



TWEED NEW HAVEN AIRPORT AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2022

VIA TELECONFERENCE

Members in attendance: John Picard, Matt Hoey, Serena Neal-Sanjurjo, Mark Sklarz, Vin Petrini, Rich Jacob, Robert Ellis, Carlos Eyzaguirre, Linda Hennessey, Ray Pompano, Kenneth Dagliere, Joseph Bertolino and Kevin Coyle (missed first hour)

Members absent: Joe Ginnetti, David White

Others in attendance: Sean Scanlon, Peter Kirsch, Brett Simon, Hugh Manke, Felipe Suriel, and others identified in the Public Comment portion of the Agenda, and others who were unidentified. Kevin Arnold, Scott Luzzi, Douglas Hausladen, Eliot Jameson, Barr Stin, Salvatore DeCola, John Stafstrom, Andrew Inorio, Nick Valluzzi, Bryan Hoffman, Rick Green, Christopher Cozzi, Liese Klein, Rasmus Agerskov, Thomas Breen, Karen Wait, Dan Ungerleider, Liam Ford, Josh D., M. Mandell, Johnson Chang-Fong, Matt Shelby, Daniel Reimer, Mark Zaretsky, Keyri Ambrocio, Heather Haney, Alison Holtzman, Lisa Bassani, Jayne Chacko, Steven Wight, Britt Foulds, David Reger, Susan Bryson, Anthony Camposano, Michael Piscitelli, Maureen Moore, Adam Giuliano, Andrew King, Liliam Bautista, William Smith, Joan Dwyer, Rachel Heerema, Shirley McCarthy, Jeremiah Wilhite, Lianne Audette, Dan Laudano, Gloria B., Arturo Garcia-Alonso, Angie Pompano, Andrew Vasey, Alejandro Bautista, Chaevon Samuel, Chuck Stipanovic, Patricia Kane, Sean Matteson, Kara N., Joseph Cannata, Mark Morehouse, Alan Kral, R. Stevens,

Chairman Picard opened the meeting at 4:10.

1. MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Picard entertained a motion to approve the Minutes from the regular meeting on July 20, 2022. Serena Neal-Sanjurjo made the motion, seconded by Joe Bertolino, approved unanimously.

Chairman Picard entertained a motion to change the Agenda to move the public comment session from the last item to the next item on the Agenda, before consideration of the action items. Matt Hoey made the motion, seconded by Ken Dagliere, approved unanimously.

Chairman Picard invited public comment.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:



Mayor Carfora, Town of East Haven said the following. I want to be clear to my constituents that I am against the expansion of this airport to the East Haven side. I have asked consistently for a shared burden and our requests have been uniformly denied. This agreement is being rushed. The meetings and engagement were limited leading up to this vote using Covid-19 and remote meetings in order to limit transparency. The facts about how it is before you today are astounding. We were denied access to it last week by Mr. Scanlon, it was relayed to us on Sunday, not enough time for any of our board members to fully digest and seek interpretation on what is contained in this document or its impact on the town. Having said that, it does not take an expert to see that there is not share burden here. East Haven takes it on the chin while we you know, while we will inherit all the traffic, the transient population, parking headaches, ecological strip mining, noise, pollution, burden on our already taxed public safety departments that will come into this project while at some point at the same time giving New Haven most of the economic benefit serving at the behest of Yale and Goldman Sachs. I have said all along that I wanted to be a good neighbor. It is simply not possible given the way this lease is being handled. Our town has signed nothing, we have agreed to nothing and we have hired specialized counsel and federal aviation counsel and all avenues will be protected will be taken to protect our community. East Haven is not afraid of a street fight and we never have been, but it is clear that Mr. Picard, Mr. Scanlon, Mayor Elicker have partnered with Yale Avports and Goldman Sachs to create a plan that not only hurts the quality of life for the entire section of the city of New Haven. And prior to this meeting the town of East Haven sent Mr. Scanlon, Mr. Picard and Mr. Dagliere a litigation hold letter to preserve any and all communications regarding this mater and most importantly, everything leading up to it. I want to thank our authority members for their commitment and efforts to-date. Thank you and I will not take any questions. Thank you very much.

Ms. Venegus, 73 George Street, East Haven questioned the seating of several Board members and urged the members to represent the community interests. Said the \$1.0M offered the Town was not enough and she was worried about freight being part of the expansion.

Ms. Hunnicut, 44 Girard Avenue, East Haven said she and others felt disregarded and questioned why the lease should be signed before the EA is approved.

Ms. Edwards-Chieppo, 173 Henry Street, East Haven mentioned the jet fuel loader was a problem as were particles in the air generated by takeoff. There needs to be research on these issues, Dogs are ill and there has been non-compliance with the ordinances.

Ms. Kaliccio, 97 High Street, New Haven said the Authority must protect the public good while carrying out its mission and East Haven should have more of a presence at the table.

Ms. Campos, Stewart Street, New Haven said they need more information on safety and the Thompson Avenue taxiway project and chemicals getting to Long Island Sound,

Ms. Bubriski, 6 Rockland Park, Branford said more time is needed and the lease should be considered after the EA.



Garrett Sheehan, 34 Montclair Street, West Hartford, President, Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce, said he viewed the lease as a continuation of controlled growth that will generate new business opportunities for the region.

Ms. Bassani, 11 Nelson Street, New Haven, Morris Cove spoke against fumes and noise and traffic and reminded that there is a K-8 school, church and senior center within a stones throw, and said she was unhappy with the scheduling of the community meetings. She also questioned what the split would be in the community betterment package between New Haven and East Haven.

Ms. Vignery, 172 Clark Avenue, Branford, questioned the rush to vote.

Ms. Malmberg, 560 Silver Sands, East Haven, Project Manager of REX, felt the expansion makes the Greater New Haven area a destination for travelers seeking an authentic New England experience and other benefits.

Ms. Ranney, no address given, said she wants a greener world for kids and the expansion does not do that,

Mr. Lorenti, 23 Briar Lane, Meriden, a professional pilot assured that safety was paramount and the responsible expansion of the runway to 6,600 feet is not a gateway for 747s.

Mr. Robinson, 50 Thompson Avenue, Robinson Aviation said, as a tenant at the airport, they feel they need more information in order to feel comfortable.

Ms. Audette, 166 Beach Avenue, expressed concern about damage to trees and wetlands and suggested a one month delay.

Ms. Kane, 731 Quinnipiac Avenue, New Haven said Fair Haven Heights,, Fair Haven and the Annex are negatively impacted.

Unnamed woman, 61 Beachside Avenue, complained about the smell of jet fuel at the beach club.

Dr. McCarthy, 16 Rockland Park, Branford, said there is scientific data about airport chemicals in the air affecting people 12.5 miles away and responsible for healthcare costs of \$21billion per year, and questioned expansion for conventional jets when electric vertical takeoff planes are coming.

Ms. Bellachico, 300 Lighthouse Road, New Haven said her house is built on granite and it shakes when planes fly overhead and there are sick dogs in the neighborhood.

Mr. Drazen, 175 South End Road, East Haven, said 660 pages of documents are too much to digest in a short period of time, and complained about the hours of operation. It is time for East Haven lawyers to get involved, he said.



Mr. Hauslader, 115 South Water Street, New Haven, New Haven Parking Authority complimented Avelo and the expansion plan and he sees a positive relation between air service and business

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Sean reserved his update to the next Board meeting.

4. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Matt Hoey, Finance Committee member, filling in for long time Finance Committee Chair Kevin Arnold whose term has expired, introduced the revised June 30th income statement which has corrected the CARES Act fund deposits reducing income by \$1.0 million and explained that the July numbers show total revenue at \$1,788,510.88 ahead of the budget by \$77,000.

5. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Felipe Suriel, Assistant Manager reserved the manager's report to the next Board meeting.

6. ACTION ITEMS AND RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION # 563 APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE FOR THE SMALL COMMUNITY AIR SERVICE DEVELOPMENT GRANT.

Chairman Picard entertained a motion to approve the Resolution

Mr. Dagliere moved to table, Mr. Pompano seconded

Mr. Dagliere echoed Mayor Carfora about timing of votes and expressed his feeling that this is a matter of quality of life versus finances, and he puts his finger on the scale favoring quality of life.

Mr. Pompano said the grant may be a good thing but he had not had enough time to digest.

Ms. Hennessey said East Haven needs another 30 days to digest all the documents sent to us on Sunday.

Mr. Scanlon explained that Mayor Elicker, Mayor Carfora and Jorge Roberts of Avports announced the deal in May 2021 and there has been nonstop communication with Town of East Haven and the City ever since. Mayor Carfora last year changed his support but we continued to work with him. Mayor Carfora has done a great job trying to work with us and I think that I've been trying hard to work with him as well. After tonight I will continue to work with him.

What we announced in May 2021 is what we've been working on together as a board and very publicly in the press through many public meetings, a master plan process and now we're in environmental assessment process. Tonight's action is not definite in any way. Tonight's action, if you so choose to do it, simply moves the process forward. The environmental assessment is still ongoing. If anything in the EA is deemed to be not sound from an environmental



perspective, the FAA will not allow this project to move forward. If certain permissions are not granted from the Town or the State or the City, this project will not move forward. And so tonight is just moving the process forward, it is not the final vote on the project, but the project is the project that we all announced together in May, 2021 and the reasons why we did that are still very much valid. Avports, a private developer, stepped in and committed private capital to build a new terminal. That is exactly what we are talking about tonight. Changes have taken place over the past months and there will be further changes that will take place but that does not mean that what we are talking about tonight is a foreign concept.

A Roll Call vote to table Resolution #563 was taken. The vote was 3 in favor, 9 against. Motion denied.

Mr. Hoey moved to approve Resolution #563, Mr. Petrini seconded. Roll call vote was 9 in favor and 3 opposed. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #564 APPROVAL OF THE CREATION OF AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Motion to approve made by Mr. Hoey, seconded by Mr. Petrini.

Mr. Dagliere urged delay on voting citing confusion about the need for Town of East Haven approvals.

Speaking in favor of approval, Mr. Hoey said it is important to take advantage of the wealth of knowledge the past board members and others have.

Roll Call vote was taken with 9 in favor and 3 opposed. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 565 APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

Mr. Dagliere moved to table, Mr. Pompano seconded and a Roll Call vote was taken. The vote was 3 in favor of tabling and 9 opposed. Motion denied.

Mr. Hoey moved approval of Resolution #565, Mr. Petrini seconded. Roll Call vote was taken with Mr. Coyle voting. The vote was 9 in favor and 4 opposed. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #566 APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED AND RESTATED LEASE AND OPERATING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWEED NEW HAVEN AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN

Mr. Dagliere moved to table, Mr. Pompano seconded and a Roll Call was taken. The vote was 4 in favor and 9 opposed. The Motion was denied.

Mr. Hoey moved to approve Resolution #566, Mr. Eyzaguirre seconded and a Roll Call was taken. The vote was 9 in favor and 4 opposed. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #567 APPROVAL OF THE LEASE AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWEED NEW HAVEN AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND THE HVN LLC



Chairman Picard entertained a motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Dagliere moved to table, Mr. Pompano seconded. A Roll Call vote was taken. The votes were 4 in favor and 9 opposed. Motion denied.

Mr. Hoey moved for approval, Ms. Neal-Sanjurjo seconded. A Roll Call vote was taken. The votes were 9 in favor and 4 against. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #568 APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 6 TO THE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWEED NEW HAVEN AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND AVPORTS LLC AND AVPORTS HVN LLC

Chairman Picard entertained a motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Dagliere moved to table, Ms Hennessey seconded. A Roll Call vote was taken. The votes were 4 in favor and 9 against. Motion denied.

Mr. Hoey moved for approval of the Resolution, Mr. Petrini seconded. Mr. Picard complimented Avports on the job they have done for more than 20 years. A Roll Call vote was taken. The vote was 9 in favor and 3 opposed. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 569 PUBLICATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS AND MINIMUM STANDARDS

Chairman Picard entertained a motion for approval. Mr. Dagliere moved to table; Ms. Hennessey seconded. A Roll Call vote was taken. The vote was 4 in favor and 9 against. Motion denied.

Mr. Hoey moved for approval of the Resolution. Mr. Jacobs seconded. Mr. Jacobs asked for confirmation that the draft standards will be published for public comment. Mr. Scanlon confirmed that was the case. A Roll Call vote was taken. The vote was 9 in favor and 4 against. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF REVISED FY23 BUDGET

Chairman Picard entertained a motion to approve. Mr. Dagliere moved to table, Mr. Pompano seconded. A Roll Call vote was taken. The vote was 4 in favor and 9 against. Motion denied.

Mr. Hoey moved to approve the revised budget, Mr. Ellis seconded. As a Finance Committee member, Mr. Hoey referred to the spreadsheet showing the differences between pre-closing and post-closing numbers and highlighted the Authority's administrative expense of \$481,587 on page three and anticipated revenue of \$625,000 with an additional \$200,000 in the first several years available for consultants to perform activities the Authority staff does not have the capability to do in house. He added that discussions with the FAA resulted in an anticipation that the Executive Director salary would likely increase significantly. Mr. Picard said he supports the revised budget and pointed out that it no longer includes state and city subsidies. Mr. Hoey added that the budget includes \$75,000 for contingencies. A Roll Call vote was taken. The vote was 9 in favor, 3 against, and 1 abstaining.

GENERAL COMMENTS



Mr. Scanlon thanked the Board members for approval of this stage of the development project. He gave a shout out to former Board members Gerry Weiner, Kevin Arnold, Peter Leonardi and Dan Adams. He offered special thanks to Mr. Picard for his efforts and to the New Haven City officials including Mayor Elicker, Mr. Piscitelli, Mr. Giovanni, Mr. Mattison and Mr. Ward, and, of course, the Board of Alders who approved the new lease almost a year ago. Final thanks to the Avports and the Authority negotiating teams.

Mr. Picard commented that we are all volunteers doing what we feel is best for the region while not forgetting the needs of the local community, and he thanked the Board members for their diligence.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman Picard made a motion to nominate Linda Hennessey as Secretary. Ms. Neal-Sanjurjo seconded. There were no other nominations. She was unanimously approved.

Mr. Hoey made a motion to nominate Serena Neal-Sanjurjo as Treasurer. Mr. Dagliere seconded. There were no other nominations. She was unanimously approved.

Chairman Picard made a motion to nominate Matt Hoey as Vice Chair. Ms. Neal-Sanjurjo seconded. There were no other nominations. He was unanimously approved.

Mr. Petrini made a motion to nominate John Picard as Chair. Mr. Ellis and Mr. Hoey seconded. There were no other nominations. He was unanimously approved.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Picard made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hoey seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:19.

Respectfully submitted

Felipe Suriel, Assistant Airport Manager, with assistance from Hugh Manke, Counsel to the Authority