

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

The Meeting in Public Session

November 13, 2025

The Members of the Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority met at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, November 13, 2025, via Zoom videoconferencing. 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.

Port Council Secretary Gregory R. Egan of Barnstable and members Robert S.C. Munier of Falmouth and Joseph E. Sollitto of Oak Bluffs observed the meeting via Zoom videoconferencing. The following staff members were present in the first-floor conference room of the Authority's Administrative Offices: General Manager Robert B. Davis; General Counsel Terence G. Kenneally; Treasurer/Comptroller Mark K. Rozum; and Communications Director Sean F. Driscoll.

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*), Jason Graziadei (representing the *Nantucket Current*), Lin-Lin Hutchinson (representing the *Falmouth Enterprise*), Kaie Quigley (representing the *Nantucket Inquirer and Mirror*), and Eunki Seonwoo (representing the *Martha's Vineyard Times*), indicated they were making audio recordings 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, all Members were participating in the meeting remotely because their physical attendance would be unreasonably difficult. The Members are 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.

Consideration of Messrs. Amundsen and Kryska
for the Position of the Authority's General Manager:

Mr. Malkin thanked the General Manager Search Committee for putting in months of meetings, and he thanked the Board for the support of the committee. He thanked staff, noting that transition is unsettling and difficult. He also thanked both candidates for coming forward and for their honest, sincere, and clearly well-thought-out responses.

Mr. Jones echoed Mr. Malkin's remarks, noting that the process began with finding a headhunter. Once that was accomplished, Faststream was charged with reducing more than 100 potential candidates into a workable list. Mr. Jones said when they got that list, it had Mark Amundsen on it, which surprised him because he did not know that he was interested in the position. Mr. Jones noted Mr. Amundsen went through the same process as all the other candidates did before being named a finalist, along with Alex Kryska.

Mr. Jones noted he did not realize how much experience Mr. Amundsen had. He said the committee wanted someone working within the marine industry, and while there were some candidates with crossover experience, marine industry experience was "tops." He said Mr. Kryska has held a variety of positions, all of them qualified, and it was his initial thought that Mr. Amundsen would continue as chief operating officer because he's highly qualified, and maybe it is time for a new face as general manager. But looking at the matter several times, it became obvious to him that the best bet would be to stay in-house and give the nod to Mr. Amundsen, who has a lot of ideas for moving the Authority forward and who "wears the colors well." He said Mr. Kryska's resume was one of the first ones he read and that, while both candidates would do the job well, Mr. Amundsen has the experience and proved in his interviews that he was very knowledgeable.

Ms. Tierney indicated she was ready to vote. Mr. Jeffrey said he was as well but deferred to Mr. Ranney for his comments.

Mr. Ranney thanked the search committee, noting it was a difficult, time-consuming, long process. This decision is not an easy one, but he said it comes down to what is best for the Authority as a whole and how it moves forward into the 21st century and do the things that need to be done.

Mr. Jeffrey offered his thanks to the Board and search committee for allowing the time to talk to his community. He said it was very clear from his conversations that this is a great opportunity for culture change, so he believed Mr. Kryska was the candidate to go with, so the Authority's bench does not get depleted.

Mr. Malkin said he was "heartened" to hear Mr. Amundsen state that he was happy to stay with the Authority and noted it was a difficult decision.

IT WAS VOTED – upon a motion by Mr. Jeffrey, seconded by Ms. Tierney – to offer the position of general manager to Alex Kryska and to direct the general counsel, director of human resources, and a designated Board Member to begin preliminary contract negotiations with Mr. Kryska for final approval by the Board.

<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 %

Mr. Malkin said Mr. Jeffrey, as the incoming Board chair, should work with Mr. Kenneally and Ms. Kennefick as appropriate on the contract negotiations.

Mr. Jones initially voted against the motion but subsequently changed his vote to offer Mr. Kryska the full support of the Board.

At 10:19 a.m., Mr. Malkin asked for a motion to adjourn.

**IT WAS VOTED – upon a motion by Ms. Tierney, seconded
by Mr. Jeffrey – to adjourn the meeting.**

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A TRUE RECORD

MOIRA E. TIERNEY, Board Secretary

**Documents and Exhibits Used at the
November 13, 2025, Meeting in Public Session of the Board of the
Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority**

1. November 13, 2025, Meeting Agenda, posted November 7, 2025.
2. Video and audio recording announcement.