



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, APRIL 28, 2022 – 1:30 P.M.**

	Attendance	Cumulative Attendance 7/2021-6/2022	
		Present	Absent
Board Members			
Louis Gavin, Chair	P	6	0
Mark Volchek, Vice Chair	P	4	2
David Ash	P	2	0
William Gilbert	P	5	1
Jeff Johnson	P	6	0
Dr. Ed Kwoka	P	3	0
Robert Laughlin	P	5	1
Valerie Vitale [arrived 1:35]	P	6	0
John Vratsinas	P	1	0
Non-Voting			
Tamarac Vice Mayor Marlon Bolton	P	5	1
Jeff Helyer, City of Oakland Park	P	6	0

Airport Staff

Rufus A. James, Airport Director
Carlton Harrison, Assistant Airport Director
Khant Myat, Project Manager II
Jeri Pryor, Program Manager I
Miguel Laca, Financial Administrator
Krystal Permanan, Airport Business Assistance Administrator
Linda Blanco, Senior Administrative Assistant

Others

Rodrigo Garrido, Michael Baker International
Ignacio Martinez, W Aviation
Leonel Leon, W Aviation
J. Opperlee, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gavin called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll was called and a quorum determined to be present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **March 24, 2022**

Motion made by Dr. Kwoka, seconded by Mr. Volchek, to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

VOTING ITEMS

1. Lease Amendments - Revision of Paragraph 13 Aviation Fuels for Parcels 2A, 7B, 8AB, 8H, 11ABCD, 15 and O

Mr. James provided the presentation and recommended approval.

Motion made by Mr. Laughlin, seconded by Dr. Kwoka, to approve the lease amendments. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

UPDATE ITEMS

A. Noise Compatibility Program

Ms. Pryor reported there had been 37 noise complaint calls in March, all from the quadrant east of Runway 9. Twenty-eight of those calls had been from one resident. No aircraft had been over 80 decibels and all were following the noise abatement program.

Ms. Pryor said they had added a comparison graph which showed noise had decreased steadily since 2000 even as operations were increasing. Graph 2 was cumulative for the past two years and she pointed out the increase in noise in the winter [high tourist] months.

Ms. Pryor described the process for a noise complaint, which included allowing the caller to request a call back. Ms. Pryor stated the resident who made the most complaints had declined invitations to visit the Airport.

Mr. Ash asked about the five incidents of a jet at 80 decibels at monitor 2 and asked if it was the same jet. Ms. Pryor stated it was not, and the decibel level was reported by the software system, not by a resident.

B. Development and Construction

Mr. Harrison provided an update on the Taxiway Intersection Improvements Project. He said several Burrowing Owl burrows and their eggs had been discovered. As these owls are protected, the project must be delayed until the birds can be safely relocated.

Mr. Harrison said all operations were trending in a positive direction.

Dr. Kwoka asked when the maintenance projects would be completed. Mr. James explained the cyclical nature of pavement maintenance. He said they had also upgraded to cables encased in conduit because they could better withstand lightning strikes. Then they upgraded to LED lighting, which also were better at withstanding lightning strikes. As technologies improved, they made those improvements to stay in the forefront.

Dr. Kwoka recalled discussing a tire damage issue and FOD awareness. He asked if there was a formal FAA-recommended program for FBOs and operators. Mr. Harrison said each FBO does a FOD walk every day. He stated they tracked every incident of tire blow-out and its location and noted the runways were inspected three times per day. Chair Gavin said the concerning thing was that there had been two blow-outs on one day and three on another day. Mr Gavin asked how they investigate tire blow-outs. Mr. Harrison said they contacted the pilot to try to determine what happened, but some were reluctant to share details about the incident and others were more forthcoming with that information.

Mr. James noted there is a current increase in the price of tires, so some owners were pushing tire usage. He was certain the existing FOD program was sufficient.

Mr. Harrison agreed to send an invitation to Board members for the May 24th virtual Runway Safety Action Team meeting where they could discuss this issue.

C. Arrearages

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

D. Communication to the City Commission

None

E. Other Items

- i. Public Comments

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: Thursday, May 26, 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.