

## DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, October 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM in Room 227, Airport Administration Building at DeKalb-Peachtree Airport.

Members Present: Kevin Fowler, Christopher Richard, Eugene Henry, Mike Reeves, Reuben Jones, Dan Zanger, Rob Smith

Members Absent: Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair)

Others Present: Airport Director Mario Evans and Noise and Environmental Analyst Korey Barnes

The meeting was called to order at 7:06p.m. by Board Member Christopher Richard

- I. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve the September 9th, 2019 minutes was made by Kevin Fowler and seconded by Mike Reeves. Motion passed.**
- II. Information/Old Business
  - A. **Airport Director's Report:** Airport Director Mario Evans reported the following:
    1. Master Plan Update: Evans deferred to Michael Baker International representative. Next round of public meetings will be Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>.
    2. Air Quality Roundtable: Airport Director Evans stated that the roundtable is scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>. Evans also stated that the EPA is proposing to do a clear air session.
    3. RIM project: Airport Director Evans stated that Phase 1C is going well, and is ahead of schedule. Phase 3A will be starting tomorrow.

**Noise and Environmental Analyst Report:** - New N&E Analyst, Korey Barnes delivered the following report:

**The September 2019 Noise Report** will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 15,435** which is an increase of 12.22% as compared to September of 2018. There were 373 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2019 year-to-date operations are 120,632 as compared to the total 2018 operations as of September 2018 of 122,663. In September, 15% of operations were on a southerly flow, 81% were to the north, and 4% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 8 households made 139 complaints. The majority of the complaints were made between 6:00p.m. and 11:59p.m. (37%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 42.45% of the complaints originated from the 30341 zip code. A total of 164 advisory letters were sent to aircraft operators who flew during the Voluntary Curfew Period who were not identified as MedEvac and/or other emergency flights. Regarding High Noise Events, 17 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

- Evans reported that Korey implemented 4 new noise monitors on Day 1 of his employment.

- Community view of the new NOM system that is mounted on top of the old tower will be available to the public in November. Evans stated that PDK has the most in-depth noise program in the country.

- Next meeting: a brief presentation via website will be shown to demonstrate how the new system works. Korey stated that the new system allows better tracking of aircraft, similar to FlightAware.

- **Motion to accept the September 2019 Noise Report was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Dan Zanger. Motion passed.**

B. Other: None


III. New Business: None

IV. Public Comments:

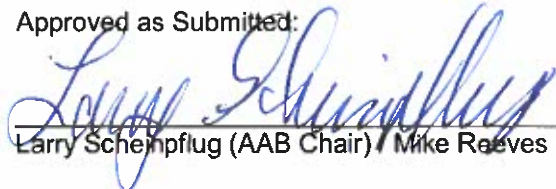
- Member of the public, Jordan, stated that he appreciates all of the information being made available on the airport website.
- Member of the public who is a pilot, expressed concern that with the new system, an increase in threatening letters will ensue. Board Member Mike Reeves echoed the concern that complaints might be directed to individuals vs the airport. Member of the public Larry Foster stated that he thought it was good that complaining public could now go directly to fight operators.
- A member of the public asked if an effort had ever been made to standardize instrument departure rules. Evans answered that this had been attempted in 2008, but all it did was move noise from one side of the airport to the other. Evans further stated that the airport uses NBAA's recommended departure procedures. Member of public asked if this caused pattern attitude to go up. Evans stated that there was no change.

**Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Dan Zanger. Motion passed at 7:36 p.m.**

Submitted by:

  
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Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

  
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Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair) / Mike Reeves