



MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MCAC Executive Committee November 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Meeting recording: https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/wFTvpOyVuE5thJWMg5klqEtXs5vok8U-XtK-UXc7WJXUBA_2Hz_eHFN0eTlnMzQi.246k_TAwRmOyTRmo Passcode: Can4c!NG

I. Attendance Roll Call. The following were in attendance:

Table with 3 columns: Executive Committee, Member, In Attendance. Rows include MCAC Chair (Alan Wright), Vice Chairperson (Jerry Falbo), Treasurer (Ira Goldman), Secretary (Maura Zlody), and three At Large Members (Stephen Fox, Wig Zamore, Vacant).

Table with 2 columns: Staff & Guests in attendance, Name. Rows include Executive Director (Aaron Toffler), Executive Assistant (Cindy Baxter), General Counsel (Jennifer Dopazo Gilbert), and Massport Liaison (Tommy Butler).

II. Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of October 17, 2023. Wig Zamore motioned that an update to the October 17th minutes be made to note that he would send further comments regarding his points on section 7.a. ii. The motion was seconded, all were in favor as listed "present" in item #1 of these draft minutes. The October minutes have been updated accordingly and posted to the MCAC website.

III. Public Comment. Two comments were noted, and MCAC staff will review, research and respond. Responses will be posted as an addendum to the November Executive Committee meeting minutes:

- Carolyn Montello requested an answer to following questions, (direct quote by Carolyn):
1. Update on 33L - I heard Tommy say the runway will reopen by Dec1. Will an update from Logan/MCAC be provided to city leaders so they can accurately communicate the info to their communities? Please include Medford.
2. I continue to ask for the MONTHLY data from Medford's noise monitor. If Massport continues to deny this request, can we please have an explanation from them as to why?
3. With the reopening of 33L, concern about increased use of 33L now that Terminal E & 33L have been renovated (both used for international flights - large, low, loud over 33L communities). These flights are often late at night & early mornings. My questions: -Is there any cap/limit to how often a particular runway can be used? (there seems to be no limit) - Who can advocate for those of us on the ground to have some limits? (Use of 33L keeps increasing year after year. - it's already way too much, it can't increase further & should be decreased) -Can the MCAC request limits from Logan to protect those of us on the ground? Have we even ever tried this, or have we just been letting Logan make these increases without challenging them?



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4. Status on the MCAC meeting with the Governor? Will the focus be Hanscom? Any details? Will it be publicized? If yes, where?

- Kim Brazier, added a comment to the meeting chat:
“I'm a Point Shirley homeowner and did attend the meeting that discussed the criteria for the pilot program for sound proofing. From what I understood, according to the pass out maps, was they collected data on flights during COVID SHUTDOWN. And then chose homes in a small radius from that data. The noise was more than 75 percent down during that data collection. I also have heard from neighbors that some of the homes on Shirley Street are more recently built than most around them. My home was built in 1895, most homes down the Point are at least 75 years old. I don't feel that this evaluation was conducted fairly, and I don't agree with the homes that were chosen. So many of us suffer on a daily basis with noise, smell, and congestion. This is much more serious than the green new deal.”

IV. Massport update – Tommy Butler

- a. CEO search/MCAC involvement: Tommy suggested that the MCAC document commentary regarding the search via John Nucci, the MCAC representative on the Massport board. Tommy also noted that the search firm hired is Isaacson Miller, with Chair Patti Jacobs and Vice Chair Sean O'Brien sitting on the review committee.
- b. Net Zero update. Tommy reviewed Massport's Net Zero plans in detail with the executive committee, including a review of the timing on Scopes 1, 2, and 3 and the overall impact each scope was expected to have on reaching the final net zero requirements. Scope 3, where Massport does not control outcomes but can influence them, is already a collaborative effort between Massport, area universities, and aviation manufacturers. Massport is also pushing for Sustainable Aviation Fuel, (SAF) grants from the FAA. Complete details regarding Tommy's readout are available via the recording link listed above.
- c. Logan Health Study follow-up. Tommy overviewed the Logan Health study, which was a one-time event in 2014 funded by the state legislature and Massport. Findings noted that the perimeter of the airport is where most people are impacted, and specific recommendations included adjusting ground transport as well as electrifying ground transport, working with East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, (EBNH) on childhood asthma, monitoring pollutants with Boston University and Tufts, and equipping schools with air filtration. Wig noted that he, Maura, and Jerry were involved in the study and noted that high efficiency filtration, i.e., MERV 16, is an effective means of reducing the health impacts of pollution. Full report details are available in the health study, which can be found at <https://duckduckgo.com/?q=logan+airport+health+study+2014&t=newext&atb=v378-1&ia=web>.

- V. Treasurer's Update – Ira Goldman provided an update on the budget, noting that the MCAC continues to be in a positive financial situation with a net surplus of \$19K for the month of October. It is anticipated that the year-to-date surplus will enable the MCAC



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to consider projects currently under evaluation by MCAC working groups, (the website revamp and the data analytics tool RFP).



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VI. Leadership Update- Aaron Toffler

- Website update –Aaron reviewed the status of the website redesign, which is now in development and expected to be ready for preliminary testing after Thanksgiving. The vote for additional money to increase the search functionality on the committee page recommended by the working group for an additional \$4600 was approved by a unanimous vote of all EC members in attendance as listed in item #1 of these minutes.
- Substation workspace/staff meetings. Aaron noted that the MCAC staff has joined The Workstation in Roslindale for working space. Staff and the chair meet weekly, and members are welcome to sit in on the weekly Wednesday check-in meetings.
- New member orientation – planned for January 2024. The date for new member orientation is January 11, 2024, and all members will be invited for a refresher as well as an opportunity to meet the newer MCAC members. Zoom invites have been sent out and a face-to-face location will be determined shortly. Member requirements regarding “conflict of interest” and “Open Meeting Law” will be due by that date.
- Subcommittee reports. Aaron read out status for both the Data Analytics working group and the website working group.
- Legislator meetings update. Aaron overviewed meetings that had been conducted over the past month.
- Ultrafine particle, (UFP), research discussion. Aaron noted that he, Allan, and Alice Stein, (Swampscott, Environment and Health Subcommittee Chair) met with Neelakshi Hudda regarding ultrafine particle (UFP) research she intends to do regarding the Hanscom airfield. The meeting also included a discussion of recent research done for Logan airport and how that data could be leveraged with the Hanscom airfield proposed research.
- Goals/Objectives presentation. Aaron overviewed a workbook he plans to use for tracking status on goals and objectives, which he will share with MCAC members.

VII. RSIP discussion – Jerry Falbo. Jerry reviewed his concern regarding the prior vote by the EC to waive oversight of the Residential Sound Insulation Program, (RSIP) being managed by Massport’s consultant, HMMI. Executive committee members discussed concerns in detail as noted in the meeting recording, (link listed above), upon which Stephen made a motion to review and input on criteria for the efficacy of the insulation project on the ten home pilot before construction starts and to review the results after construction is completed, with the consultant providing details to the MCAC both before and after next steps are taken on the pilot homes. Jerry seconded the motion and all members listed as present in item #1 voted to approve the motion.

VII. New Business – reserved for matters the Chair did not reasonably anticipate at the time of posting. No new business was discussed.

VIII. Correspondence. No correspondence was received.



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- IX. Adjournment. Stephen made a motion to adjourn, which Alan seconded. Stephen, Alan, Maura, and Wig approved adjournment, (Jerry and Ira left prior to the adjournment vote).