MASSART

Board of Trustees

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
May 29, 2026, 1:30-2:30pm
Zoom

Committee Members in Attendance: Chair Bascome; Vice Chair Korn; Trustees Keane, Giraldo and Bump
Committee Members Absent: Trustee Saragoni
Other trustees in attendance: Trustee Giraldo
Others in Attendance: President Grant, Hannah Johnson, Brendan O'Bryan, Robert Chambers, Robert Perry, Antony Flackett, Corey Zink, Provost Molife, Temple Gill, Emily Foster Day

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

2. **Vote on Meeting Minutes - March 2, 2026 and March 27, 2026**
   On a motion by Trustee Keane and a second by Trustee Bump, it was then unanimously **VOTED: to approve the March 2, 2026 and March 27, 2026 meeting meeting minutes.**

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

3. **Items Requiring a Vote:**
   a. **Election of board officers for FY26: Chair & Vice Chair**
      Trustee Keane asked for a motion to recommend the election of Daren Bascome as Chair and Denise Korn as Vice Chair. On a motion by Trustee Giraldo and a second by Trustee Bump, it was then unanimously VOTED: to recommend the election of Daren Bascome as Chair and Denise Korn as Vice-Chair, effective July 1, 2026.

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

   b. **Elect Chair's appointment of standing committee Chairs for FY26**

      On a motion by Trustee Keane and a second by Trustee Giraldo, it was then unanimously **VOTED: to recommend the election of the Chair's appointment of standing committee chairs as listed in the meeting materials, effective July 1, 2026**.

      Yes: Chair Bascome; Vice Chair Korn; Trustees Keane, Giraldo and Bump
   c. **Delegation of Authority**
      On a motion by Trustee Keane and a second by Vice Chair Korn, it

was then unanimously **VOTED: to delegate authority over the summer 2026 months.**

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

d. **Election of standing committee members for FY26**
On a motion by Trustee Bump and a second by Vice Chair Korn, it was then unanimously **VOTED: to recommend the election of the standing committees as listed in the meeting materials, effective July 1, 2026.**

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

4. **Updates:**
President Grant thanked the trustees for joining the BHE meeting on May 19 and the Technology, Facilities, Conference and Event Services, MassArt Art Museum, Industrial Design, Communication Design, and President's Office teams for their work to make their visit a success. She also highlighted the honorary degree reception the evening prior to commencement as a special evening, and thanked Conference and Event Services, Technology, Facilities, and the President's Office staff for their hard work on the event.

President Grant expressed her gratitude to the trustees for their 100% participation commencement and noted the profound remarks of commencement speaker Dr. Sarah Lewis, outstanding speeches by the undergraduate and graduate student speakers, and the high emotions of watching students walk across the stage.
President Grant then gave an overview of the upcoming Board of Trustee annual meeting and retreat and shared that she will become chair of the Council of Presidents for the next two years. A search for a new General Counsel is underway in anticipation of GC Theresa O'Bryant's retirement this summer. The trustees thanked Theresa for her work with the Board and service to the College.

a. **Government Updates**
Director of Government and Corporate Relations Brendan O'Bryan gave the Executive Committee updates on government relations, including the State Budget, BRIGHT Act, and issues around proposed federal rules regarding graduate earnings metrics. President Grant added that the Healey administration had shortly before the meeting issued additional guidance regarding ICE agents and MassArt will update its policies accordingly if necessary.

b. **Strategic Partnership Plan Reporting**
Chief of Staff and VP for Strategic Engagement Robert Chambers shared that the end of the first two-year goals period for the Strategic Partnership Plan is approaching. He said he would have a lot of updates to share in more detail during the board retreat.

c. **Campus Master Planning Updates**
Robert Perry reminded the trustees of the Campus Master Planning phases and shared that the draft master plan principles have been agreed upon. Robert Chambers commented on the engagement of the campus community throughout the process - students, studio managers, faculty, staff, and department chairs.

President Grant noted that this would be Trustee Keane's final committee meeting on the board as she is cycling off after a decade of service, and thanked her for her leadership.

GC O'Bryant shared her visit to the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, where President Grant was very warmly received by the community when she received an honorary degree for her service to the College, her alma mater. President Grant thanked Theresa and the Board for their hard work in support of MassArt.

d. **Annual President Evaluation Update**
Robert Chambers reminded the Executive Committee of the annual Presidential Evaluation required by the Board of Higher Education. Since President Grant is completing her fifth year in office, a more comprehensive review is required, so Robert will be in touch with a larger group than in the past to ask them for their input.

5. **New Business**
There was no new business.

6. **Adjournment**
Chair Bascome adjourned the meeting at 2:17pm.

Meeting materials:

- *Google slides*
- *March 2, 2026 meeting minutes*
- *March 27, 2026 meeting minutes*
- *Proposed and current committee rosters*