

# First State Military Academy Board Meeting Minutes

26 July 2022

Moment of Silence - Quorum present, in-person and Zoom meeting called to order @ 1731

**Board Members Present:** In-Person: S. Kidner; H Contant, R Capitan, C Martin, L Stapleford, K Yencer, Len G.; R Payus, Via zoom: K Stark

**Staff/Founding Committee Members:** In-Person: R Wallace SMI, Patrick Gallucci.

Special Guests:

Motion to Approve Agenda, 2nd, Passed 8 to 0.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to Approve 28 June minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Passed 9 to 0.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Treasurer's Report:** S. Kidner. WSFS banking statements presented. Ongoing USDA withdrawals totaling some \$24k each month continue. Check for frontloading USDA payments was approved. One donation of \$5k, show up next month. Ending balance in both accounts about \$62,40602. Escrow accounts remain unfunded. Motion to Accept Treasurers report, 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed 9 to 0.

**Finance Report:** P. Gallucci. Budget narrative shows close of FY'22 with all revenues and spending complete. Received 100% of Federal grant monies. Spending for the month was above normal at \$130,467. Transportation fuel costs totaled an extra \$39,000 for this past year. IT Professional Services running high. Building and grounds running high at \$12,977. Reported \$0 remaining in Cares Act I (ESSER) and Cares Act II (ESSER II) budgets. ESSER III budgeted approx. \$489k remaining. Total Federal monies stayed at \$1.091mm. Outlook remains positive at \$1.872mm, exceeding 75 days cash.

Web Report was presented. Motion to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> Passed 9 to 0.

**Commandants Report:** Report Attached. Commandant reported applications are 334 with 127 registrations for SOC. End-strength will be lower - 440 Cadets. Noted annual audit from Barbacane and Thorton will start on 1 August.

Discussion about AT employment issues and increased costs. FSMA will not have any AT's for practices, but yes for games. He also said there are over 399 teaching vacancies in State of DE, and this is reaching crisis level.

SMI provided brief overview of various events with SOC in August. Noted Cyber Camp at Norwich University/2 Cadets attended and well received. Also believes FSMA will be top MC JROTC School in Region. Some discussion about creating an endowment for a MI teaching position that would be paid for from outside sources. SMI will present budget outline next month.

**Committee Reports:**

**Strategic Planning and Development:** Heather C – Has begun review of issues and needs understanding of what fundraising goals for coming year and beyond. Discussion about grants and other sources of money. Will seek outside help to form committee.

**Finance/Treasurer:** Jim B. – No report.

**CBOC:** Scott K – Reported meeting held and noted FY'22 budget is complete and school ended with positive cash flow meeting 75 days cash and some \$350k in surplus.

**Academic:** Katie S – Noted areas of excellence and leadership – discussed seeking highlights from staff and teachers about good projects from cadets. Work with Marketing Comm.

**Board Governance:** R Capitan – Recruitment is critical for the health/longevity of the Board. Wants to produce a Board Handbook that set standards for membership, areas of expertise needed, and requirements from DOE/training etc.

**Facilities:** Chair Kevin Y - All construction complete. Discussed some clean-up issues/weeding.

**Marketing/Communications:** Leslie S. – Has some initial ideas about expanding the committee. Increasing on-line presence.

**H/R:** Scott K – This committee will be adjourned until call of the Chair.

**Organizational Issues:** Formal vote to Accept Mrs. Lilyanna Auster as FSMA's new Principal and to name our SMI Col Wallace as the Commandant. Motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Passed 9 to 0.

**Closing Remarks** Asked Pat G to meet the Board at the entrance of Drexel Hall for a brief presentation and word of thanks for his dedication and service to FSMA for this last 8 years as our Founding Commandant and school leader.

Meeting adjourned 1852. **Next Meeting:** 23 August 2022 in Media Center.