

# First State Military Academy “2<sup>nd</sup> Special” Board Meeting Minutes

## 30 December 2020

Moment of Silence - Quorum present, in-person and Zoom meeting called to order @ 1733

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

**Staff/Founding Committee Members:** In-Person: P Gallucci Zoom: COL Wallace, S Clark

Motion to Approve Agenda, 2nd, Passed 7 to 0

**Public Comments:** None.

**Commandants Report:** Opening statement from Chairman about two votes to take tonight:

1. To vote on returning to our Hybrid plan on 11 January 2021, or some other variation.
2. To vote on affirming the Commandant’s request for a “Stand-down” 19-22 January to assess our current problems, educational issues, and prepare for opening in person/full time in the Spring.

Commandant presented his discussion paper asking for a return to our Hybrid model on 11 January. Discussion about our cadets that are struggling - how did the “Pause Plan” work in allowing cadets to regain lost ground. Concerns over lack of live instruction, cadets not signing-on, and areas that must be improved. Motion to move back to Hybrid on 11 Jan 2021, 2<sup>nd</sup> passed 8 to 0

Commandant then presented the second portion of his document on the “Stand-Down” for January 2021. Concerns remain about impact upon our teachers and cadets and areas that, as previously mentioned, have been lost. Further concerns about multiply plans our teachers have had to follow since August. Discussion about Mid-terms, days lost and grading - Specifically, DOE has provided a state-wide waiver on number of hours for this entire school year. Should a potential survey of parents be conducted in January to gain insight as to what issues might be addressed during the Stand-Down. Topic for the 26 Jan Board Meeting. Motion to approve the Stand-down for 19-22 January 2021, 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed 8 to 0.

**Closing Remarks** None. Meeting adjourned at 1809. **Next Meeting:** 26 January 2021, Cafeteria.