

# Meeting Minutes MCAC General Meeting

**Date:** May, 11, 2023

**Convened:** 4:00PM

**Adjourned:** 6:00PM

**1. Committee members attendance roll call. A quorum of 21 members was present:**

Town/ City	Massport CAC Appointee	Present	Town/ City	Massport CAC Appointee	Present	Town/ City	Massport CAC Appointee	Present	Town/ City	Massport CAC Appointee	Present
Arlington	Padraig Martin	Y	Boston (South End)	Steven Fox	Y	Hull	David Carlon	Y	Quincy	Frank Tramontozzi	Y
Bedford	Heidi Porter	Y	Braintree	Sandra Kunz	N	Lexington	Justin Pierce	N	Randolph	Gerard Cody	N
Belmont	Rachelle Reinhart	N	<b>Brookline</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	N	<b>Lincoln</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	N	Revere	James Mercurio	N
<b>Beverly</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	N	Cambridge	Bill Deignan	Y	Lynn	William Bochnak	N	Salem	William Legault	Y
Boston (East Boston)	John Nucci	Y	Canton	James Aufiero	Y	Malden	Christopher Webb	Y	<b>Scituate</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	N
Boston (Fenway)	Maura Zlody	Y	Chelsea	Roseann Bongiovanni	Y	Marblehead	Charles Gessner	N	Somerville	Wig Zamore	Y
Boston (Hyde Park)	Irene Walczak	N	Cohasset	Ralph Dormitzer	Y	Medford	Michah Shalom Kesselman	Y	Swampscott	Alice Stein	Y
Boston (Roslindale)	Alan Wright	Y	Concord	Ira Goldman	Y	Melrose	Peter Navarra	N	<b>Watertown</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	N
Boston (Roxbury)	Joanne Keith	N	<b>Everett</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	N	Milton	Chris Hart	Y	<b>Weymouth</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	N
<b>Boston (South Boston)</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	N	<b>Hingham</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	N	Nahant	Bob D'Amico	N	Winthrop	Jerry Falbo	Y
									Worcester	Brian Pigeon	N

Staff in attendance: Aaron Toffler, Cindy Baxter, Jennifer Dopazo Gilbert

- Cindy Baxter, the new executive assistant, was introduced.
- Public Comment was opened by chairwoman Roseann Bongiovanni. No public comments were made.
- A motion was made to approve the February 16, 2023, minutes by Frank Tramontozzi and seconded by Jerry Falbo. Roll call for approval was unanimous.
- MCAC Massport Board Member Update. John Nucci reviewed four updates with the committee. First was an update on the Sumner Tunnel closures which have been modified from a four-month shutdown in 2023 to a two-month shutdown from July 5<sup>th</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>. An additional two-month shutdown will occur in 2024, dates to be determined. Second was an update on the port cruise season status. The 2023 season has now launched, and it is anticipated that more than one hundred-fifty ships will travel to and from Boston between now and November. The third update was regarding the Wings for Autism event hosted by Massport. The final update was regarding approval of the \$2.7 billion capital improvement plan. Cindy Baxter researched and has included a PDF presentation for the final Massport report issued March 17 as reference documentation with these minutes.
- Massport Update: Hanscom North Airfield development project. Sharon M. Williams, Director, L.G. Hanscom Field presented an overview of the Hanscom Field North program. Cindy Baxter has requested

the slide presentation for reference documentation. Commentary from MCAC staff and committee members included the following:

Aaron Toffler, (Executive Director), noted that the MCAC had submitted a request for additional information to MEPA in February 2023. That letter and a letter sent to the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) and Massport are included as reference documentation with these minutes.

Ira Goldman, (Concord) raised concern from his stakeholders regarding increased air traffic volume and associated noise. He voiced major concern over carbon emissions related to corporate jets in particular and noted general opposition to the plan.

Wig Zamore, (Somerville), identified two concerns: noise and ultrafine particle health impacts. Wig asked how Massport dealt with “annoyance” and the increased impact on the population. He asked how Massport is taking ultra-fine particles into account for an analysis. Sharon Williams, director Massport LGH, indicated that she did not have the expertise to address the two questions, but felt more information regarding ultra fine particles would be available at the federal level. Sharon pointed to potential analytics regarding noise, however Wig felt that information was not yet collected and analyzed.

Alan Wright, (Roslindale), Noted a concern regarding nighttime landings and takeoffs. Alan also questioned the data indicating traffic volume reduction at Hanscom. Sharon Williams responded that the reduced volume was based on the lower volumes of single-engine aircraft. Regarding night use, Sharon noted that the 1990 Airport Noise and Capacity Policy held at the federal level has controls in place to monitor night use by aircraft. Surcharges are levied on aircraft that exceed policy limits. For reference, Cindy Baxter has included the link to the Senate Noise and Capacity Act passed in 1990 (S-3094- 101<sup>st</sup> Congress: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/101st-congress/senate-bill/3094/text>.

Irene Walczak, (Hyde Park), asked whether a noise topography analysis was available for the Hanscom Field area, specifically regarding data that could be used to compare the Hanscom area with Logan’s noise contour map to assess and compare population density and exposure to noise for equity purposes. Sharon Williams indicated that the latest noise contour map for the Hanscom Field area was from 2017 and the findings were that no residents at the time of the analysis were exposed to levels above 65 dnl. For reference, Cindy has included the link for a set of Massport reports on the Hanscom project, which includes the 2017 ESPR report referenced by Sharon, <https://www.massport.com/massport/about-massport/project-environmental-filings/hanscom-field/>. Irene and Roseann Bongiovanni requested that Tommy Butler work with Sharon to provide comparative data for noise level impacts between Hanscom and Logan for the MCAC members to review. Irene also asked for further information regarding the night flight surcharge policy, noting her concern that Hanscom is able to levy surcharges per FAA policy, but Logan is not.

Stephen Fox, (South End), asked what the forecast was for specific types of aircraft for Hanscom. Sharon Williams indicated that the 2022 ESPR update will provide breakdowns on aircraft based on FAA data and the US Gross Domestic Product, (GDP). Hanscom does not specifically contribute to this projection. Information regarding the 2022 proposed scope is available at the same link provided above, <https://www.massport.com/massport/about-massport/project-environmental-filings/hanscom-field/>.

7. Leadership Update provided by Executive Director Aaron Toffler covered the following agenda items:

a. Noise Policy Review – Aaron noted that the FAA public comment period is now open. The deadline is currently July 31. Please see the documentation provided with these minutes for a full copy of the notice as well as a document regarding FAA Noise Policy dated April 28<sup>th</sup>.

b. Communications consultant update (LSG group). Aaron noted that the consulting firm LSG has been hired to assist with communications and public relations strategies with elected officials at the federal,

state, and local levels. Tim Sullivan, Stacey Monahan, and Tim DeLouchrey of LSG introduced themselves and overviewed their role and approach for helping the MCAC build key relationships.

c. Website consultant update. GoingClear provided an overview of the website redesign status, presenting a mock-up to members. GoingClear overviewed key steps they will take to get the website updated, will update, and propose data links to resource sites and adding lead capture to the site. GoingClear committed to working with the MCAC to obtain pictures of real people for the site.

8. FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) Update – Aaron indicated that an update on R33 was not available but did commit to getting information out regarding FAA webinars on noise. The reference information is included under FAA link

<https://www.faa.gov/noisepolicyreview#:~:text=The%20Noise%20Policy%20Review%20is%20evidence-based%2C%20thorough%2C%20and,impacts%2C%20speech%20interference%2C%20sleep%20disturbance%2C%20and%20economic%20impacts.>

9. New Business –

Treasurer report. Information regarding budget status was provided and further documentation is provided separately with these minutes. Alan Wright summarized the cash on hand position of \$71K and confirmed that expenses were going up with the addition of consultant work and onboarding of the new executive assistant. Spending by the committee was only half of the committee’s allotment, but FY24 spending is expected to increase to improved levels based on planned projects, consultant engagements, and increased staffing.

Staff office hours. A request was made to have staff office hours. Aaron thought that could be done, but that it would have to be managed within the construct of the Open Meeting Law.

MCAC Committee visit to Terminal E. It was requested that Massport host MCAC members for a tour of Terminal E. Tommy Butler is looking into this.

Updated data regarding dnl. It was requested that updated dnl data be provided by census block since the 2014 data is too old to allow the MCAC to take effective action on behalf of stakeholders.

10. Correspondence. Massport requested specific information from the FAA regarding implementation of the RSIP program.

11. Adjournment roll call was taken and was unanimously approved.

#### **Action Items:**

1. Massport request document for specific information from the FAA regarding RSIP implementation.
2. Cindy Baxter to obtain copy of Massport slides presented by Sharon Williams.
3. Cindy Baxter to obtain copy of correspondence to FAA by Massport regarding RSIP implementation, (see item 10 above).