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Meeting Minutes - Final

Airport Board

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

3:30 PM

Airport Board Room
1000 International Blvd. C.C., TX. 78406

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A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hicks at 3:31 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: 10 - Jeremy Taylor, Randall Hicks, Ricardo Talavera, Vice Chair John LaRue, Kimberly Barrientos, Kristen Martinez, Travis Patterson, Sara Azali, Jesse Noyola, and Brook Kaufman

Absent: 2 - Rey Saenz, and Mike Culbertson

C. Public Comment

There were comments from the public.

Chairman Hicks announced that there were two new members on the Airport Board: Sara Azali and Jesse Noyola. Additionally, there was one new Ex-Officio member, Brook Kaufman. He welcomed them to the Board and asked each of the new members to introduce themselves.

D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

1. [25-0104](#) Approval of the Minutes for the January 29th, 2025 Regular Airport Board Meeting

Attachments: [01292025 - January Regular Airport Board Meeting Minutes - Unpublished](#)

Board Member Patterson moved to approve the minutes of the January 29th, 2025 Airport Board meeting as written, seconded by First Chairman LaRue. The motion carried.

2. [25-0270](#) Approval of the Absences for the March 26th, 2025 Regular Airport Board Meeting

Attachments: [2025 BOARD ATTENDANCE RECORD](#)

Chairman Hicks informed the Board that the City Secretary's office had provided guidance on how to handle absences. He then asked Assistant City Attorney Adelita Cavada to offer further clarification on the process. Ms. Cavada explained that the Board had the option to approve all absences at once, or to approve each absence individually. After a brief discussion, Chairman Hicks moved to approve the absences for Kimberly Barrientos, Kristen Martinez, John LaRue, and Ricardo Talavera. This motion was seconded by Board Member Patterson. The motion carried.

E. Airport Board Member Update

3. [25-0264](#) Presentation of Service Award to outgoing two-term Board Member Dr. Kusumakar Sooda

Attachments: [04302025 - Service Award Presentation](#)

Dr. Sooda was unable to attend the meeting, so this item will be placed on the next Airport Board agenda for May 28th, 2025.

F. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

4. [25-0615](#) Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action to recommend City Council authorize a ground lease with the Texan to lease land at the Corpus Christi International Airport for the development of a fuel station on Airport property.

Attachments: [04302025 - The Texan Lease Agreement](#)

Director Smith informed the Board that the airport is currently in negotiations with The Texan to establish a land lease for a fuel station on airport property. Discussion was heard on this item. It was the unanimous consensus of the Airport Board to recommend to City Council to approve the land lease with The Texan.

G. Staff Reports

5. [25-0265](#) Airport Conferences Update

Attachments: [04302025 - Airport Conferences Update](#)

Director Smith updated the Board on the different airport conferences that were attended by Airport Staff in the months of February, March and April. Discussion was heard on this item.

6. [25-0266](#) Monthly Air Service Report
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Attachments: [04302025 - Monthly Air Service Report](#)

Director Smith reported on the monthly air service activity for March 2025. Discussion was heard on this item.

7. [25-0267](#) Financial Report

Attachments: [04302025 - Financial Report](#)

Director Smith informed the Board that Assistant Director Miller was absent due to her attendance at an Auditor's Conference in Denver. In her place, Yvette Cavazos, Senior Management Assistant in the Airport Finance Department, would present the Financial Report. Ms. Cavazos reported on the finances for March 2025, and a discussion was heard on this item.

8. [25-0268](#) Capital Improvement Report

Attachments: [04302025 - Capital Improvement Report](#)

Director Smith reported to the Board Members on the Airport's on-going projects. Discussion was heard on this item.

9. [25-0352](#) Department Reports

Attachments: [04302025 - Department Reports](#)

Assistant Director Valgardson reviewed the Public Safety, Operations, and Facilities Department reports with the Airport Board. These reports include the number of employees in each department, work orders, medical calls, airport inspections, diversions, and more. Discussion was heard on this item.

10. [25-0269](#) Marketing Report

Attachments: [04302025 - Marketing Report](#)

Director Smith informed the Board that Marketing and Air Service Development Manager Guzman was absent because she was attending the SCC-AAAE Annual Conference in Dallas. In her absence, Director Smith presented updates on the Airport's Fly Local Pledge, the FlyMyAirport monthly report, the FlyMyAirport Weekly Newsletter, and various airport outreach events. Additionally, he announced that the Airport had won the GOLD Addy Award and the Best of Out-of-Home Award at the American Advertising Awards for the new mural painted in the airport terminal.

H. Future Agenda Items

No items were presented for the future agenda.

I. Adjournment

As there was no further business, Chairman Hicks adjourned the meeting at 4:47 p.m.