

New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy
Meeting Minutes
25 April 2017
5:00p.m.

1. Roll call – Col. Ebbert, Capt. Grace, Mr. Downing (acting Secretary), Mr. Bean, Mrs. McCall, Mr. Reiss, Mr. Velker and Mr. Bush (by phone).
Absent: Mr. Charpentier, Mr. Staines and Maj. LeMaire
2. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve by Mr. Reiss; second by Mrs. Mccall; all in favor
3. Type-2 Lawsuit Update – the case is pending with the Louisiana Supreme Court.
4. Reports and Recommendations
 - a. Contract Update – The ten year renewal of the school’s contract was signed. As such, the school has approval to operate through 2026.
 - b. Financial Report – current budget updates – Mr. Downing and Todd Guistiniano – the school is performing better than budget due to some conservatism in several areas as well as improvements in cost management for buses.
 - c. Academic Update – ACT scores received with improvements made by seniors as the average moved up from 16.4 to 19.8. An ACT prep class is now in place for all Juniors. We have a total of 747 students enrolled. The school has 795 students currently assigned for next year. Graduation will be 13 May 2017 in the Sigur Civic Center in Chalmette.
 - d. Facilities Update – water damage repaired and insurance monies received. Security drills with NOPD and USMC went very well. The softball field near the school has been updated by NOMMA and is in good use.
5. Old Business
 - a. Development Updates – private donations are exceeding the goal in large part due to a donation mady by Frank Stewart. Also, Phyllis Taylor is providing funding for students to attend the National Flight Academy. The board decided to revisit the position of Development Director. Mrs. McCall will schedule a meeting with Allison Tiller in this regard.
 - b. Campus Expansion – Col. Ebbert, Col. Schlafer and Mr. Downing met with ADD to discuss potential expansion for the school. Building 101, H-100 and the parking lot adjacent to the school are all available for long term lease. The short term plan is to consider renting space in the parking deck facility for administrative and athletic use in 2017/2018 as well as the potential for a 100 student 8th grade in 2018/2019.
6. New Business
 - a. Board Member Update/Recruitment – Mr. Reiss reported that the board is at 12 and is considering adding 2 more. Col. Schlafer reported that Mr. Arnold Baker and Mr. Tom Shinn have both been contacted in this regard and are considering the opportunity. Col. Ebbert will follow up with Gen. Mize.
 - b. SUNY Maritime is bringing the USS Empire State to the Port of New Orleans. NOMMA students will visit the ship.
7. Public Remarks – None.
8. Remarks from Board –the next board meeting will be Tuesday 30 May 2017.
9. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Mr. Downing; second by Mr. Bean; all in favor. Adjourn 1815.

