



Executive Committee December 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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- I. Attendance Roll Call. Alan Wright, Jerry Falbo, Maura Zlody, and Stephen Fox were present at roll call. Wig Zamore joined the committee meeting later in the session. Staff present included Executive Director Aaron Toffler, Executive Assistant Cindy Baxter, and general counsel Jennifer Dopazo Gilbert.
- II. Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of November 14, 2023. Maura made a motion to approve the November minutes, which was seconded by Stephen. Alan, Maura, and Stephen approved, and Jerry abstained. The approved minutes are posted to the MCAC website here: <https://massportcac.org/meeting/mcac-executive-committee-meeting-21/>.
- III. Public Comment. Carolyn Montello raised concerns over increased use of runway 33L during the hours of 5:00am and 6am, despite wind conditions that do not seem favorable for using that runway. Aaron Toffler noted that he would raise the issue to Massport, noting that liaison Tommy Butler wasn't able to attend the MCAC Executive Committee meeting for personal reasons.
- IV. Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act Office, (MEPA) discussion with Tori Kim. Tori Kim, MEPA Director, joined the meeting to get input from MCAC members regarding the Environmental Status and Planning Report, (ESPR) and Environmental Data Report, (EDR). She noted that a new MEPA process is under consideration and noted that concerns already raised were regarding document complexity, length, and timing, often being issued two years after the data was collected. She noted that the new administration is interested in an improved emphasis on environmental justice. She also noted that a scoping document, (amendments to 301 CMR 11.0) was issued by MEPA in January 2023. Details on those amendments can be accessed here: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/information-about-upcoming-regulatory-updates>. Ms. Kim said that the MCAC has been invited to participate in a focus group regarding the Massport data via the inclusion of Aaron Toffler. When asked what concrete changes should be considered in the Massport reporting, MCAC EC members provided the following commentary:
 - Jerry asked if “enhanced engagement” meant simplifying the report and Ms. Kim responded yes, and also indicated that data would not be removed.
 - Stephen noted that data detail was important and should be retained, but should include specific evaluative criteria encompassing simplification, management, and oversight data. Stephen also suggested an executive summary be added that includes trend data and analytics. Ms Kim indicated that MEPA has requested comprehensive trend data.
 - Maura noted that it was time to look at the connection between airport operations and the impact on human health. Fence line monitoring, including the health impacts of ultra fine particulate matter, (UFP), are missing from current reporting and must be included. Maura's request is for details to be present in both the ESPR and the EDR, with particular reference regarding environmental justice communities and the cumulative impact Massport operations have on those communities.
 - Maura further requested data regarding high occupancy vehicles, (HOV) for employees via a published comprehensive HOV program. She noted that HOV should not include individuals that travel into the city and only use HOV from employee airport parking to the terminals.

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- Maura asked for information to be published regarding Massport’s Hanscom Field project. She indicated that communities need to understand the overall impact of the Massport North Airfield plan, for both the Hanscom Field area towns and also the impact such a project would have on Logan operations as they relate to community impacts in the greater Boston area.
 - Maura also noted that Massport puts a lengthy summary of transportation studies and activities in the EDR/ESPRs (15+ in the last EDR), yet they only participated in three of them. She suggested Massport only report on studies where they actually participate. She suggested Massport put some real effort into moving people into other modes of transportation if those efforts aren’t in conflict with their enabling legislation.
 - Alan requested that there be greater clarity regarding the relationship between the EDR and ESPR processes. He noted that focus needs to be on all Massport operations, not only Logan. Alan indicated that Massport should supply data regarding navigation protocols and how those protocols impact communities throughout the area on a runway-by-runway basis.
 - Alan requested that impacts due to the concentrated flight paths resulting from use of RNAV be part of Massport’s reporting. Alan asserted that the increased volumes over specific areas created by RNAV now rival some of the worst conditions experienced back in the 1990s by communities impacted by Massport.
 - Aaron requested that Massport answer questions that the public and agencies like MEPA have already raised. He pointed out that questions asked by the state have not been answered by Massport, for example follow-up requests made by MEPA for UFP and black carbon inclusion in data reporting.
- V. Treasurer’s Update – Ira Goldman. Ira was not present, but Alan overviewed the financial status, indicating that there continues to be a budget surplus, which will assist in the upcoming data project that was covered under the leadership update. (see below).
- VI. Leadership Update- Aaron Toffler
- Data RFP consultant update: working group recommendation and vote on expenditure of funds for data consultant. Aaron presented the final recommendation and overall scope of work proposed for the data analytics tool project, requesting the Executive Committee approve the recommended vendor and move it to a general committee vote in January. Alan noted that a key benefit of the project was that it will allow the MCAC to capture and store data, something that has not been possible with past data projects. Alan also noted that the project will focus on being easy to use, with the ability to bring in multiple sources of information. Stephen asked if there was a best practice on delivering the kind of data that is available for aviation and transportation operations. He also requested more detail on the proposed tool architecture. The additional architecture data has been provided as a separate attachment to these minutes. Further commentary regarding the Data Analytics review is included in the meeting recording. A motion to approve funding for the data analytics vendor recommendation was made by Stephen and seconded by Alan. Alan, Stephen, Maura, Jerry, and Wig voted in favor of the recommendation.
 - Ultrafine particle (UFP) research program and vote on expenditure of funds to collect air quality data (Hudda research). Aaron overviewed the proposed Neelakshi Hudda research. There was

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concern from the committee that there had not been enough detail provided regarding the proposal and Aaron tabled the discussion until the January Executive Committee meeting. Further discussion details are available on the meeting recording.

- New member orientation: January 11, 2024 (11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.) at the Substation (Roslindale) – all are welcome.
- Subcommittee reports
 - Aviation Operations – The subcommittee continues to work on the request for Fly Quiet reporting from Massport.
 - Environment & Health – The January 27th workshop at Assembly Square is open to all. Logistics details will be posted when they become available.
- RSIP follow-up. Aaron noted that Tommy Butler has promised a presentation for the January Executive Committee meeting.

VII. Massport Update – Tommy Butler was not present at the meeting.

VIII. New Business – reserved for matters the Chair did not reasonably anticipate at the time of posting.

- Aaron noted that it is important to fill the Executive Committee vacancy left by Sandra Kunz and asked that the Executive Committee think of members who might be able to fill the role.
- Wig let members know that Tufts has a national noise model, with a new facility in Kendall Square. The MCAC is invited to tour the facility.

IX. Correspondence. There was no correspondence to discuss.

X. Adjournment. Stephen motioned for adjournment, which was seconded by Alan. All in attendance, Wig, Alan, Maura, and Stephen voted to adjourn, (Jerry had to leave before the adjournment vote occurred).