



MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Aviation and Operations subcommittee Meeting 1 June 2023 Minutes

1. Chairman Ralph Dormitzer confirmed a quorum and roll call was taken. The following subcommittee members were present:
 - Charles Gessner
 - Frank Tramontozzi
 - Bill Deignan
 - Alan Wright
 - Jerry Falbo
 - Maura Zlody
 - Ralph Dormitzer

Cindy Baxter was in attendance from staff.

2. Ralph opened the public comment period and Cindy Christiansen asked to speak. She noted that she had emailed Ralph directly and indicated that she was making a formal request for an extension of sixty days to the FAA regarding their Noise Policy request for public input. The current deadline is July 31st. No other participants made a public comment.

Ralph reviewed subcommittee leadership, specifically opening the floor for nominations for Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. Ralph Dormitzer was nominated as chair, Frank Tramontozzi was nominated as vice-chair, and Jerry Falbo was nominated as secretary. All three nominees were voted in unanimously.

3. Ralph requested a vote to approve the February 2023 subcommittee minutes and the minutes were approved unanimously.
4. Ralph opened a discussion regarding vacancies on the subcommittee, specifically the vacancy previously held by the former Belmont representative and the temporary vacancy of the Braintree representative. Alan Wright indicated that he also intended to leave the subcommittee in order to focus on Environment and Health but indicated he would stay on until the vacancies were handled to avoid issues in reaching a quorum. Alan also suggested the subcommittee consider adding at least one member representing Hanscom, asking that Ralph and Aaron pursue this further. Cindy Baxter noted that she was meeting with Chris Eliot, chair of the HFAC next week and indicated that she would mention the subject. Ralph also noted that per policy, candidates for filling the vacancies would need to be reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee.
5. Ralph opened a discussion regarding the FAA noise policy. He noted the opportunity the public comment period presented to the MCAC and suggested the subcommittee recommend hiring a consultant who would
 - review and retest Test Plan 1 and Test Plan 2 conducted in 2015
 - provide an analysis and recommendation based on the results, with an eye to considering that data to formulate a response to the FAA Noise Policy request for public input
 - work with the FAA and Massport to implement the recommended runway reconfiguration on a regional basis.
- Subcommittee members confirmed interest in pursuing a response to the FAA request for public input on the Noise Policy and recommending implementation of of runway



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reconfigurations, in line with the consultant study results. Ralph suggested that a timeframe of 30 days or less was needed in order to respond within the FAA required timeframe, and several members discussed potential candidates for the consulting engagement. Members unanimously agreed to pursue a consulting engagement that would both allow a response to the FAA Noise Policy and to regional noise mitigation. Several suggestions for inclusion in the engagement were made by members, including the following:

- Helicopter traffic needs to be included in the study
- Consideration of the feasibility of recommending noise landing fee should be made
- Data analytics need to be included, and since analytics are underway, it is request that Aaron Toffler identify those for the subcommittee's review.
- Implementation of enforcement measures and metrics needs to be part of the recommendation to the FAA
- Persistence should be part of the evaluation

In line with this, specific action is outlined under action items to prepare for this effort.

6. Cindy Baxter requested that meeting dates be established in line with the project. The subcommittee agreed to meet on June 22nd if action items were completed in time, with a backup date of July 13th. Cindy sent "save the date" invitations out to subcommittee members and staff for both meetings.
7. Ralph requested adjournment of the meeting, which was seconded and approved by the membership unanimously.

Action Items:

- Ralph agreed to provide Test Plan 2 for subcommittee members to review along with Test Plan 1. Cindy Baxter received Test Plan 2 from Ralph and will include the attachments with this draft document of minutes.
- Subcommittee members will review both Test Plan 1 and Test Plan 2 and provide comment on what else should be included in the consulting Statement of Work, (SOW).
- Subcommittee members will review the FAA request for public comment. Subcommittee members will provide Ralph and copy Cindy Baxter regarding their input on the top priority items for the response. This will provide additional detail to help frame the consultant SOW.
- Ralph requested that Jennifer Dopazo Gilbert be consulted regarding the cap on money for the consultant engagement. Cindy Baxter will check with Jennifer on Friday, June 2nd.
- Ralph requested that Aaron and Cindy add an agenda item to the Executive Committee June 13th agenda regarding the subcommittee's expectation to weigh in on the FAA Policy and the subcommittee's request for funding of an aviation consultant to supplement the project effort.