

SPRINGFIELD AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Springfield Airport Authority was called to order by Chair Vala at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, in the Conference Room at Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport's main terminal building.

PRESENT: Frank J. Vala, Chair  
Elizabeth Delheimer, Commissioner  
Teresa Haley, Commissioner  
Dianne Hardwick, Vice Chair  
Mike Houston, Commissioner  
Susan Shea, Commissioner  
Mark Kinnaman, Treasurer  
R. Beverly Peters, Secretary  
Joe Craven, Attorney  
Mark Hanna, Executive Director  
Ken Boyle, Deputy Executive Director

ABSENT: None

VISITORS: Randy Vogel, Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.

Chair Vala presented the minutes of the Regular Meeting August 15, 2023, and to dispose all Regular Meeting Recordings more than six months old. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer Kinnaman reported unrestricted funds projected year-end balance of \$7,897,690 and actual year-to-date balance of \$8,827,448, restricted funds projected year-end balance of \$10,753,888 and actual year-to-date balance of \$11,169,168.

Commissioner Delheimer gave the Budget and Finance report.

Commissioner Delheimer asked what the repercussions are for not abiding by the Board's By-Laws. During the discussion following Vice Chair Hardwick asked how could we change our By-Laws so we have some teeth in them for disciplinary purposes. Chair Vala asked legal counsel to assemble a team to conduct a review of both the current situation regarding Commissioner Houston and our By-Laws as a whole and to get an understanding of a new track record or motion or set of rules on how the Board is going to operate.

Executive Director Hanna noted that the military will be taking two hangars instead of one.

Commissioner Haley reported she is continuing to work with members of the Black Caucus about bringing events to the airport. Commissioner Haley is also talking with black restaurant owners and vendors about utilizing the Subway area. Chair Vala mentioned the possibility of having food trucks available during the Honor Flight or during one of the outbound casino charters.

Chair Vala gave the construction report.

Vice Chair Hardwick thanked everyone who had a part in bringing Breeze Airlines to Springfield.

Vice Chair Hardwick reported a 28.34% decrease in year-to-date passenger activity as compared to last year.

Vice Chair Hardwick reported that fuel sales for the month of August were 79,029 gallons with revenue of \$12,491. Airline jet fuel sales were down compared with the previous month but an increase in retail and military jet fuel sales kept overall totals steady.

Commissioner Shea reported she was concerned after last month's meeting with all the bad news regarding air service and was very happy to hear about our new service. Commissioner Shea commended the leadership and staff for doing a wonderful job.

Executive Director Hanna reported the planning for a turf landing area should be completed soon and hope to have it up and running next year. A meeting is scheduled with IDOT and the FAA to discuss TIPs for the next five years. The fuel purchasing contract renewal with Epic is being prepared. SIU is hoping to make an announcement soon and to have a SPI based program in the class catalog for the fall semester of 2024. The Authority has received a regional award from AAAE regarding the solar farm. Breeze Airlines will have Airbus 220-300 aircraft with 137 seats for flights to Orlando International and Tampa International airports. Flights will begin December 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

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Frank J. Vala, Chair

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R. Beverly Peters, Secretary