

Minutes of the Massport MCAC General Meeting

October 18, 2018

4:00 p.m. MassDOT Building

**Members Attending:**

Arlington:	Frank Ciano
Bedford:	Heidi Porter
Belmont:	Myron Kassaraba
Boston – Fenway:	Maura Zlody
Boston – Hyde Park:	Irene Walczak (participating remotely)
Boston – Roslindale:	Alan Wright
Boston – Roxbury:	Joanne Keith
Braintree:	Sandra Kunz
Brookline:	Heather Hamilton
Cambridge:	Bill Deignan
Canton	James Aufiero
Chelsea:	Roseann Bongiovanni
Cohasset:	Ralph Dormitzer
Everett:	Tony Sousa
Hingham:	Katie McBrine
Hull:	David Carlon
Lynn:	William Bochnak
Marblehead:	Charles Gessner
Medford:	Peter Houk
Melrose:	Pete Navarra
Milton:	Cindy Christiansen
Quincy:	Frank Tramontozzi
Revere:	James Mercurio
Somerville:	Wig Zamore
Watertown:	Andrea Adams
Weymouth	Gene Castignetti
Winthrop:	Jerry Falbo
Worcester:	John Genkos

**Members Absent:**

Boston - East Boston:	John Nucci
Boston - South Boston:	David Manning
Lincoln	Jennifer Burney
Malden:	Christopher Webb
Nahant:	Bob D'Amico
Salem:	William Legault

Scituate  
Swampscott:

Brad Washburn  
Richard Malagrifa

**Vacant Seats:**

Beverly  
Concord  
Lexington  
Randolph

Others present: Matt Romero, Executive Director and Jennifer Dopazo Gilbert, Counsel

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Agenda items were taken out of order.

1. Welcome by the Chair and Introduction of New Members

The Chair welcomed members and new members recently appointed. He noted that a member is participating remotely due to geographic location and so all votes will be by roll call.

The Chair noted that Pam Hill (Concord) resigned and he thanked her for her service. He also noted that Michelle Ciccolo from Lexington resigned to run for State Representative.

Dave announced the hire of Matt Romero as the first Executive Director and welcomed him. Dave thanked Jennifer Dopazo Gilbert and Myron Kassaraba for the help with the hiring process. He also thanked Anthony Gallagher of MPA as well as members of the Executive Committee.

Dave noted the memo from John Nucci and highlighted some recent developments especially with the JetBlue Vortex Generator and the agreement to retrofit their Airbus fleet.

The Chair had a Power Point Presentation which he went through.

Pete Navarra gave an update on the BLANS Website. There was a long process to get the content. MPA and FAA came to an agreement and Pete now has all of the information/data.

Dave Carlon gave an update on the FAA Reauthorization Bill and aviation operations. Dave discussed his meeting with various officials and politicians on recent laws. He also discussed the process of the reauthorization Bill. He noted that it is a lot of meetings and a lot of lobbying. A lot of work went in to the legislation for the funding bill. Dave discussed the support from Jim Cantwell and Joan Meschino and Senators Warren and Markey. The Chair discussed how this group will interact in the future with this legislative body – a consensus and a majority will be required according to Jim Cantwell.

The legislative delegation will look for majority support and they will not support burden shifting. The delegation will work collaboratively with the MCAC and now the new Executive Director for unified regional opportunities to bring forward.

## 2. Treasurer's Report

Myron Kassaraba presented the report and Budget summary.

Funding of \$120,000 from MPA was received. The MCAC Citizen's Bank Account has 2 signatories and a CPA firm was retained. The hope is to accelerate a part-time administrator and maybe a full-time administrator.

The policy matter of the practice of MPA reimbursing for parking fees was discussed. He noted that the Executive Committee supports stopping this practice. In his opinion it becomes a burden and tax issue so he suggested stopping this practice. Frank Ciano did not agree and made a Motion that the MCAC pay for the parking because Arlington will not pay it. The motion was seconded by Frank Tramontozzi.

A member stated this should apply to members that take public transportation as well. Joanne Keith thinks it should be provided but regulated. Sandra Kunz believes the towns should pay not the MCAC. Andrea Adams agrees with Sandra that the towns should pay. She believes the paper work is burdensome and outweighs the benefit. Chelsea member Roseanne Bongiovani questioned whether there was actual paperwork required if it is less than \$600 per year.

Heather Hamilton (Brookline) arrived at 4:30 p.m.

The matter was deferred by the Chair to the Executive Director for a review and report back. The motion was withdrawn.

## 3. Approval of Minutes

Draft minutes of the meeting of June 14, 2018 were discussed. Members attending must be added as well as those absent.

Motion by Pete to approve as amended second by Myron. Approved by Roll Call Vote with abstentions from Sandra Kunz, Roseann Bongiovanni and Katie McBrine.

## 4. NEW BUSINESS

Wig Zamore provided a hand-out with an update on Environmental Sub-Com and a survey.

## 5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following seats were scheduled for election:

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Three At Large Members

Nominations were called for the positions.

Jerry Falbo nominated Dave Carlon for the Chair's position which was seconded by Myron Kassaraba. No other nominations were made for Chair.

Dave Carlon nominated Jerry Falbo for Vice Chair which was seconded by Myron Kassaraba. No other nominations were made for the Vice Chair position.

Dave Carlon nominated Maura Zlody for Secretary, seconded by Myron Kassaraba. No other nominations for Secretary.

Dave Carlon nominated Myron Kassaraba for Treasurer seconded by Wig Zamore. No other nominations for Treasurer.

There were no other nominations for the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary positions. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting for the candidates as nominated.

Maura Zlody recorded the vote and announced the successful candidates as follows:

Dave Carlon, Chair  
Jerry Falbo, Vice Chair  
Myron Kassaraba, Treasurer  
Maura Zlody, Secretary

There were 4 nominations for the 3 at-large seats. Three candidates were nominated by Dave Carlon; Wig Zamore, Pete Navarra and Andrea Adams. Cindy Christiansen nominated herself.

The At-Large candidates made brief statements.

Wig Zamore made a statement outlining his service on the MCAC and Logan CAC. Dave supported Wig in regard to his science background.

Pete Navarra gave a statement of his experience in state and local and federal government. He noted that he has been flying planes since he was 15. Dave noted his pilot experience and thanked him for the oversight of the website and work getting the BLANS data.

Andrea Adams noted her letter of interest provided to the Committee and summarized the letter and her planning work in Watertown. She noted she has 25+ years in land use planning and permitting of large projects. She discussed the congested airspace and the complex projects she has worked on like the Cape noise run-ups and aircraft operations as well as environmental projects. She briefly discussed her educational background and Masters and BA from UMass Amherst. Her commitment is to work collaboratively and compromise to find regional solutions to complex issues.

Dave noted Andrea's professional planning background and her experience handling a controversial public hearing in Watertown and her connections at the State House.

Cindy Christiansen gave a statement. She noted she has a PhD in statistics and is a scientist. She has good knowledge of aviation and pollution and is on the Aviation sub-com meetings. She noted her strong alliances with elected officials and her work in numerous states. She said she works tirelessly on the FAA reauthorization with Senators Markey and Warren and is Co-Founder of Sky Justice; a national committee. She cares about all residents and she believes her record shows this. She believes the best outcome requires to erase boundaries and demand transparency and allow all to participate. General members must be empowered to get everyone's energy and contributions. She noted she is running, because the region has plane problems affecting health.

Heather Hamilton is impressed with Cindy's background; her process and demand for transparency. She is delighted by her sharing of information ahead of meetings and her knowledge about process. Joanne Keith also supports Cindy and her efforts at noise abatement for the full body. She also is encouraged by the information sharing as well.

Frank T. supports Cindy as well and notes her participation since the beginning and her research and sharing of information. He believes it is Cindy's turn to be elected.

Dave nominated Wig, Andrea and Pete, seconded by Andrea.

Cindy self-nominated seconded by Heather Hamilton.

Votes done by roll-call each member voting for 3 of the 4 as follows:

Frank Ciano voted for Zamore, Adams and Christiansen  
Heidi Porter voted for Zamore, Navarra and Adams

Myron Kassaraba voted for Zamore, Navarra and Adams  
Maura Zlody voted for Zamore, Navarra and Adams  
Irene Walczak (participating remotely) voted for Zamore, Navarra and Adams  
Alan Wright voted for Zamore, Navarra and Adams  
Joanne Keith voted for Zamore, Adams and Christiansen  
Sandra Kunz voted for Zamore, Navarra and Adams  
Heather Hamilton voted for Zamore, Adams and Christiansen  
Bill Deignan voted for Zamore, Navarra and Adams  
James Aufiero voted for Zamore, Navarra and Adams  
Roseann Bongiovanni voted for Zamore, Navarra and Christiansen  
Ralph Dormitzer voted for Zamore, Navarra and Adams  
Tony Sousa voted for Zamore, Navarra and Adams  
Katie McBrine voted for Zamore, Navarra and Christiansen  
David Carlon voted for Zamore, Navarra and Adams  
William Bochnak voted for Zamore, Navarra and Adams  
Charles Gessner voted for Zamore, Adams Christiansen  
Peter Houk voted for Zamore, Navarra and Adams  
Pete Navarra voted for Zamore, Navarra and Adams  
Cindy Christiansen voted only for Christiansen  
Frank Tramontozzi voted for Zamore, Navarra and Christiansen  
James Mercurio voted for Zamore, Adams and Christiansen  
Wig Zamore voted for Zamore, Navarra and Adams  
Andrea Adams voted for Zamore and Navarra  
Gene Castignetti voted for Zamore, Navarra and Adams  
Jerry Falbo voted for Zamore, Navarra and Adams  
John Genkos voted for Zamore, Navarra and Adams

Maura Zlody recorded the results and announced that the 3 seats would be filled by Wig, Pete and Andrea with the tally as follows:

27 votes for Wig Zamore  
22 votes for Pete Navarra  
23 for Andrea Adams  
9 for Cindy Christiansen

## 6. MASSPORT UPDATE

### A. HMMH Study of Fly Quiet Programs and Noise Reporting

John Hansman gave an Overview of Block 1 procedures and handed out a chart.

FAA Representative, Ken Brissenden, Vicki Turner, Management and Joseph Tinley, Union Representative gave an update and made a presentation which the Chair said he would post when received.

It was noted that this study will not re-open the Boston Logan Noise study. All new procedures will need to go through an environmental process. Vicki Turner presented the overview for the FAA.

Alan Wright requested the presentation and the acronym sheet.

It was noted that Phase 2 still needs to get through an environmental review prior to implementation.

Phase 1 described in steps as – justify work, validate need, validate priority and compare with other requests.

Phase 2 now is a full working group (industry and authority), develop procedure designs, documents prepared and distributed and industry flight simulations. Ken discussed the logistics of the meetings and scheduling issues and the work between each stage.

Phase 3 designs will be finalized, flights are checked, air traffic develops SOPs and the industry must then implement.

Block 1 recommendations discussed by Ken and 1-D1 and technical issues around speed complexities.

Alan Wright asked about adding in to the equation of the particular airline industry habits.

Ken said with reauthorization he may have no control, but he is working on the answer to that.

Myron noted that the MOU was signed 2 years ago. The original ask was higher and faster.

Ken said in 2016 he was in Southern California working on metroplex. Right now he does not have an answer. John Hansman said they looked at it and more power to get higher harms the interior communities and the trade-off didn't make sense.

Joey from the FAA covered the specific procedures outlined in the chart.

The Chair asked what the solution is. Joey said there is no solution. Dave noted that the MCAC is not the Logan CAC it is a state authorized independent agency. Dave noted the yearly flights and the noise mitigation procedures implemented. Hull was told flights would be over the harbor. If there are over a million flights and no accidents then fix it. Joey from FAA said the

FAA rule is 3-mile separation. Dave noted that is an FAA rule. There was a discussion on certain flights and certain runways and the various complexities and variables. The Chair questioned the procedures and asked the FAA to go back to the drawing board.

Ken discussed RNAV and the Runway 33 L approach.

Member Peter Houk asked for completion target date. Ken said it may be 2022 but it might have been extended.

John Hansman presented his Power Point slides. Frank Ciano asked what was done under Block 1 for Arlington noise abatement. John said reduced speed was the recommendation and is being considered at the national level. However, he noted there are technical and safety issues. .

Hansman gave an update on Block 2 and noted that it is more complex. John discussed Block 2 procedures under consideration and the possible alternatives. He noted he will not be the decision maker as to what community is or is not impacted.

Jerry raised a question about arrivals from the North; 22 arrivals. John jumped ahead to the 22L arrivals RNAV or RNP and the noise benefits. 52,000 people benefit from this option but there is a movement to the Nahant runway. There is no change to Winthrop.

John moved on to a discussion of Block 2 departure dispersion options and procedures for R27 and 33L departures. They looked at 3 options.

THE QUORUM WAS LOST AT 6:32 PM.

Myron asked for the comparison to pre-RNAV. John said it was in the first slide of his presentation. Myron responded that he was looking for comparisons of each of the dispersion concepts developed by MIT to the pre-RNAV situation so that residents and Officials would be able to assess how the proposed alternatives compared to what was before the changes in 2013. He further said that this was requested after the last Aviation Subcommittee meeting.

Wig asked about noise modeling and tracking emissions. John said emissions were not tracked. It was also discussed that some of these dispersion alternatives may trigger the need for an Environmental Assessment (EA) and that it had been previously requested that HMMH conduct a review of the proposed concepts.

Dave thanked Mr. Hansman and asked for another update soon as well as a public hearing for Phase 2. Flavio will work with the CAC and Hansman to coordinate and decide the right time.

A member of the public asked about Runway 9.

The meeting ended at 6:40 p.m.

#### MEETING DOCUMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

1. Agenda
2. Draft Minutes of June 14, 2018

3. Statements of Candidates Andrea Adams (Watertown) and Cindy Christiansen (Milton)
4. Block 2 Requests from Alan Wright (Boston)
5. Treasurer's Q-1 FY19 Finance Summary
6. John Nucci memo to Chair and Members October 17, 2018
7. E-Mail from Chairman to Members RE: JetBlue Vortex Generators
8. John Hansman, Overview of Block 1 Procedures (chart)
9. FAA acronym sheet to go with presentation
10. FAA Power Point Presentation
11. Chairman's Power Point Presentation

Minutes approved on: January 10, 2019  
Minutes by Jennifer Dopazo Gilbert