



General Committee Meeting Minutes for September 19, 2024

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I. Attendance Roll Call

Massport CAC Appointee	Present	Approval of Minutes from 6/20/24	EC Election Slate	Vote to Adjourn	Massport CAC Appointee	Present	Approval of Minutes from 6/20/24	EC Election Slate	Vote to Adjourn	STAFF & GUESTS
Pat Martin	NP	NP	NP	NP	David Pinsonneault	NP	Y	Y	Y	
Heidi Porter	NP	Y	Y	NP	Alex Chatfield	P	Y	Y	NP	Executive Assistant Karen Cuddy
Rachelle Reinhart	NP	NP	NP	NP	Bill Bochnak	P	Y	Y	Y	General Counsel Jennifer Dopazo Gilbert
VACANT					Christopher Webb	P	ABSTAIN	Y	NP	Massport Liaison Tommy Butler
John Nucci	P	Y	Y	NP	Charles Gessner	P	NP	NP	NP	Guests Terri Ackerman - Concord
Maura Zlody	P	Y	Y	Y	Michah Kesselman	P	Y	Y	Y	Rich Davey - Massport
Irene Walczak	P	Y	Y	Y	Anthony Chui	NP	ABSTAIN	Y	Y	Ken Knopp - FAA
Alan Wright	P	Y	Y	Y	Chris Hart	NP	NP	NP	NP	Colleen D'Alessandro - FAA
Joanne Keith	NP	Y	Y	Y	Bob D'Amico	P	NP	NP	NP	Mike Varalaro
Fr. James DiPerri	P	Y	Y	Y	Frank Tramontozzi	P	Y	Y	Y	Alaina Coppola
Steven Fox	P	Y	Y	Y	Gerard Cody	NP	NP	NP	NP	Mitchell Tynes
Chris Griffin	P	Y	Y	Y	Jim Mercurio	NP	NP	NP	NP	Friends of Belle Isle Marsh
Brian Kane	NP	NP	Y	NP	Bill Legault	NP	NP	NP	NP	Colleen Leger - Arlington
Bill Deignan	P	Y	Y	Y	Jim Boudreau	NP	NP	NP	NP	Cavan Duncan - REVISION
Jim Aufiero	NP	NP	NP	NP	Wig Zamore	P	ABSTAIN	Y	Y	Dr. Khalil Nasser - REVISION
VACANT					Alice Stein	NP	NP	NP	NP	
Ralph Dormitzer	P	Y	Y	NP	Zeke Mermell	P	ABSTAIN	Y	Y	
Ira Goldman	NP	NP	NP	NP	VACANT					
Jay Monty	NP	Y	NP	NP	Jerry Falbo	P	Y	Y	Y	
VACANT					Brian Pigeon	P	ABSTAIN	Y	Y	

David Carlon	NP	NP	NP	NP	N = No	Y = Yes	NP = Not Present	Made motion	Seconded motion
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- II. **Rich Davey, Massport CEO introduction/remarks/questions:** Mr. Davey expressed his interest in continuing the NetZero plan and sustainable aviation fuel. He wants the relationship between Massport and the CAC to be a collaborative one.
- Questions for Rich: Stephen Fox (South End) asked if we could begin to have a conversation about the long-term plan for Massport growth? Rich responded that Logan will most likely this year break a passenger record. He stated that we need to think about how to manage that growth. He has spoken with Phil Eng (MBTA) about ways to drive people to take public transportation to the airport. They just passed a budget to increase the Logan Express garage in Framingham. Massport is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and to sustainable aviation fuels. He feels that there is a lot of opportunity in this area for Logan and the other airports around Massachusetts. Jerry Falbo (Winthrop) asked Mr. Davey how he views his role as CEO of Massport in relation to MCAC? Mr. Davey answered that he feels strongly about hearing from concerned citizens and users of the airport or other facilities. He and his team take the views of the MCAC seriously and will continue to do so. Jerry’s follow up question is asking Mr. Davey’s opinion to Massport and the FAA’s program to re-soundproof homes that were originally sound proofed in the 1990’s. Mr. Davey responded that he would get more specifics on the program but was aware that Massport recently received a grant to complete 10 homes as a pilot project. Mr. Davey states that Massport will continue to find ways to make those investments with the FAA. Zeke Mermell (Watertown) asked Mr. Davey how does he responds to concerns from residents regarding the noise impacts? Mr. Davey said that they will look for ways to address this concern. Alex Chatfield (Lincoln) asked if Mr. Davey would be willing to meet with people from his coalition to discuss sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) and followed up with a request for Massport to cancel the North Airfield project at Hanscom. Mr. Davey responded that he is learning more about sustainable aviation fuels, and he is open to understanding other ways to reduce emissions. Fr. DiPerri (South Boston) expressed his concerns for the impact on the Seaport from cargo ships and cruise ships. He spoke about the Castle Island buffer zone that needs upgrading. Mr. Davey responded that there is a grant pending with the EPA to support ground shore power. Micah Kesselman (Medford) reports that Medford’s biggest concern is noise, as they are one of the 33L impacted communities. Micah asked about acquiring data from Massport from Massport’s sound monitors. He followed up by asking Mr. Davey his thoughts regarding the metrics and thresholds that are used for policy and legislative matters. Mr. Davey responded that he would talk to his team regarding the data from the sound monitors. Chris Griffin (Braintree) asked Mr. Davey, in his role is he able to connect with other airport authority directors to encourage the airlines to invest in avionics that can allow them to handle more particular approaches. Mr. Davey said that is not something he has thought about yet, but he will, and he will talk to his team and see what they can do. Wig Zamore (Somerville) had 4 points that he wanted to mention. 1. With climate it's important to remember black carbon because it has thousands of times the impact of greenhouse gases. 2. Noise is more of an issue for this group. 3. Regarding Ultra fine particles and air surface exposure and he feels there is a possibility long term, that we will be able to take off and land with electrical power. 4. The health

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effects of noise run through ion channels and those drive the health effects of air pollution. Wig asks if we can count on Massport to start to look more seriously at leading edge science? Mr. Davey said that he is happy to learn more about this. Alan Wright (Roslindale) asked to begin a public discussion about limits to growth at the airport and marine terminal. Aaron thanked Mr. Davey for his time and echoed Micah's request for noise and operational data from Massport. He extended an invitation to any of the MCAC meetings.

- III. Annual Election of Officers and Executive Committee – with vote – Frank Tramontozzi made a motion to approve the slate for elections; seconded by Bill Deignan. Roll was taken (see table above).
- IV. Approval of the General Committee Meeting Minutes – June 20, 2024, meeting (emailed 6/21/24) - Frank Tramontozzi moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Jerry Falbo. Roll was taken for approval of 6/20/24 minutes. (See table above)
- V. Public Comment (subject to time constraints) - up to 10 minutes - no public comments were made
- VI. Treasurer's Update – Aaron reported that we did run a surplus for the first 2 months of the fiscal year in the amount of roughly \$20k each month. As a reminder the budget is laid out evenly over the course of the fiscal year, however that is not generally how the spending takes place. We did a good job of spending down our money last year and we are in a good financial position this year.
- VII. Leadership Update – Aaron Toffler
 - a. Air Quality public hearing – September 26th, 6-8 p.m. - Umana Academy, East Boston – people can participate in person or virtually. Notice of this event has been communicated and a zoom link is included. Aaron asked that all members communicate this event to their community and include the flyer and Eventbrite link to register.
- VIII. Data visualization tool presentation – REVISION, Inc. (presentation slides are included in video link above) Cavan Duncan introduced the project. MCAC is developing a data visualization and reporting tool to promote a data driven collaboration and decision-making culture between Massport and the MCAC communities. REVISION is a management consulting and technology integration firm that specializes in data-driven actionable insights, next generation IT infrastructure, Business Intelligence & cloud system integration. They have been working in the airport industry for 26 years and focus on public sector and airport operations. Khalil Nasser (President and CEO of REVISION) introduced himself and gave his background in environmental engineering. Cavan will be the program manager and main point of contact for the project. Cavan reports that the main goal of the project is to help keep the MCAC communities informed of Massport activities and impacts. The solution is intended to be deployed as a data-driven reporting solution embedded on the MCAC website, so that the public is able to access this information after it is deployed. They will be taking publicly available sources of data as well as internally available sources to pull into the solution. They are currently in Phase 1 of the project which entails interviewing experts in the field, and members of MCAC as well as people within the industry. They are determining what kind of data they are going to get, how they are going to get it, how available it is and how they are going to show it that makes an impact to the different communities. Bill Deignan asked what the process is going to be to determine what data is going to be used and how it is going to be displayed? Aaron answered that this has not been decided yet, it will depend on what the executive committee identifies as the relevant sources, and in part what the experts identify. Aaron wanted to mention that there is a possibility that we don't get access to all the data that we want, and we may get to a decision point where the MCAC will have to decide if we move

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forward with the project. Jerry Falbo asked if we have gained access to the noise data. Aaron responded that we have identified that noise is a concern, and we are still in the information gathering process. Irene asked if it is possible for MCAC members to access the information from REVISION's past projects with other airports, and see some of the things that they have done in the past? She is specifically interested in flight track data. Khalil answered that the work they have done and data they have gathered from other airports has been specific to that airport, so he is not at liberty to show their dashboard without prior approval from them. Stephen Fox asked what data do we want to collect and what data is most important, and what are the next steps in this process? He thinks we may want to put this on the agenda for the next Executive Committee meeting. Khalil responded that the MCAC should come up with the top 3-4 issues and how do we proceed with the data that we gathered. He feels this should be done at the end of phase 1. Jerry asked the same as Stephen and if we are going to be meeting to discuss this further. Aaron responded that we are doing the work now to determine what data is available and will be reaching out to Massport next. The decision will be made by the MCAC Executive Committee as to whether the project should continue.

- IX. New Business – no new business at this time.
- X. Correspondence – no correspondence at this time.
- XI. Adjournment - Jerry Falbo moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Maura Zlody. Vote to adjourn the meeting.