



Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority

SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE WOODS HOLE, MARTHA'S VINEYARD AND NANTUCKET STEAMSHIP AUTHORITY BOARD AND PORT COUNCIL

June 17, 2025

The Members of the Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority Board met on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at the Nantucket Hotel, 77 Easton Street, Nantucket. All five (5) members were present: Chair James M. Malkin of Dukes County; Vice Chair Peter J. Jeffrey of Falmouth; Secretary Moira E. Tierney of New Bedford; and Members Robert F. Ranney of Nantucket and Robert R. Jones of Barnstable. Messrs. Malkin and Jeffrey and Ms. Tierney participated in the meeting via Zoom.

1. Director of Engineering and Maintenance Zachary A. Lawrence reviewed the progress of the *M/V Monomoy* conversion at Alabama Shipyard. Recent milestones included hull blasting; installation of the stern ramp; coating of the tunnels for the forward and stern bow thrusters; steel replacement near the keel coolers and extension of the vessel's skeg; and installation of the bridge consoles. The vessel is scheduled to be undocked August 15, 2025, with stability testing scheduled for August 20, 2025.
2. General Manager Robert B. Davis shared an update on the Woods Hole Terminal Reconstruction Project. Recent milestones at the terminal building included the completion of the roof decking; installation of the waterproofing on the exterior concrete walls, which is near completion; and the forming of the terrace foundation walls on the north and west elevations. Progress at the utility building included installation of the interior sheetrock on the second floor; continuation of wiring, including the fire alarm system; the beginning of rough framing of windows on the second floor; and installation of mechanical equipment on the second floor.
3. Director of Health, Safety, Quality, and Environment Bridget L. Sullivan provided an update on the Safety Quality Management System, noting that internal SQMS audits were recently performed at several landside locations and on multiple vessels. Two major nonconformities were noted regarding the documentation of corrective actions and training. One observation and nine minor nonconformities were also noted, she said.

4. Ms. Sullivan provided an update the Training and Development Expo, which was held March 31-April 11, 2025. Twenty offerings were scheduled, which is the highest number in the expo's history. She noted that the number of participants was lower this spring (147 vs. 342 in 2024), and only a handful of participants completed the post-training survey, and staff will be meeting soon to review those results and strategize on how improvements can be made for the fall Expo.
5. General Counsel Terence G. Kenneally discussed the proposed license for Offshore Tug and Transportation LLC, a Robert B. Our company, to run freight service from New Bedford to Nantucket. The request was advertised pursuant to the Authority's licensing policy, and a public hearing was held to give the public a chance to weigh in on the request. Mr. Kenneally noted there was interest from departments of the Town of Nantucket to run this service to deal with recyclable materials being stored on the island, but the Authority has to look at the impact to its barging revenue as well as its operations at the Nantucket Terminal.
6. Director of Security Todd M. Falvey reviewed a memorandum of understanding with the Falmouth Fire Department to set forth procedures and responsibilities regarding maritime firefighting. The MOU is the second such agreement with fire departments in the Authority's port communities; an agreement with the Hyannis Fire Department was previously approved, and agreements are in progress with Nantucket and, jointly, the towns of Tisbury and Oak Bluffs on Martha's Vineyard. The Board voted to approve the MOU as presented.
7. Mr. Falvey reviewed an April 24, 2025, Maritime Active Threat Active Shooter training, which was held by the U.S. Coast Guard for Steamship Authority employees and Coast Guard personnel. The training was provided for crew members who were part of the exercise and for those who were not part of the *M/V Governor* crew. The training covered ferry crew response, Coast Guard and emergency services response, and medical response.
8. The Board voted to authorize Mr. Davis to execute a contract with E-Dea SPA of Napoli, Italy, as the vendor for the replacement of the Authority's reservation system. The five-year contract, at a cost of \$5,779,484, would start in 2025 and go through 2030. The project would have an implementation phase starting in 2025, with phased in roll outs in 2026. The complete reservation software project is expected to be fully implemented in the fourth quarter of 2026.
9. The Board authorized Mr. Davis to execute the following procurement items:
 - Parts and labor required for the overhaul of one ZF reduction gear model ZF 4650 DBB for the *M/V Iyanough* with ZF Gears of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for a total price of \$158,397.38.
 - Parts required for the overhaul of the two Lufkin reduction gears onboard the *M/V Sankaty* to Lufkin Gears of Lufkin, Texas, for a total price of \$221,200.
 - Change Order CCO-097 under Contract 19-2022-C, Motor Vessel Conversion, Freight Deck Extensions, Associated Machinery Modifications, Drydocking and

Overhaul services for the *M/V Monomoy*, to Alabama Shipyard LLC of Mobile, Alabama, to modify the existing CO2 fire suppression system for a total price of \$183,425.

10. Following Executive Session, the Board approved a reached a three-year contract agreement with the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association (MEBA). The agreement represents approval of the third outstanding collective bargaining agreements for the Authority's vessel work force. Two agreements with Teamsters Union Local No. 59 covering the Licensed Deck Officer unit and Unlicensed Vessel Employee unit were previously approved by both the Board and the respective bargaining units.

The next monthly Board meeting is scheduled to be held July 15, 2025, at Oak Bluffs Town Hall, 56 School Street, Oak Bluffs. The formal notice for the meeting will appear at www.steamshipauthority.com/about/meeting_notices.