



MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MARCH 14, 2019 AT 10:30 AM

Suite #2180 DCAMM Conference Room | 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116

Meeting Minutes

Present: Andrea Adams, Maura Zlody, Myron Kassaraba, Wig Zamore, and David Carlon (arrived at 11:04 am)

Participating Remotely: Jerry Falbo

Absent: Pete Navarra

Others present: Mary Ellen Eagan (HMMH), Kate Larson (HMMH), Matthew A. Romero, Executive Director, Jennifer Dopazo Gilbert, Esp., Counsel

Massport attendees: Anthony Gallagher, Flavio Leo, Frank Iacovino

Members of the public: Tom Doherty, Esq. (Milton resident), Bill Schmitt Winthrop Board of Health (arrived at 10:50)

Mr. Kassaraba served as Acting Chair to call the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes of February 14, 2019

Mr. Zamore made two corrections.

Motion to approve by Mr. Zamore, seconded by Ms. Zlody. Roll call vote 2 – 0 – 3, motion tabled.

Executive Director's Report

Part-Time Administrative Assistant Hiring Update

Mr. Romero reported that the position had been advertised, many applications had been received, and the posting period would close soon. Next steps are to form a hiring committee including Counsel, himself, and perhaps Executive Committee member(s). Mr. Romero would review all applicants and select some as semi-finalists and provide their applications to the committee. The committee would further reduce the semifinalists to smaller number of finalists to come in for formal interviews.

Members discussed finding office space after an administrative assistant was on board. Options discussed included MassDOT and MassDEP.

Mr. Romero stated that he had coordinated with Massport Human Resources in order to match their procedures for hiring this position. A background check would be required, but at a lower clearance level than the Executive Director's position.



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Massport Annual Current Expense Expenditure Budgets Review – RFI Update

There had been some interest, but no responses by the deadline. Mr. Romero suspected the timing was off for the academic institutes, with their resources likely committed for the semester. Aviation firms did not seem like a viable option. Members discussed expanding the scope to small or independent firms.

Ms. Mary Ellen Eagan from HMMH said she would try to think of some options, and Mr. Romero would provide her a copy of the RFI.

Massport confirmed that they would provide information to the MCAC. Mr. Gallagher offered to the Chair and the Executive Director to set up a meeting with Massport Administration and Finance to discuss the needs further.

Massport Update

RNAV Study Update

Mr. Flavio Leo confirmed the next update would be at the MCAC meeting scheduled for April 23, 2019. Dr. Hansman is focusing on Block 2 data and will provide a report in April, which will be the basis for the next steps to socialize it with the communities. He is limited on how many options he can do and needs the MCAC to support selected options. All communities should get the information at the same time and have a chance for Q&A. Ms. Zlody opined that members should be provided the information two weeks before, so people have an opportunity to review in advance and prepare questions. Mr. Falbo and Mr. Kassaraba agreed it would be helpful. Mr. Leo believed it was a fair request and would bring it to Dr. Hansman. Mr. Carlon joined the meeting at 11:04 am.

Mr. Leo warned that there were sometimes problems when there were changes to the presentation when a draft was provided ahead of time. Ms. Adams noted that having materials in advance would be helpful in briefing members' respective appointing authorities. Mr. Falbo wanted to make a motion to this effect, but Mr. Kassaraba and Ms. Zlody didn't believe it was necessary.

Mr. Dormitzer wanted to know the expectation of the meeting, so people were not disappointed. Attendees discussed the comments provided by members, and Mr. Carlon stated that he wants responses to the serious comments and that Dr. Hansman needs to be more definitive as to what can and cannot be done. Mr. Leo agreed and noted that the FAA process creates a different dynamic, and he would pass that feedback on to Dr. Hansman.

Mr. Kassaraba suggested the Executive Committee receive the presentation for distribution and review at the meeting scheduled for April 9, 2019, where the Executive Committee could provide guidance to Massport. Mr. Leo agreed with that approach, and Mr. Romero noted that he, Mr. Leo, Mr. Gallagher, and Mr. Carlon had a conference call later that week to review the feedback members had provided. Mr. Leo suggested one list of comments, and Mr. Romero agreed to compile and provide one to Massport. Mr. Dormitzer wondered if the FAA would attend the meeting, and Mr. Kassaraba stated that FAA wouldn't attend until Massport sent them the specific implementation request. At 11:18 Mr. Carlon resumed the duties of the Chair.



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The minutes of February 14, 2019 were reopened and were approved by roll call vote 3 – 0 – 3.

Fly Quiet Reporting – HMMH Update

Mr. Leo gave an update, thanked Aviation Subcommittee for the written feedback, and reviewed some items on the list. Mr. Carlon viewed this report as two components: comparative analysis and the draft report.

Mr. Dormitzer reiterated that the subcommittee wanted something closer to the Chicago, San Francisco, and Sydney reports. He wanted to know which airlines deviate the most from their flight paths and can something be done about it. Ms. Eagan explained it was difficult to measure compliance when there was no set goal. Mr. Dormitzer agreed, but argued that the basis for the reports was to set goals. Members discussed the data available, and Mr. Leo referenced the data available in the EDR. There was discussion about 22R Departures, with Mr. Dormitzer stating that it is not meeting the intent of the ROD, and Mr. Leo noting that the FAA interpreted the ROD differently.

Ms. Adams stated that she wanted raw data and then the Committee and Massport could glean what they wanted. Mr. Carlon cared about the gates, the data, and the outliers so we could manage to it, noting that some analysis was required to effect change. Mr. Kassaraba agreed, noting the EDR comes out 18 months after the fact. He wanted a quarterly version of the EDR that captured and shared the information in a digestible way.

Members discussed the shore crossings for Nahant and the South Shore, way points, and gates for 33L. Mr. Carlon wanted clear information on the outliers to educate elected officials on why deviations might happen. Mr. Leo didn't prefer the noise exceedance model used by San Francisco and believed that age of the aircraft and technology used by the airline was a better measure. Members discussed that different communities might have different goals for the runways affecting them, as well as other metrics, data, and analysis. Mr. Carlon wanted a report that stands alone to allow elected officials to speak to it. Mr. Kassaraba showed a 4R arrivals report by Massport for discussion of how the data should be presented.

Turning to comparative analysis between airports, Mr. Carlon wanted to know what other airports were doing and how they were doing it. Using software versions as an example, he wanted to know how Logan compared to the other airports. Ms. Eagan referenced a report they had completed for Minneapolis that compared 35 different airports including Logan and offered to provide it. Mr. Kassaraba noted it could be part of the MCAC's budget report.

Mr. Zamore believed block data was helpful, and that he wanted to go back 10-15 years for historical perspective. He discussed noise sensitivity variance and suggested there be an annual Noise 101 seminar.

There was discussion about the various committees HMMH participates on, and the FAA Reauthorization act.

New Business

Environment and Health (EH) Subcommittee Meeting



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Mr. Zamore discussed upcoming EH Subcommittee meetings and wanted to reconstitute membership to avoid quorum issues in the future. There were a lot of line of sight residents prepared to go to the meeting that had to be cancelled. Members discussed outreach for more volunteers for the committee.

Correspondence

None

Public Comment

Mr. Tom Doherty, Esq. from Milton agreed with Mr. Dormitzer's comments to reduce noise the metrics used. He asked for data for particular runways prior to RNAV implementation.

Mr. Bill Schmidt, Chairman of the Winthrop Board of Health, noted his Board was very concerned with noise and health impacts. He agreed with gathering raw data to start, and then determining what the appropriate goal should be.

Mr. Falbo appreciated the information from Mr. Leo and how the EH subcommittee handled the topic. He asked how Winthrop could be helped and stated that he may have a motion at the next meeting to address the Winthrop concerns.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 12:30 pm by Ms. Adams, seconded by Mr. Kassaraba, approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Documents Associated with EC Meeting:

Agenda

Draft 02-14-2019 Executive Committee Minutes

401K Resolution

Draft Request for Information