



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**VIRTUAL AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FORT LAUDERDALE EXECUTIVE AIRPORT
RED TAILS CONFERENCE ROOM
6000 NW 21 AVENUE, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021 – 1:30 P.M.**

	Attendance	Cumulative Attendance 7/2020 – 6/2021	
		Present	Absent
Edward Rebholz, Chair	P	5	0
Louis Gavin, Vice Chair	P	5	0
Mick Erlandson	P	3	2
Jeff Johnson	P	5	0
Robert Laughlin	P	3	1
Wes Szymonik	P	4	1
Pierre Taschereau	P	5	0
Valerie Vitale	P	5	0
Mark Volchek	P	4	1
John Watt	P	5	0
Vice Mayor Marlon Bolton, City of Tamarac [non-voting]	P	3	2
Jeff Helyer, City of Oakland Park [non-voting]	P	4	1

Airport Staff

- Rufus A. James, Airport Manager
- Carlton M. Harrison, Assistant Airport Manager
- Khant Myatt, Airport Engineer
- Jeri Pryor, Airport Programs Manager
- William Ward, Operations Supervisor
- Florence Straugh, Noise Abatement Officer
- Miguel Laca, Senior Administrative Assistant
- Linda Blanco, Senior Administrative Assistant
- Mickaelle Bouchereau, Administrative Assistant
- Yadssel Ortiz-Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant

Others

- Jamie Opperlee, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.
- Mauricio Baquero, Virtual Meeting Technician

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rebholz called the virtual meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll was called and a quorum was determined to be present.

Mr. James read into the record the protocol guidelines for Zoom video conferencing for this Board before proceeding to Voting Items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **December 3, 2020**

Motion made by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Volchek, to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2020, meeting as presented. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

VOTING ITEMS - None

UPDATE ITEMS

A. Noise Compatibility Program

- i. ULDR Public Reading to go to Commission on February 2nd for second reading**

Ms. Straugh, Noise Abatement Officer, spoke about an Aircraft Noise Informational Flyer (see attached) created upon Mr. Helyer's request at the last meeting. The flyer is also posted on the website. In addition, the Unified Land Development Regulation for the City of Fort Lauderdale General Aviation District was presented for first reading on January 21, 2021. The City Commission approved it and the second reading will go forward on February 2. Attached are the noise tables for November/December 2020.

- ii. Noise Abatement Overview Presentation**

Ms. Straugh gave a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation on the Noise Abatement Program (see attached). Upon completion, the following Board Members had comments and questions:

Chair Rebholz asked about what caused the peak in complaints between 2003-2004. Ms. Straugh said around the time there was a noise study as well as a master plan and a lot of concern was coming in from the community which prompted reaching out to Federal delegates to address the noise. As a result, a Letter of Agreement between the Executive

Tower with the Miami Tower to turn Runway 9 departures was established. Stage 1 and 2 jets were phased out in 2016.

Mr. Gavin asked what the reasons were that some aircraft could not make the turn on the I-95 departure. Ms. Straugh said Gulfstream IIIs had difficulty making that turn on hot days.

Mr. Erlandson had no questions but is interested if anybody in the district has complaints.

Mr. Johnson is interested to know how many concerns come from new residents. Ms. Straugh does not have that information, that's not something that is normally tracked.

Mr. Laughlin asked if a breakdown of complaints could be made by type of aircraft, jets vs. propellers vs. helicopters. Ms. Straugh said she could try to get that information in a follow-up; however, the attachments show the calls broken down by jet/propeller/helicopter, the downtown Helistop, etc. Mr. James asked if he would like that information on a monthly basis with the Board Packet or just one time; Mr. Laughlin said one time, perhaps as part of the 2020 Summary.

Mr. Szymonik had no questions but noted the noise reduction has come a long way.

Mr. Taschereau had no questions, and complimented Airport on the serious consideration of the surrounding residents' quality of life.

Ms. Vitale agreed with all the positive comments.

Mr. Volchek had no questions.

Mr. Watt made note of that incredible amount of days with west wind landings; the local Neighborhood Association made increased complaints in the afternoons, especially the one line along 62nd Street.

Vice Mayor Bolton had no questions.

B. Development and Construction

Mr. Ward, Operations Supervisor, gave a PowerPoint presentation (see attached). Some highlights are as follows:

- Total flight numbers for 2019-2020 are only down by 43 total flights, despite Covid restrictions.
- Taxiway Foxtrot relocation project has moved into Phase 2, which is the demolition of the old Taxiway F. Phase 2 began January 11 with 45 calendar days.
- Photographs displayed and explained of progress on Taxiway Foxtrot.
- Update on Parcels B, C, and D located on north side of Cypress Creek Road. Three warehouses are being developed, totaling about 400,000 square feet. Airport signed a lease with First Industrial Harrisburg on June 20, 2019,

construction began in January 2020. Despite the pandemic the construction has continued and is nearing completion. The Certificate of Occupancy is expected by the end of February and the buildings will be ready for the subtenant to begin moving in shortly thereafter.

Chair Rebholz noted a lack of loading docks for the warehouses. Mr. Ward apologized assured him there are loading docks in the back of the building and apologized that picture was not provided. Chair Rebholz asked if anyone is interested in subleasing to property as this point. Mr. James replied that First Industrial is working with a subtenant to occupy all three buildings.

Mr. Laughlin liked the attractive buildings and noted that the fact there is a subtenant is practically ready to occupy is very good news.

Mr. Helyer asked about the retention ponds on the Taxiway Foxtrot project, if they are connected and is there any kind of overflow/outflow? Mr. James said all overflow does not leave the airport grounds. The retention pond connectors go underneath the lateral taxiways. Mr. Helyer asked does the Airport have landscaping requirements above and beyond the County/City requirements? Mr. James advised the City of Fort Lauderdale landscaping requirements have been met.

There were no other questions or comments from the Board.

C. Arrearages

Mr. Laca had no arrearages to report either for rent or fuel flowage.

Chair Rebholz noted that he has many postponed lease payments on his own real estate and admires these arrearage tallies at every one of these meetings. Mr. James added they are thankful the tenants were able to get through the pandemic without being impacted, reminding the Board that tenants who took the deferments last year paid them off before the deadline.

There were no other questions or comments from the Board.

D. Communications to the City Commission – None

E. Other Items

i. Public Comment - None

Chair Rebholz will be attending the next Advisory Board meeting on site.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021 – 1:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Any written public comments made 48 hours prior to the meeting regarding items discussed during the proceedings have been attached hereto.

Attachments: Exhibit 1: Aircraft Noise Informational Flyer
 Exhibit 2: Noise Tables November/December 2020
 Exhibit 3: PowerPoint Noise Abatement Program
 Exhibit 4: PowerPoint Development and Construction Report

[Minutes prepared by M. Moore, Prototype, Inc.]