MASSART

Board of Trustees
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2026, 1:30-2:30pm
Zoom

Committee members in attendance: Chair Bascome; Vice Chair Korn; Trustees Giraldo, Keane, and Bump

Committee members absent: Trustee Saragoni

Other Trustees in attendance: Trustee Sherman

Others in attendance: President Grant, Hannah Johnson, Brenda Molife, Corey Zink, Robert Chambers, Lauren Wilshusen, Temple Gill, Theresa O'Bryant, Bob Perry, Tony Flackett, Brendan O'Bryan

1. **Call to Order**
   Chair Bascome called the meeting to order at 1:32pm.

2. **Vote on Meeting Minutes - November 18, 2025 and November 21, 2025**
   On a motion by Trustee Sherman and a second by Trustee Keane, it was then unanimously **VOTED: to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2025 and November 21, 2025 meetings.**

   Yes: Chair Bascome; Vice Chair Korn; Trustees Giraldo, Keane, and Bump

3. **Updates:**
   President Grant gave an overview of the start of the semester. Students have started classes, and exhibitions like the Illustration Thesis Show are going up. The Master Planning process is underway and it will involve a high level of campus engagement, including with the trustees.

   a. **Enrollment Briefing**
      Dean of Admissions and Enrollment Management Lauren Wilshusen gave the Committee an overview of students entering MassArt in the Spring 2026 semester and the fall recruitment efforts, which included Open Houses (which saw a 70% increase in attendees over last year) and National Portfolio Days. Early Action submitted applications are up slightly over last year. Spring 2026 recruitment events include Accepted Students Days and Scholarship Breakfasts at MassArt, and Accepted Student Receptions in Worcester and Brockton. VP of Student Success and Enrollment Management Corey Zink briefed trustees on annual graduate and undergraduate enrollment data and anticipated trends. There was a discussion about the enrollment cliff, Massachusetts public higher educational institutional and AICAD enrollment, the On-the-Spot Admissions process, and enrollment

management strategy.

b. **Government Updates**
c. **Master Planning Updates, BRIGHT Act, Tower**
   Brendan O'Bryant, Director of Government and Corporate Relations, shared that MassArt is awaiting the Government's budget and will do a lot of work with the legislature to advocate for the MassArt campus line item and on other issues like financial aid. President Grant has continued advocacy on the BRIGHT Act, including an encouraging meeting with the Chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee.
d. **Auditor's Report**
   In follow up to her briefing with the Executive Committee earlier this academic year, General Counsel Theresa O'Bryant updated the Committee regarding the State Auditor's report on state agencies' settlement agreements, including MassArt, and commended the Administration & Finance team's work to respond to queries from the Auditor's office.
e. **FY26-27 Board Meeting Calendar**
   Board Secretary Hannah Johnson shared the Proposed FY26-27 Board meeting calendar.

4. **New Business**
   Chair Bascome thanked the meeting's presenters for meeting with the Committee and President Grant and the MassArt team for their hard work on behalf of the College. There was no new business.

5. **Adjournment**
   Chair Bascome adjourned the meeting at 2:34pm.

Meeting materials:

- *November 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes*
- *November 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes*
- *Proposed FY26-27 Board Meeting Calendar*
- *Meeting Slide Deck*