Update – Pavilion and Eighth grade – contractor poured concrete and needs week to cure. Foundation should be complete by end of testing. Security gates installed between main building and JROTC wing and meets our requirements.
5. New Business
 - a. Discussion/vote on amendment to by-laws in resolution: Change of address to 425 Obannon ST, NOLA, 70114, frequency of meetings to minimum of 6, number of members between (7) and (1)5 and successive terms of service for Board members. Motion by Mr. Downing; Second by Mr. Charpentier; all in favor.
6. Public Remarks – None. One member of the public in attendance.
7. Remarks from Board – Col Ebbert thanked the Board for service. Next Board meeting 24 May at 5pm followed by Budget meeting at 6pm.
8. Adjournment – move by Mr. MCall; second by Mr. Bean; all in favor. Adjourn 1800.