

SARASOTA MILITARY ACADEMY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

08 SEPTEMBER 2026

Board of Director Members' Attendance

Present:

Dr. Thomas J. McElheny, Former Capt, USMC, Chair (virtual)
Pete Skokos, Treasurer
David Black
Charles Shugg, Brig Gen, USAF (Ret)
Ron Skipper, Former Capt, USAF
Richard Swoope, COL, USA (Ret)
Michael Tollerton, Former CPT, USA
W. Scott Wallace, GEN, USA (Ret)

Absent: Erica Gregory, Lt Col, USAF (Ret), Vice Chair; Ben Knisely, COL, USA (Ret), Secretary;
Jerry Neff, BG, USA (Ret); SMA-COL Christina Bowman, CEO/Head of High School

Location: SMA High School

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

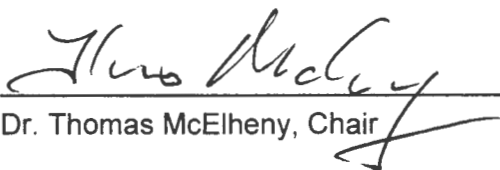
Chair Thomas McElheny stated the following applications need board approval.

Mr. David Black moved to approve the Verstar Construction Contract; GEN Scott Wallace seconded the motion and the board unanimously approved.

Chair McElheny stated the need to amend the architect agreement with Fred Starling first, to which Mr. Black inquired if the approval can be contingent to the changes.

Mr. Black stated once changes have been accepted from the attorney, then the board can move forward with approval.

The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:17 am.



Dr. Thomas McElheny, Chair

9/22/26
Date



COL Ben Knisely, Secretary

9/22/26
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