

First State Military Academy “Special” Board Meeting 11 August 2020

Moment of Silence - Quorum present, in-person and Zoom meeting called to order @ 1737

Board Members Present: In-Person: S. Kidner; L Stapleford, K Yencer, V Watson, J Berg, C Martin; Zoom: R Capitan, H Reigle, K Stark,

Staff/Founding Committee Members: In-Person: P Gallucci, COL B Wallace; Zoom: S Clark, B Newman, P. Hammerstrom.

Motion to Approve Agenda, 2nd, Passed 9 to 0

Brief opening statement presented by Chair as to how this meeting will be conducted, the plan, and if this meeting is “zoom bombed” and what steps would take if that occurred.

Secretary’s Report: Motion to Approve minutes 2nd, Passed 9 to 0.

Public Comments: None

Commandants Report: Presented FSMA’s Re-opening Plan for school year ‘20-‘21 for discussion. Current enrollment at 466 Cadets.

Lengthy discussion about power point, again, with the overarching goal of Cadets in-school for a minimum of one day a week. Discussed the hybrid model and how it will function with both live online learning and recorded session for cadets. Discussed, in-person LE1 through LE4 instruction (JROTC). Discussed technology issues and upgrading to 1G by 27 August, but also noted all ordered notebooks are backordered and may not arrive until December. However, Commandant said we have enough laptops to assign each cadet their device. Moved to review facilities and buses, cleaning process. Discussion about temperature checks for each cadet in the morning - teams of cadets doing spot checks, or as cadets get off the bus; sooner to identify a possible issue before entering the school. Discussed at length the roles of our parents/families partnering with FSMA to keep our school safe. Temperature checks will be reviewed by Commandant to determine if this can be achieved.

Overall - a good plan and will support academic learning and our JROTC programs.

Motion to accept FSMA’s Re-opening Plan for 20/21 as presented, 2nd, passed 9 to 0.

Closing Remarks Meeting adjourned at 1913. **Next Meeting:** 25 August 2020, 1730, Media Center and Zoom.