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**Airport Authority Board of Directors
Minutes of February 8, 2017**

Directors present: Picard; Hoey; Jacob; Petrini; Sklarz; Wilson

Via Telecom: Arnold; Leonardi; Neal-Sanjuro

Directors absent: Adams; Constantinople Sr.; Constantinople Jr.; O'Connell; Scarpati; Weiner

Others in attendance: Tim Larson, Diane Jackson, David Reger, Karen Wait, Maribel Lota,
Dave Reger, and Kathy Grant

The meeting was called to order at 4:05pm by Mr. Picard.

Motion to approve meeting minutes from January 18, 2016 by Mr. Hoey, second Mr. Sklarz.
Approved unanimously.

1. Executive Directors Report

Tim reviewed the responses to the internal survey sent to Board members regarding views about any future relationship with CAA. Ten of fifteen possible responses were returned. The will of the Board is to investigate pursuing a close relationship with the CAA. To begin that process, Mr. Larson will meet with Mayor Harp / Economic Development to develop a plan to move toward that end. Mr. Larson would like to move forward with a Study Bill in the Senate to complete due diligence and contends that any required conditions would be part of that bill if the Mayor and Board agree.

There was discussion regarding continued funding from the City and State, how the move may encourage the CAA to use its influence to drive economic development in southern Connecticut.

It is not guaranteed that the CAA would welcome HVN, but with the favorable outlook for the lawsuit there would be added responsibility for CAA to see HVN succeed. There is better opportunity with the economy of scale the CAA holds. A favorable outcome of the lawsuit is the hinge to new service at HVN.

The next step is to meet with the Mayor and if agreed to, to move forward with a formal request.

2. Audit and Finance Committee

Mr. Arnold reported for the committee that the budget is under to this point.

3. Airport Managers Report

Ms. Jackson and Mr. Larson will be attending Routes America later in February to market HVN.

There have been snow events and the staff has kept the airport open through each occurrence.

HVN hosted a TSA presentation that was very well attended with the State Police Canine units, East Haven FD and PD, New Haven FD, and AA employees as well as representatives from the US Coast Guard Law Enforcement. We are working to have a closer relationship and law enforcement as they will be conducting exercises at HVN for a more visible presence at the airport.

HVN is complying with a new reporting process to the FAA during snow events.

4. Other Business: None

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 4:28pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Grant
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