Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Bay State Conference Center
One Hundred and Eighty-Second Meeting of the MMA Board of Trustees
December 4, 2005

PRESENT: Trustees Austin, Bickerton, Desrocher, Gusmini, Halloran, Linnon, McNally, Nobrega, Roberts and Tierney

ABSENT: Trustee Flanagan

Chairman Desrocher called the special meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. The Chairman and counsel Mark Peters reminded those in attendance of the protocol for conducting the meeting.

Chairman Desrocher stated the Board of Trustees lacks confidence in Admiral Richard Gurnon’s leadership as President of Massachusetts Maritime Academy.

A motion was made by Trustee Austin stating that the Board of Trustees lacks confidence in Admiral Gurnon as President. This motion was seconded acknowledging the Board’s lack of confidence in Admiral Gurnon.

Chairman Desrocher extended the courtesy to Admiral Gurnon to address the Board. Admiral Gurnon proceeded to defend himself with legal counsel at his side.

Trustee Linnon reiterated that the Board of Trustees has developed a lack of confidence in Richard Gurnon over the past few months. Trustee Tierney reconfirmed the Board’s lack of confidence in Admiral Gurnon. Trustee Gusmini expressed her concern over this situation and offered her support of Admiral Gurnon.

A 9 to 1 roll call vote of no confidence in Admiral Gurnon was made, followed by a motion to dismiss him due to lack of confidence. Trustee Gusmini voted confidence in Admiral Gurnon. (A motion to dismiss was made by Vice Chairman Paul McNally and was seconded.)

A roll call vote of 9 to 1 was made with Trustee Gusmini voting not to dismiss.

A motion was then made by Admiral Linnon and seconded that the Board of Trustees revoke and bar Admiral Richard Gurnon from exercising any powers and authorities heretofore granted to or otherwise vested in him as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy and that all such powers and authorities be, until further action of this Board, granted to, vested in and exercised by Stephen Kearney. The motion passed unanimously.
A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m., which was postponed to grant CAPT Hansen an opportunity to address the Board. CAPT Hansen read a prepared statement and stated that he was resigning his position in exchange for an agreement offered by the Board and thanked the Board. The statement was submitted to the Board for the record and inclusion with the minutes. Another motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 10:45 a.m.