

**MINUTES
OF THE
WOODS HOLE, MARTHA'S VINEYARD
AND NANTUCKET STEAMSHIP AUTHORITY**

The Meeting in Public Session

August 5, 2025

The Members of the Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority met at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 5, 2025, via the Zoom videoconferencing app. 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. Ms. Tierney was present in the first-floor meeting room (Room 103) of the Authority's Administrative Offices, 228 Palmer Avenue, Falmouth, Massachusetts; all other Board Members participated via Zoom videoconferencing.

The following staff members were present: General Manager Robert B. Davis; General Counsel Terence G. Kenneally; Treasurer/Comptroller Mark K. Rozum; Chief Operating Officer Mark H. Amundsen; Communications Director Sean F. Driscoll; Director of Shoreside Operations Alison A. Fletcher; Director of Human Resources Janice L. Kennefick; Director of Information Technologies Stephen M. Colman; and Executive Assistant Monika N. Andrade. Other than Mr. Driscoll, all staff members were in the first-floor meeting room at the Authority's Administrative Offices.

Video and Audio Recording of Today's Meeting:

Mr. Malkin announced Mr. Driscoll was making an audio and video recording of the meeting; Louisa Hufstader (representing the *Vineyard Gazette*) indicated she was making an audio recording of the meeting.

Statement Regarding Remote Participation:

Mr. Malkin announced that, pursuant to Section 20 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, as amended, Members were participating in the meeting remotely because their physical attendance would be unreasonably difficult. The Members

were participating in the meeting by the Zoom videoconferencing app and all members would be clearly audible to each other.

As a result of the remote participation, any and all votes taken by the Members shall be by roll call vote, he said.

Request for Authorization to Execute a Contract for
Continued Support for Contract No. 07-2023 with Gibbous LLC:

Mr. Davis said staff was seeking authorization to execute an addendum to Contract No. 07-2023, Information Technology Management Consulting Services, with Gibbous LLC, at an estimated total cost of \$400,000. This addendum is for Project Management Office services overseeing Contract No. 16-2024, Replacement of the Steamship Authority's Reservation System, which was awarded to E-Dea of Napoli, Italy, in June 2025.

Mr. Rozum noted that E-Dea had estimated a cost of \$548,000 for these services through a third-party management company, but staff believed Gibbous's prior knowledge of the Authority would be invaluable during the project. The proposed cost was in line with what E-Dea estimated, and he said it was felt that having Gibbous in this role would help keep the project on its timetable.

Mr. Rozum then presented two (2) slides showing the supporting projects to the reservation system implementation and noted there were lots of "tentacles" in the project, which would be a "big lift" for the Authority. He noted that the IT Executive Steering Committee had voted at its July 18, 2025, meeting to recommend the matter to the Board.

Mr. Jeffrey noted that the committee had reviewed the matter and had generally been pleased with Gibbous to date and this would allow the Authority to not lose any ground in the project. In response to a question from Mr. Jones, Mr. Jeffrey noted that he and Port Council members John F. Cahill of Tisbury and Eric R. Dawicki of Fairhaven were the committee members; Mr. Dawicki was absent from the July 18, 2025, meeting, but he and Mr. Cahill both voted in favor of the request.

Mr. Malkin thanked Mr. Rozum for his work and said the cutover to the new system would be equally as difficult as the preparation.

IT WAS VOTED – upon a motion by Mr. Jeffrey, seconded by Mr. Jones – to authorize the general manager to execute an addendum for Continued Support for Contract No. 07-2023, Information Technology Management Consulting Services with Gibbous LLC, at an estimated total cost of \$400,000 for the Project Management Office services overseeing Contract No. 16-2024, Replacement of the Steamship Authority’s Reservation System, with E-Dea of Napoli, Italy, as proposed in Staff Summary #A-716, dated July 31, 2025.

<u>VOTING</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Mr. Malkin	35 %	
Mr. Jeffrey	10 %	
Ms. Tierney	10 %	
Mr. Ranney	35 %	
Mr. Jones	<u>10 %</u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL	100 %	0 %

Public Comment:

Mr. Malkin asked for public comment, but none was offered.

At 12:41 p.m., Mr. Malkin asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss the Authority’s strategies with respect to contract negotiations with nonunion personnel because a public discussion of these matters may have a detrimental effect on the Authority’s bargaining position. These matters include:

- The Authority’s employment contract with General Manager Robert B. Davis.

The public disclosure of any more information with respect to these matters would compromise the purposes for which the executive session is being called. After the conclusion of the executive session, the Board will reconvene in public.

IT WAS VOTED – upon a motion by Ms. Tierney, seconded by Mr. Jones – to enter into executive session to discuss the Authority’s strategies with respect to contract negotiations with nonunion personnel.

<u>VOTING</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Mr. Malkin	35 %	
Mr. Jeffrey	10 %	
Ms. Tierney	10%	
Mr. Ranney	35 %	
Mr. Jones	<u>10 %</u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL	100 %	0 %

The Board reconvenes:

At 2:37 p.m., the Board reconvened in public session.

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. Ms. Tierney was present in Authority's Administrative Offices.

The following staff members were present: General Manager Robert B. Davis; General Counsel Terence G. Kenneally; Treasurer/Comptroller Mark K. Rozum; Communications Director Sean F. Driscoll; and Director of Human Resources Janice L. Kennefick. Other than Mr. Driscoll, all staff members were in the first-floor meeting room at the Authority's Administrative Offices.

Video and Audio Recording of Today's Meeting:

Mr. Malkin announced Mr. Driscoll was making an audio and video recording of the meeting; Eunki Seonwoo (representing the *Martha's Vineyard Times*) indicated he was making an audio recording of the meeting.

Statement Regarding Remote Participation:

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IT WAS VOTED – upon a motion by Ms. Tierney, seconded by Mr. Jones – to provide Mr. Davis cost-of-living raises identical to increases provided nonunion employees in 2024 and 2025.

<u>VOTING</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Mr. Malkin	35 %	
Mr. Jeffrey	10 %	
Ms. Tierney	10 %	
Mr. Ranney	35 %	
Mr. Jones	<u>10 %</u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL	100 %	0 %

Public Comment:

Mr. Seonwoo asked what the total amount of the raise would be; Mr. Kenneally said it was 10.6% in the aggregate.

Mr. Malkin noted this was a “very vital” and helpful discussion.

At 2:41 p.m., Mr. Malkin asked for a motion to adjourn.

IT WAS VOTED – upon a motion by Mr. Jeffrey, seconded by Mr. Jones – to adjourn the meeting in public session.

<u>VOTING</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Mr. Malkin	35 %	
Mr. Jeffrey	10 %	
Ms. Tierney	10 %	
Mr. Ranney	35 %	
Mr. Jones	<u>10 %</u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL	100 %	0 %

A TRUE RECORD

MOIRA E. TIERNEY, Board Secretary

Documents and Exhibits Used at the
August 5, 2025, Meeting in Public Session of the Board of the
Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority

1. August 5, 2025, Meeting Agenda, posted August 1, 2025.
2. Statement regarding remote participation.
3. Video and audio recording announcement.
4. Staff Summary #A-716, Approval of Continued Support for Contract No. 07-2023, Information Technology Management Consulting Services, dated July 31, 2025.
5. Slide, Reservation System Implementation Supporting Projects, dated July 18, 2025.
6. Statement to be read prior to entering executive session.