

First State Military Academy Board Meeting Minutes

18 November 2025

Quorum present, in-person and Zoom meeting called to order @ 1730.

Moment of Silence

Pledge to US Flag

Board Members Present: In-Person: S. Kidner, R Payus, H Contant, R Ott, M Orlando, P Hughes, K Yencer, K Palasia G. Bailey. Via zoom: C. Martin

Staff: In-Person: Mr. Blair Newman, Principal. COL Bob Wallace, Commandant

Motion to Approve Agenda, 2nd, Passed 10 to 0.

Public Comment: None.

Secretary's Report: Motion to Approve 28 Oct Minutes 2nd, Passed 10 to 0.

Treasurer's Report: P Hughes. Presented WSFS statements from Oct. Reported USDA withdrawals occurring without issue. Ending Balance of \$294,551 as of 31 October '25. Will be seeking guidance from USDA so they can withdraw from our "Savings Loan Acct" #509 for their automatic payments.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report, 2nd Passed 10 to 0

Principal's Report: B Newman. Submitted. Enrollment 424. Draft FY'26 budget presented. Carryover position improved to \$1.638m for 30 June 2026. Noted we have spent approx. 33.8% of budget but at 33% of the fiscal year... trending ahead of budget because most of the front load spending hit in October. Golf Tournament raised \$27,261 Net. Overall financial position remains steady.

Motion to accept Web Report for October as presented, 2nd, Passed 10 to 0.

Principal reported an excellent turnout for Sat's Open House of 53 families. Asked about Board support for the Staff/Faculty Christmas Party of \$500. 69 Applications for Sept '26.

"Dashboard". Report Attached.

Commandant's Report. B Wallace reported USMC Ball went very well. Date has already been selected for Tues 10 Nov 2026 at Bally's Dover Downs. Noted all 10 Cadets seeking support for their tickets got funded. Nothing new from Quantico because of Gov shutdown.

Committee Reports:

Strategic Planning and Development: H Contant – No Report.

Marketing/Communications: R Payus – No Report.

Finance/Treasurer: P Hughes – No Report

Academic: K Palasia – Reported PSAT's taken this month.

Board Governance: R Capitan – Absent.

Facilities: K Yencer – Parking lot has been submitted for CTF support. No response back yet.

CBOC: S. Kidner – CBOC next meets in November.

Organizational Issues: S Kidner – Brief discussion about a number of applications received for Board Parent Rep., and one application for Community Board Rep.

Closing Remarks: G Bailey informed the Board that his Rotary Club will again be purchasing some laptops for next year. K Palasia discussed raising FSMA's profile and increasing awareness among the community. Discussed Board members bringing ideas to discuss strategies at December's Board meeting.

Motion to Adjourn the Board meeting, 2nd Passed 8 to 0 at 1824.

Next Meeting: 16 December 2025 at 1730