



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FORT LAUDERDALE EXECUTIVE AIRPORT
RED TAILS CONFERENCE ROOM
6000 NW 21 AVENUE, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2022 – 1:30 P.M.**

	Attendance	Cumulative Attendance 7/2021-6/2022	
		Present	Absent
Board Members			
Louis Gavin, Chair	P	5	0
Mark Volchek, Vice Chair	A	3	2
David Ash	P	1	0
William Gilbert	P	4	1
Jeff Johnson	P	5	0
Ed Kwoka	P	2	0
Robert Laughlin [arrived 1:39]	P	4	1
Pierre Taschereau	P	5	0
Valerie Vitale	P	5	0
Non-Voting			
Tamarac Vice Mayor Marlon Bolton	P	4	1
Jeff Helyer, City of Oakland Park	P	5	0

Airport Staff

Rufus A. James, Airport Director
Carlton Harrison, Assistant Airport Director
Jeri Pryor, Airport Programs Manager
Miguel Laca, Finance Administrator
Linda Blanco, Senior Administrative Assistant

Others

J. Opperee, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gavin called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll was called and a quorum determined to be present.

Board members agreed to allow Mr. Kwoka to attend via Zoom.

Mr. Ash, new Board member, introduced himself.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **January 27, 2022**

Board members approved the minutes of the January 27, 2022 meeting as presented.

VOTING ITEMS

1. Resolution Approving Retroactive Revisions to the Foreign Trade Zone No. 241 Zone Schedule, Fees, and Other Changes

Mr. Harrison provided the presentation and recommended approval. He noted this would entail no material changes.

Motion made by Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to adopt the resolution. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Laughlin arrived at 1:39.

2. Third Amendment to Lease Agreement for Parcel 8G – Terminal Ventures, LLC

Mr. James provided the presentation and recommended approval.

Mr. James, Ignacio Martinez, and Steven Wherry from Terminal Ventures, LLC, addressed Board members' questions.

Motion made by Ms. Vitale, seconded by Mr. Taschereau, to approve the amendment to the lease agreement. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

UPDATE ITEMS

A. Noise Compatibility Program

Ms. Pryor reported there had been several complaints but pointed out it was high season. She recalled the cold snap in January and explained that noise also traveled better in cooler weather. She said the statistics were aligned with previous years. Mr. Ash asked if any complaints were due to violations of the Noise Abatement program by the controllers and Ms. Pryor pointed out that the program was voluntary. There had only been a few instances when the noise level exceeded 80 decibels. When that occurs, the Airport sends a letter reminding the agency the airplane is from and the pilot, of the Noise Abatement Program.

Ms. Pryor stated 90% of the complaints were for departures on Runway 9.

B. Development and Construction

Mr. Harrison provided an update on the Taxiway Intersection Improvements Project. The project involves the demolition of taxiways Hotel and Quebec between taxiways Alpha and Echo and the construction of a centralized taxiway. This is part of the Airport's Layout Plan and meets the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) current design criteria which encourages the elimination of direct access from the Apron to the runway. This \$2.5 million project is funded through a grant from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Airport Project Fund, with FDOT contributing 80% of the cost. The project would start around April 3rd and should be completed by the end of 2022.

Mr. Laughlin asked if the FAA was encouraging offsetting runway crosses. Mr. Harrison explained there was a future project to create a 90 degree turn onto runway Bravo. He discussed the FAA's desire to get pilots to make more deliberate turns to access runways to help decrease pilot errors and incursions. Mr. Harrison said there were statistics to back up this method to address the issue.

Mr. Kwoka felt their risk management plan may be top heavy and was not funneling down to the FBOs. He requested an executive summary on the plan and Mr. Harrison agreed to provide it at the next meeting.

Mr. Gilbert discussed reasons not to create a 90 degree turn onto Bravo. Mr. Harrison said all these items are contemplated in the Master Plan. Mr. James noted there had been an issue with pilots going "high speed" along runway 927 and not alerting the tower, then approaching runway crossing 13 when it was active.

C. Arrearages

Mr. James reported there were no rent or fuel arrearages.

D. Communication to the City Commission

None

E. Other Items

i. FXE 75th Anniversary Gala and ACE Awards Recap

Mr. James stated the event went very well. He said the Airport had a long, rich history and the event included acknowledgement of those who had contributed to the success of the Airport. Lisa Holland, President of Sheltair, received a proclamation for Women of Aviation Week and Gerry Holland, owner of Sheltair, was recognized for all he had done at the Airport. Mr. James announced Sheltair was moving its corporate office from Oakland Park to FXE.

Mr. James stated Banyan Air Service had received the Green Champion Award for use of sustainable fuel and for initiating efforts to reduce their carbon footprint. First Industrial had received a Special Recognition Award for spending over \$80 million to develop three vacant properties in the industrial park, creating 500 jobs. Subtenant Makers Air helped the community and the Bahamas in their time of need.

Mr. James reported three previous Airport Managers: Bill Johnson; Bill Crouch and Clara Bennett were recognized for their contributions to the Airport and the City.

Mr. Laughlin congratulated the Airport on the video that was done about the airport. He said it was very well-done. Mr. James stated the six minute video was created by Avatar Productions.

Mr. James announced Mr. Taschereau would be leaving the Board. Mr. Taschereau said he was moving to Martin County. He thanked the Board for educating him about airport operations and technical matters. Ms. Vitale thanked Mr. Taschereau for his efforts to grow the aviation sector in the community.

ii. Public Comments
None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 1:30 P.M.

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

Minutes prepared by J. Opperlee, Prototype, Inc.