



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

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

	Attendance	Cumulative Attendance 7/2022 - 6/2023	
		Present	Absent
Board Members			
Louis Gavin, Chair	A	3	1
Mark Volchek, Vice Chair	P	3	1
David Ash	P	3	1
William Gilbert	P	4	0
Jeff Johnson	P	4	0
Dr. Ed Kwoka [via Zoom]	P	3	1
Robert Laughlin	P	4	0
Kevin Macelhaney	P	3	1
Valerie Vitale	P	4	0
John Vratsinas	P	4	0
Non-Voting			
Commissioner Marlon Bolton	P	3	1
Jeff Helyer, City of Oakland Park	P	4	0

Airport/City Staff

Rufus A. James, Airport Director
Carlton Harrison, Assistant Airport Director
Khant Myat, Project Manager II
Jeri Pryor, Program Manager I
Susan Grant, Assistant City Manager
Miguel Laca, Financial Administrator
Linda Blanco, Senior Administrative Assistant

Others

Carla Blair, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Motion made by Mr. Laughlin seconded by Mr. Vratsinas to allow Dr. Kwoka to attend the meeting via Zoom. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **October 27, 2022**

Motion made by Mr. Vratsinas, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

VOTING ITEMS

1. Public Transportation Grant Agreement from FDOT for FXE Taxiway Bravo and Quebec Realignment Project - \$1,633,600

Mr. Myat provided the presentation and recommended Board approval.

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Macelhaney, to approve the Public Transportation Grant Agreement from FDOT for FXE Taxiway Bravo and Quebec Realignment Project for \$1,633,600. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

2. Contract Award to Weekley Asphalt Paving, Inc. for the FXE Midfield Run-Up Expansion Project – \$2,384,660

Mr. Myat provided the presentation and recommended Board approval.

Considerable discussion ensued, with Dr. Kwoka suggesting the Board table the item.

Motion made by Mr. Vratsinas to table the item to the Board's next meeting. Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion made by Mr. Laughlin, seconded by Mr. Macelhaney, to approve the Contract Award to Weekley Asphalt Paving, Inc. for the FXE Midfield Run-Up Expansion Project for \$2,384,660.

In a voice vote, the motion to approve the contract award passed 8 - 1 with Mr. Vratsinas opposed.

3. Contract Award to Weekley Asphalt Paving, Inc. for the FXE Runway 9 Run-Up Area Relocation and Southend Taxiway Intersection Improvements Project - \$3,998,333

Mr. Myat provided the presentation and recommended Board approval.

Motion made by Mr. Macelhaney, seconded by Mr. Vratsinas, to approve the Contract Award to Weekley Asphalt Paving, Inc. for the FXE Runway 9 Run-Up Area Relocation and Southend Taxiway Intersection Improvements Project for \$3,998,333. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

UPDATE ITEMS

A. Noise Compatibility Program

Ms. Pryor reported there were seven noise calls in October, which was normal. Since then, the numbers doubled due to people being home during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Ms. Pryor stated they were still waiting for FPL to restore power to the pole for noise monitor 1 at Dixie Highway and McNab Road. Mr. James noted that when they received noise calls, they investigated whether the sound exceeded the 80-decibel range and in most instances, they did not. There was one G-3 with a hush kit that generated calls whenever it took off. Airport staff requested unsuccessfully that the plane be relocated. Mr. James explained that he was informed that the pilot maxed out on fuel before departing, causing him to perform a slow climb, which Mr. James considered unsafe.

Ms. Pryor stated most calls were from one resident, who lives near noise monitor 3. Noise monitor 1 was located at the end of Runway 9 so she suspected once it was back online, there would be more instances of noise exceeding the 80-decibel limit because it is closest to the Airport and would be subject to capturing all Airport noise. Mr. Harrison stated that noise monitor 2 is the one that the Airport takes all of its exceeding 80-decibel measurements from.

Ms. Pryor thanked the Board members for their time and effort.

B. Development and Construction

Mr. Harrison reported the taxiway intersection improvement project was progressing; they were currently in phase 1-E, which included closing access between Alpha-3 and Bravo. He explained the goal was to stop Taxiway Hotel from running straight across the runway, per FAA orders. They added a taxiway in the middle, for use from Hotel or Quebec with minimal additional time on the taxiway system. The goal was to force stop points and prevent direct access to the runway.

Mr. Harrison stated the Operational statistics for October were in the Board's packet.

C. Arrearages

Mr. James said there were currently no lease or fuel flowage arrearages. He reported the tenant on Lots 41 and 42 was paid in full.

D. Communication to the City Commission

None

E. Other Items

i. Public Comments

Mr. Vratsinas congratulated Mr. James and Airport staff on the success of the 5K On the Runway for Trustbridge Hospice. He noted that this was the perfect venue for such an event.

Mr. James said this was the fourth year for the 5K on the Runway for Trustbridge Hospice and they had exceeded their goal and raised \$105,000, all of which would go to the Foundation. He said this year it felt easier and attributed this to Mr. Johnson and his group of students. More than 800 people attended. Mr. James hoped Ms. Vitale would allow Board members to visit the facility in the future to see what a great operation it is. Ms. Vitale thanked all the volunteers.

Commissioner Bolton thanked everyone for their hard work and said serving on the Board was an amazing opportunity to be around the pilots who attended the Board meetings. He wished everyone Happy Holidays and invited everyone to attend the City of Tamarac tree lighting later that day at the Tamarac Community Center.

Mr. James thanked Board members for their service on the Board and wished everyone Happy Holidays. He introduced Assistant City Manager, Susan Grant. Ms. Grant stated she was looking forward to working with the Board.

Vice Chair Volchek thanked staff and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: Thursday, January 26, 2023 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.