

First State Military Academy Board Meeting Minutes

24 June 2025

Quorum present, in-person and Zoom meeting called to order @ 1735.

Moment of Silence

Pledge to US Flag

Board Members Present: In-Person: S. Kidner, R Payus, M Orlando, P Hughes, R Capitan, K Yencer. Via zoom – C Martin (late) G Bailey, K Palaisa, R Ott

Staff: In-Person: COL B Wallace, Commandant.

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

Secretary's Report: Motion to Approve 27 May Minutes 2nd, Passed 10 to 0.

Public Comment: None

Treasurer's Report: P Hughes. Presented WSFS statements from May. Reported USDA withdrawals occurring without issue. Ending Balance of \$82,744 as of June. Noted \$16,619 in Escrow.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report, 2nd Passed 8 to 0

Principal's Report: B Wallace. Submitted. Reported 433 total Cadets. 109 Cadets signed for September. Final FY'25 budget and basic numbers in packet. Expenditures are about 89.3% of budget and we are about 91.6% into FY25. Overall financial position is good with potentially hitting 74 days cash. FY26 budget will have some of the same issues relating to concerns with cafeteria operations and transportation costs supported by local funds.

Motion to accept Web Report of February as presented, 2nd, Passed 8 to 0.

"Dashboard". Report attached. Noted a final 261 hours of community service.

Commandant's Report. B Wallace reported FSMA will again be submitting our paperwork for recognition as a Naval Honors Programs to Quantico. Noted two MCI resignations – one new 1st Sgt Marine Instructure arriving in January 26. Discussed the coming Legion of the Year submittals from FSMA. Brief discussion about Graduation this year and whether it should be held in the new stands. Overall, Board position is to remain as is currently organized but will be addressed again next year.

Discussion about two school policies: School Discipline Improvement Plan and Student Code of Conduct. Concerns raised about changing FSMA's structure and culture and expectations to meet these DOE requirements. School recognizes some additional work needed and these policies reflect this work but will not change our standards.

Motion to accept both policies noted above, 2nd Passed 10 to 0.

Committee Reports:

Strategic Planning and Development: H Contant – Absent. No Report.

Marketing/Communications: R Payus – No Report.

Finance/Treasurer: P Hughes – No Report.

Academic: K Palaisa – No Report.

Board Governance: R Capitan – Discussed the Cadets visiting the DE Supreme Court to witness arguments. Reported Mr. John Sigler will be considering on-ongoing investment in the school's Marksmanship Team.

Facilities: K Yencer - Reported some top soil is still needed, but work/inspections are all completed done.

CBOC: S Kidner – Reported CBOC met with numbers remaining consistent. Already discussed stronger position on days cash position for the end of the year.

Organizational Issues: S Kidner – No Report.

Motion to adjourn Board at 1852, 2nd Passed 10 to 0.

Next Meeting: 22 July 2025 at 1730