

First State Military Academy Board Meeting Minutes

26 Jun 2026

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, T Wilson, P Hughes, K Yencer, M Orlando, R Capitan Via Zoom: G Bailey and K Palasia (late)

Staff: In-Person: Mr. Blair Newman, Principal.

Motion to Approve Agenda 2nd, Passed 8 to 0. S Kidner noted Executive Session for legal update and pay issues.

Public Comment: None

Secretary's Report: Motion to Approve 26 May '26 Minutes 2nd, Passed 8 to 0.

Treasurer's Report: P Hughes. Presented WSFS statements from Apr. Reported USDA withdrawals occurring without issue. Ending Balance of \$120,181 as of 31 May '26. Deposits noted. USDA is now making direct withdrawals from the appropriate account.

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

Principal's Report: B Newman. Submitted. Total Enrollment 424. Applications at 278, with 131 students signing first year agreements (FYA). Seeking about 150 first year students.

FY'26 budget presented. Expenses remaining below budget, with the school remaining in strong financial position. 86% expenditure but 91.6% of budget year. Estimated to be exceeding 72 days cash position by 30 June 2026/end of fiscal year. Noted FSMA has been reimbursed by DeIDOT for the G&L payment on the completion of the parking lot.

Motion to Accept Web Report for end of May '26 presented, 2nd, Passed 8 to 0.

"Dashboard". Report Attached.

Reported Naval Honors Report was submitted to Quantico and believe FSMA will again be awarded a Naval Honors High School for '26-'27 School year. No news on a new Commandant for the school. Noted looking for a new math teacher, interview expected. School dates with SOC and SLC, and teachers return 17 August.

Committee Reports:

Strategic Planning and Development: Open – No Report.

Marketing/Communications: R Payus – Absent

Finance/Treasurer: P Hughes – No Report

Academic: K Palaisa – Reported AI survey has been completed and results for July Board.

Board Governance: R Capitan – Reported this is his last meeting and expressed his gratitude and pride in supporting the school these last many years. The Board expressed its thanks to him for his service.

Facilities: K Yencer – Reported the naming of the “Col Robert Wallace Drill Deck” by the Senior Class.

CBOC: S. Kidner – Next Meeting in June and will be absent from that and the July meeting.

Organizational Issues: S Kidner – Reported the grant process garnered \$75k from Welfare Foundation for the pole building.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 1808 to discuss update on a legal issue and compensation for staff and faculty, 2nd Passed 8 to 0.

Motion to return to regular Board Session at 1832. 2nd , Passed 8 to 0.

No action necessary.

Closing Remarks: S Kidner again noted three Board member retirements this summer. And need to fill the Teacher Board position at earliest opportunity.

Motion to Adjourn the Board meeting, 2nd Passed 8 to 0 at 1836.

Next Meeting: 28 July 2026 – 1730