



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

February 17, 2026

The Members of the Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority Board met on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, in the second-floor meeting room of the Authority's Hyannis Terminal, 141 School Street, Hyannis. Four (4) members were present: Chair Peter J. Jeffrey of Falmouth; Secretary Robert F. Ranney of Nantucket; and Members Robert R. Jones of Barnstable and James M. Malkin of Dukes County. Mr. Malkin participated in the meeting via Zoom videoconferencing; Vice Chair Moira E. Tierney of New Bedford was absent.

1. Chief Operating Officer Mark H. Amundsen reviewed the progress of the following vessel projects:
 - a. The *M/V Monomoy* outfitting, which is underway at the Fairhaven Vessel Maintenance Facility. Machinery testing is in progress and the sea trial dates are to be determined based on the timing of the remaining work items.
 - b. The *M/V Woods Hole* repair period at Fairhaven. Sea trials are scheduled for Thursday, February 19, 2026, and the vessel is expected to return to service on February 24, 2026.
 - c. The *M/V Island Home* dry dock at Thames Shipyard in New London, Connecticut. He noted an issue had been identified with clutches in the reduction gear, which would require replacement an additional procurement. The project cost to date, including credits and change orders, is \$1,554,695.94.
 - d. The *M/V Iyanough* dry dock at Fairhaven Shipyard, the total cost of which stands at \$479,032.50, including change orders and credits.
2. Mr. Amundsen shared an update on the Woods Hole Terminal Reconstruction Project. The utility building is complete on the interior and building commissioning is in progress. At the terminal building, the exterior curtain wall installation is under way and nearing

completion; the electrical, mechanical, and fire protection rough installations are in progress and nearing completion; and the interior wall framing is complete.

3. General Manager Alexander T. Kryska provided an update on the True North Initiative and reservation system replacement project. He noted the Authority held two information sessions last week that were well-attended and resulted in thoughtful questions and feedback. He thanked the True North Team that helped pull the sessions together and make them a success.

The Board will consider policy revisions to align with system configurations at a subsequent meeting. The only item that has changed on the project dashboard is external infrastructure, which is now rated “planned delivery at risk” as staff takes appropriate due diligence to review the plans for infrastructure upgrades.

4. The Board approved the Commercial Filming Policy, which establishes a framework for use of vessels or terminal facilities as a venue for commercial filming and photographic activities by production companies.
5. The Members discussed the status of the Offshore Tug and Transport license application to run limited freight service to Nantucket from New Bedford. General Counsel Terence G. Kenneally noted some additional action items had been noted at the recent Port Council meeting, and the request would come back to the Board for consideration at a later date.
6. Mr. Kryska presented his work plan to the Board, covering immediate actions, structural reforms, and cultural and accountability shift, with tasks to be carried out over the next 18 months. A full version of the plan is attached to this summary.
7. The Board authorized Mr. Kryska to execute the following procurement items:
 - Contract No. 13-2025, Dry Dock and Overhaul Services for the *M/V Barnstable*, to the lowest eligible and responsible bidder, Thames Shipyard of New London, Connecticut, for a total contract price of \$1,706,421.89.
 - Purchase Order 0048163, Clutch Packs for Reintjes model WF 3445 for the *M/V Island Home*, for a total cost of \$117,510.98.
8. The Board held a discussion about its action items for 2026. Following discussion, the Members identified three action items:
 - Reviewing the Board’s by-laws, which will be done by Messrs. Jones and Ranney with an estimated completion by June.
 - Creation a vessel replacement steering committee with five members from the Board and Port Council.
 - Reviewing the Authority’s procurement policy, which will be done by Messrs. Jeffrey and Ranney with an estimated completion by September.

The next monthly Board meeting is scheduled to be held March 17, 2026, at the Authority's Administrative Offices, 228 Palmer Avenue, Falmouth. The formal notice for the meeting will appear at www.steamshipauthority.com/about/meeting_notices.