

MassArt Board of Trustees
Executive Committee
September 28, 2022 Minutes
Zoom

Committee Members in Attendance: Chair Hamilton, Trustee Keane, Trustee Nessen, Trustee Korn, Trustee Snyder, Trustee Saragoni, President Mary Grant (ex officio)

Trustees also in Attendance: Trustee Bhattacharya

Others in attendance: Hannah Voit (Board Secretary), Robert Chambers, Lauren Wilshusen, K. John Ashworth-King, Marjorie O'Malley, Robert Perry, Ellen Carr, Karen Abbott

1. Call to Order

Chair Hamilton welcomed the group and began with the vote on approval of the June 3, 2022 minutes and roll call attendance.

2. Approval of the Minutes: June 3, 2022

For attendance and approval of the minutes:

Yes - Chair Hamilton, Trustee Keane, Trustee Nessen

Absent for vote, joined meeting in progress - Trustee Korn, Trustee Snyder, Trustee Saragoni

3. Updates & Discussion

Chair Hamilton shared that she had attended Opening Day along with Trustee Snyder and it was a special and enthusiastic way to start the year.

President Grant presented a powerpoint with updates highlighting a number of summer programs, activities, and accomplishments, including a visit with the State Legislature's Joint Committee on Tourism, Arts and Culture. The President noted that it was wonderful to have youth programs back on campus and that the school year began strong. President Grant shared information about summer gatherings with alumni and provided an update regarding a special summer project in the Tower, the Elevator Mural project. There will be an opening and a celebration for the project later in the fall semester.

Lauren Wilshusen, Dean of Admissions and Enrollment Management, provided an overview of MassArt's strong enrollment and incoming class demographics. The President thanked the staff for all they did on move-in day and for the thoughtful and engaging orientation activities. She also described how a public art walk with senior staff eventually led to an Artists in Residence with GN Crew Boston, and a mural that would be unveiled later that week – she thanked Lyssa Palu-ay and James Mason for their work on leading this effort.

The President also shared a presentation that is continuing to evolve that the team is using to help introduce key stakeholders to MassArt and to help make a case for support of the Tower project. She thanked the trustees for their expertise and the staff for their work on moving the Tower project forward.

The President acknowledged the leadership of Joyce Linehan, Assistant to the President for Special Projects, James Mason, Associate Provost and Dean of Faculty, and Marjorie O'Malley, VP of Institutional Advancement and Executive Director of the MassArt Foundation in working on the 150th Anniversary, and generating internal and external programming, engagements, and opportunities for philanthropy. The effort also ties to the Brand Refresh, to be covered in greater detail in the External Affairs meeting. She noted that dates for a trustee session with Moth would be going out shortly.

There was a discussion about President Grant's January 20, 2022 Inauguration. Save the Dates have gone out and it will be a kickoff to the 150th Anniversary year.

President Grant shared that the revision of the Board by-laws will get back underway upon completion of the search for a new General Counsel.

4. New Business

There was no new business.

5. Adjournment

Chair Hamilton adjourned the meeting at 11:42am.

Documents:

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Tower Building Presentation

Admissions Presentation