



# Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority

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

April 21, 2026

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The Members of the Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority Board met on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at the New Bedford Port Authority, 123 MacArthur Drive, New Bedford. 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 Edward T. Gavin of Dukes County. Messrs. Jones and Gavin participated in the meeting via Zoom videoconferencing. Vice Chair Moira E. Tierney of New Bedford was absent.

1. Emily Uselton from Raftelis LLC provided a review of the SSA's strategic plan implementation progress during 2025. Highlights of the year included revising initiatives from the original strategic plan for relevance and prioritization, developing a real-time online performance dashboard, and supporting leadership transition in several key managerial roles. More information about the Authority's strategic plan can be found online at [www.steamshipauthority.com/strategicplan](http://www.steamshipauthority.com/strategicplan).
2. Director of Engineering and Maintenance Zach Lawrence reviewed the progress of the following engineering and maintenance projects:
  - The *M/V Monomoy*, which launched Friday on the Hyannis-Nantucket route. General Manager Alex Kryska noted that the vessel had two small issues that resulted in mechanical cancellations, but the items were quickly addressed, and the vessel has been running smoothly thus far.
  - The *M/V Nantucket* dry dock at Thames Shipyard. The vessel has returned to the water and the rest of the work is being completed pier-side.
  - The Vineyard Haven Terminal underdeck concrete repairs. The demolition of the concrete is 97% completed and the concrete pouring is 30% completed. The scheduled completion date for the project is May 8, 2026.
3. Chief Operating Officer Mark H. Amundsen shared an update on the Woods Hole Terminal Reconstruction Project. Staff training on the utility building's systems and operations is in

progress, and the certificate of occupancy is expected to be issued imminently. The terminal building's interior work is ongoing, and the building is expected to be turned over to the Authority by May 23, 2026, with an occupancy date of June 16, 2026.

4. Mark Amundsen provided an update on the True North Initiative and reservation system replacement project. The project team continues to work through the solution design phase and recently held both in-person and online information sessions. While several items in the status summary are behind schedule, Mr. Amundsen said the team is working on plans to get those back on schedule by adjusting the project timeline and with additional, on-site work by E-Dea, the project vendor.
5. Communications Director Sean F. Driscoll presented the results of the preseason sale for electronic high-speed ticket books for the high-speed ferry. In 2026, a total of 5,218 ticket books were sold during the sale, a new record for this promotion. The sale generated \$1,427,582.50 in revenue for the Authority at a cost of \$355,497.50 due to the discount offering. One customer bought 155 ticket books; most customers (71%) bought one or two ticket books during the sale.
6. The Members authorized Mr. Kryska to execute the following procurement items:
  - Change Order No. 24, which includes Change Proposals 111, 139, 161, and 175 for Contract No. 17-2023, Woods Hole Landside Construction, with Colantonio Inc. for a total of \$304,543.60. The items are related to a shift in the date for substantial completion of the project from May 15, 2026, to June 16, 2026.
  - A change order to Purchase Order 0036405 for parts and conversion services of Brunvoll rudder and propulsion shafts and thrusters from Ships Machinery International Inc. of Miami, Florida, for an updated total of \$184,022.61. The initial purchase order did not include travel and lodging costs for the service engineers, but the full cost was properly reflected in the project's budget.
7. The Board held further discussion on staff's recommendation to market the *M/V Governor* for sale following the *M/V Monomoy* going into service. It was decided to return the matter to the Port Council for their recommendation in May, and the Board expects to take a final vote on the matter at their May 19, 2026, meeting.
8. General Counsel Terence G. Kenneally discussed the recent company-wide security exercise conducted at the Oak Bluffs Terminal. The event was planned by the U.S. Coast Guard and the SSA and included numerous federal, state, and local first responder agencies. Mr. Kenneally noted the event was an outstanding display of our commitment to providing security for the traveling public and a good way for all the involved agencies to test their emergency response plans.
9. The Board voted to name Member Robert R. Jones of Barnstable to its newly formed Capital Project Committee and Member Edward T. Gavin to its newly formed Governance Committee. Both committees were created last month as part of the Board's adoption of its 2026 action items. The Port Council will vote to name its representatives to the committee

next month, with a fifth seat on both being held open for an additional Board Member upon the appointment of the next New Bedford representative.

The next monthly Board meeting is scheduled to be held Tuesday, May 19, 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](http://www.steamshipauthority.com/about/meeting_notices).