

**DMA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Date: March 23, 2026**  
**Start Time: 18:03 hours**  
**Adjourn Time: 18:46 hours**  
**Meeting Duration: 0 hour 43 minutes**

**In Person:** Helen Barbato, Dan Newcott, Jelena Batula, CAPT Dan Bates, Nicole Krajewski, Chris Kenny, Jennifer Dempsey, Andrea Spahr, Don McLamb, Brian Rostocki, Ken Gatson

**Via Zoom:** Scott Green

**Absent:** Jennifer McCloskey, Cheryl Davis-Robinson

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call to Order</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At 18:03 hours, Vice Chairperson Batula called the March DMA Board meeting to order, following the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ None required</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Comments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secretary's Report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The secretary's report for February 2026 meeting distributed for approval.</li> </ul> <p>First: McLamb            Second: Batula            Vote: unanimous – approved</p>	None Required
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commandant's Report</li> </ul>	<p><b>ACADEMIC AND PROGRAMMATIC UPDATES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DMA Mathletes went to States. This was very competitive, DMA still awaiting results.</li> <li>• Enrollment: 150 committed for the 2026-2027 class. The deadline was 3/20/26. Some decisions are pending, aiming for 160 cadets.</li> <li>• The Academic marking period ended 3/20/26.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None Required</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports: Today is the first day of Spring sports competition.</li> <li>• The end of year planning is currently underway. Intent to return letters went out this week for staff and due on Thursday. They are either coming back, not coming back or want to discuss. Mr. Lingenfelter will be retiring after 30 years as the drivers ed teacher.</li> </ul> <p><b>ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DMA Salary scale: As of 2026-2027, all DMA staff will be on Red Clay scale minus on year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Governor has proposed a 2% increase to the salary budget. This has not been passed yet.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Instructional Materials are being evaluated for next year with the is wanted and what is in the budget.</li> <li>• Department of Education Student visit: Student representative is on the Board of Education. DOE met with cadets. It was a good opportunity to be the voice of education at DMA.</li> <li>• CharterCon 26: AI was the topic of conversation and how the DE school embrace AI moving forward, not against.</li> <li>• Red Clay has a partnership with University of Pennsylvania with mental health, long-term strategy and how to implement strategy.</li> </ul> <p><b>JROTC Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The uniform change from the Navy went into effect in March due to the incident on the Old Dominion campus. Hoping that this uniform change will be lifted after spring break.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Drill and Marksman team had an event on March 7. It went very well; next event is in Annapolis on 3/21/26.</li> <li>• The Drone team has an event on Saturday. Out of 18 teams, DMA took first place overall and placed first in 2 other categories. They qualified for Nationals.</li> <li>• Service Trips <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nine cadets went to a leadership seminar host by West Point in Loyola, MD.</li> <li>○ Another night scheduled on the SS Norfolk.</li> <li>○ Overnight on the SS New Jersey, 50 cadets will have dinner and breakfast.</li> <li>○ C130 flight has 40 slots</li> </ul> </li> <li>• VFW has established a leadership scholarship fund with the \$3k donation. This will be used for a leadership academy at the end of June.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treasurer's Report</li> </ul>	<p><b>Treasurer's Report: Report Provided by Don McLamb</b>  <b>Financials of 2/28/2026</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 66% through our Fiscal Year (8 of 12 months)</li> </ul> <p><b>Revenue</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YTD DMA has collected approximately <b>\$9.5M</b> or <b>99.7%</b> of Budgeted Revenue.</li> <li>• <b>Local funding:</b> State and local Revenue is over budget by approximately \$544K due to higher cadet numbers than budgets along with the Crystal Trust Grant.</li> <li>• <b>Navy Aid/NJROTC funding:</b> revenue line is better than this time last year.</li> </ul>	None required

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Admin Fees:</b> Slower payments for the admin fees. Acceptance letters are out and expect to collect more by the end of the fiscal year.</li> </ul> <p><b>Expenses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$6.4M YTD expenses have been incurred, which is 68% of budgeted expenses.</li> <li>• Expenses to note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Salaries YTD is 68% of total budget amount. Since we are 66% through the year, salaries are approximately 2% over budget. This continues to be a difficult item to budget. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Proposed state budget for salaries is 2%</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Health Insurance expense: \$545K YTD with total budget of \$720K for this year.</li> <li>○ Other Professional Services: This amount is over \$12K, mostly due to substitution costs for teachers, nurses and janitors.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• There are no items of Revenue or Expense that have an unexplained material variance from budgeted amounts.</li> <li>• Currently have a YTD surplus of \$3M.</li> <li>• The 6/30/25 taxes have been filed.</li> </ul> <p>First: Barbato Second: Krajewski</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vote: unanimous – approved</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finance Committee</li> </ul>	<p><b>Finance Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Met on 3/19/26. Reviewed financials, no issues noted.</li> <li>Next meeting is 4/23/26.</li> </ul> <p><b>Citizens Board Oversight Committee (CBOC)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Met on 2/26/26.</li> <li>Reviewed transactions from October to December 2025. No issues were noted.</li> <li>Next meeting is 5/20/26.</li> </ul>	<p>None required.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Governance Committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has not met since last Board meeting, meeting next month.</li> <li>Revisions of bi-laws will be sent before next meeting.</li> <li>Committees will need to post agendas and meeting notes, required by the bi-laws of school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None required.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academic Excellence Committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None required.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ad hoc Committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential ad hoc committee for Social Media, Strategy and Alumni engagement. Currently researching current brand, content, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None required.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Old Business</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None required.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Business</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None required.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Next Board Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>The next Board meeting will be <b>Monday, April 27, 2026.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None required.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Executive Session</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adjournment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First: Batula</li> <li>Second: McLamb</li> <li>Vote: Affirmative – Unanimous</li> </ul> <p>Adjourned 18:46 hours</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None required.</li> </ul>

Respectfully Submitted /s/ *Helen Barbato*