



Airport Authority Board of Directors

Minutes of January 20, 2021

Via Teleconference: John Picard, Gerald Weiner, Kevin Arnold, Peter Leonardi, David White, Vincent Petrini, Mark Sklarz, Jim Yeske, Rich Jacob, Karen O'Connell, Sean Scanlon, Matt Hoey, J. Peter Wilson, Anthony Verderame, Dan Adams

Directors Absent: Serena Neal-Sanjuro

Others in Attendance: Jorge Roberts, Jeremy Nielson, Felipe Suriel, Alicia Seremet, Bryan Hoffman, Karen Wait, Hugh Manke, Erik Logan, Amy Chiu, Andrew King, Johnson Chang-Fong, Eliot Jameson, Mark Zaretsky, Evan Warren

Chairman John Picard called the meeting to order at 16:00L.

1. Meeting Minutes

The board approved the meeting minutes from December 16th.

2. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Scanlon reported on the following items:

- Tweed New Haven airport welcomed back American Airlines at the beginning of January. American now operates one daily afternoon flight to Philadelphia. While the flights have flown with low load factors, Mr. Scanlon explained that seasonal demand, the pandemic, and difficult connections to other flights have all suppressed demand.
- In accordance with the continued Master Plan process that began in December of 2019, the airport hosted a remote master plan meeting in the middle of January. During this meeting, the airport and its consultant updated the public on a large amount of information that has arisen since the last meeting. The airport looks forward to holding another meeting in the middle of February before the planning process's completion in March of 2021.

3. Chairman's Report

Chairman Picard expressed his continued belief in an optimistic future for Tweed - especially with continued progress related to the runway expansion. To ensure that Tweed continues to move towards that optimistic future, the Chairman informed the board of an ad hoc future development committee he has appointed. The committee



consists of Vin Petrini and Rich Jacob, who both represent some of the state's largest employers, the board's Vice Chair Gerald Weiner, Chairman John Picard, and former executive director Matt Hoey. The chairman asked Executive Director Scanlon to attend each meeting as well.

4. Audit and Finance

Even with minimal parking and no air carrier landing, fuel flowage, and jet bridge usage revenues from American Airlines, Mr. Arnold reported that the airport ended November in the black over \$80,000. Mr. Arnold credits the positive performance to the Cares Act funding, continued terminal, office space, and ticket counter rent from American, and the airport's ability to keep expenses to a minimum.

In response to a question about the amount of funding the airport will receive from the next stimulus, Mr. Scanlon explained that the FAA has not provided an exact amount or timeline yet. Mr. Nielson added that the airport just received its last deposit from the first round of funding, which indicates the airport has used all \$1.16 million in funding from the first round.

5. Report and Action Items

The board entered an executive session between 16:12 and 16:40 to discuss confidential information regarding potential changes in air service.

Resolution # 511: Approval of Agreement with BJSa for Evaluation of Potential Air Service Development Opportunities

-A motion to approve was made and unanimously approved.

Resolution # 512: Approval of Jones Payne Contract Extension Due to Project Delays Associated with the Pandemic

-A motion to approve was made and approved with one opposed.

Airport Manager's Report:

Mr. Nielson reported on the following items:

- The airport completed its capital request to the City of New Haven for fiscal years 2022 and 2023. This funding covers the local share of capital improvement projects at the airport.
- The airport fulfilled its obligation for annual reporting to the state by submitting its audit report.
- The airport will hold a tenant meeting on January 21, 2021.



- To ensure full transparency regarding the airport's monthly release of deicing fluid, the airport continues to post monthly Discharge Monitoring Reports to its website.
- The first snow event occurred on December 16th and the 17th with no incidents or impact to airport operations.

6. Other Business

None.

7. Public Comment:

No public comments.

8. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 16:49L by Chairman Picard.

Respectfully submitted-

Felipe Suriel – Assistant Airport Manager