



Airport Authority Board of Directors

Minutes of August 18, 2021

Via Teleconference: Kevin Arnold, Peter Leonardi, David White, Joe Ginnetti, Rich Jacob, Gerald Weiner, Matt Hoey, Anthony Verderame, Karen O'Connell, Vin Petrini, Dan Adams, Mark Sklarz

Directors Absent: Serena Neal-Sanjuro, John Picard

Others in Attendance: Sean Scanlon, Jorge Roberts, Jaime Daly, Jeremy Nielson, Felipe Suriel, Mark Zaretsky, Evan Warren, Peter Kirsch, Brett Simon, Suyash Raiborde, Eliot Jameson, David Reger, Hugh Manke, Bryan Hoffman, Johnson Chang-Fong, Salvatore DeCola, Lorena Venegas, Rasmus Agerskov, Gabriela Campos Matteson, Diane Proto, Niki Whitehead, James Haddadin

Vice Chairman Gerald Weiner called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

1. Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 21st. Vin Petrini made the motion which was seconded by Peter Leonardi. The Vice Chairman declared the motion adopted unanimously.

2. Executive Director's Report

- Sean Scanlon reported that there is a very exciting announcement tomorrow from Avelo to the destinations they will be flying from starting on November 3rd. The tickets will go on sale tomorrow. We have not had this level of service at the airport for 35 years. This a big step in the right direction for the airport and a big step the community has been asking for. The press conference will be held at 10:30.
- Our load factor for the month of August to date was 77% and an increase from July at 74%. As you can see the number of vaccinated people goes up and feel more comfortable with air travel, our number keeps climbing. These figures have been going up faster than we expected given industry predictions.
- We continue to move forward on trying to get permission for the project. It is not a one and done situation. We have many steps along the way. We are going to the



city planning commission tonight to hopefully get our special permit for the West Side project for the Avelo flight starting November.

3. Chairman's Report

None.

4. Audit and Finance

Kevin Arnold informed that the financials for month of July were not available yet. As the fiscal year ended in June, we have an internal audit which is taking everyone's time. We are hoping to have the numbers for July as well as August next month.

5. Report and Action Items

Airport Manager's Report:

Felipe Suriel reported on the following items:

- We recently promoted David Reger to the Assistant Airport Operations Manager and Jonathan Betar in the Training and Safety.

6. Other Business

Vice Chairman Gerald Weiner called for a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Conn. Gen. Statutes Sec. 1-200(6)(E) and Section 1-210(b)(5) and Section 1-210(b)(10). Discussion of trade secrets and financial information given in confidence and attorney-client privileged communication, both related to the draft Facility Lease between the Authority and Avports, LLC. Attendees invited to the Executive Session were Sean Scanlon, attorneys Suyash Raiborde, Brett Simon, Hugh Manke, and Peter Kirsch representing the authority. Peter Leonardi made a motion seconded by Matt Hoey to go into Executive Session at approximately 4:10 PM for the reasons stated above. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Board members returned from the Executive Session at approximately 5:02 PM. No votes were taken during the Executive Session. Peter Leonardi made a motion seconded by Matt Hoey to come out of Executive Session and the motion was unanimously adopted.

7. Public Comment:

Ms. Gabriela Campos Matteson asked about the announcement for air service beginning November 3rd when the process for city planning has not approved the changes for the



west side of the airport. Ms. Campos Matteson requested an answer. The Vice Chairman stated that this was an opportunity for public comment and not for questions and answers.

Ms. Lorena Venegas made a statement about the August 3rd Town Council meeting. Ms. Venegas stated that Mr. Scanlon did not clarify what sort of community benefits were offered. She also mentioned that people did not get the time to speak to the officials at the meeting. Ms. Venegas wanted the opportunity to speak to Jorge Roberts about the projects going on.

8. Adjournment:

Vice Chairman Gerald Weiner entertained a motion to adjourn. Peter Leonardi made the motion seconded by Matt Hoey. The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted-

Felipe Suriel- Assistant Airport Manager