

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, January 9th, 2023 at 5:30 PM via Zoom Video Conference call.

Members Present: Doug Miller (AAB Chair), Christopher Richard, Mike Reeves, Reuben Jones, Larry Scheinpflug (Vice Chair), Eugene Henry

Members Absent: Kevin Fowler

Others Present: Airport Director Mario Evans, Deputy Airport Director Hunter Hines, and Noise and Environmental Analyst Korey Barnes

The meeting was called to order at 5:34p.m. by AAB Chair, Doug Miller.

- I. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve the December 2022 minutes was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Christopher Richard.**

- II. Information/Old Business

- A. **Airport Director's Report (Mario Evans):**

1. Airport Master Plan: Airport Director Mario Evans wished everyone a Happy New Year. Still waiting for the BOC to vote on Master Plan. RFP has been put out for the Environmental Assessment. Submitted back to Purchasing and Contracts. All bids should be in by end of January.
 2. Minimum Standards report by Deputy Airport Director Hunter Hines. Hines stated that there is no new information. They are trying to finalize everything with consultant. Expects to have Airport Management Consulting group on Zoom call probably next month.
- Board Vice Chair Larry Scheinpflug asked if we have an exclusive contract with the management consulting firm? Hines answered that this is still being finalized. Board Member Reuben Jones asked if Michael Baker handles this? Hines answered: Yes.
 3. Low flying aircraft damage in the Tanglewood Circle Neighborhood: Airport Director Mario Evans said damage cannot be identified yet. Deferred to Public Member Amber Mosler who said she has a police report. Airport does not have a Noise Complaint or other report from this December 19th event. Board Vice Chair Larry Scheinpflug asked which runway? Evans answered: 3R. Board Chair Doug Miller stated that the FAA has to be involved with this type of event.
 4. **Noise and Environmental Analyst Report:** - N&E Analyst, Korey Barnes delivered the following report:
The December 2022 Noise Report will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 11,189** which is a decrease of 11.3% as compared to December of 2021. There were 274 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2022 year-to-date operations are **176,895** as compared to the total 2021 operations as of December 2021 of 158,014. In December 68% of operations were on a southerly flow, 29% were to the north, and 3% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 38.9 households made 818 complaints. The majority of the complaints were made between 12:00 PM and 5.59 PM. (44%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 38% of the complaints originated from the **30360** zip code. A total of 127 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, 41 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

Motion to accept the December 2022 Noise Reports were made by Christophe Richard and seconded by Larry Scheinpflug. Motion passed.

Annual Noise and Operations Report: - N&E Analyst, Korey Barnes delivered the following report:

The 2022 Noise Report will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 176,895** which is an increase of 111.95% as compared to 2021. There were 4,698 voluntary

curfew operations. In 2022 52% of operations were on a southerly flow, 45% were to the north, and 3% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints: 70.8** households made 8,289 complaints in 2022. The majority of the complaints were made between 12:00 PM and 05:59 PM (11.4%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 47% of the complaints originated from the **30360** zip code. A total of **2,198** 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, 377 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

Motion to accept the Annual 2022 Noise Reports were made by Larry Scheinpflug and seconded by Christopher Richard. Motion passed.

B. **Other:**

- Open Board Seats: Board Chair Doug Miller stated that this would be addressed at the next meeting.
- Board Member Reuben Jones asked: Are we under any timeline for Minimum Standards approval? Deputy Airport Director Hunter Hines answered: No.

III. **New Business:**

- Board Chair Doug Miller discussed the January election of a new Chair and Vice Chair for 2023. Doug nominated current Vice Chair Larry Scheinpflug for Chair, and offered to serve as Vice chair. Board Member Christopher Richard seconded nomination for Larry Scheinpflug as Chair. Larry Scheinpflug nominated Doug Miller for Vice Chair position. Mike Reeves seconded both motions.

IV. **Public Comments:**

- Jordan Fox: Will Chamblee's appointee be on agenda for tomorrow? Mario Evans answered: Yes.
- Lori Muskat: Would a release from the gas regulator station affect impact of jet thrust by affecting air density? There was a 20-degree shift in temperature that might have required down-regulation. Mario Evans answered: No. Atlanta Gas Light is monitoring.
- Larry Foster: Expressed frustration over the discussed airplane incident mentioned above. Mario Evans responded and said he only found out about it when the FD contacted him. Discussion ensued about why formal information about this discussed crash has not been reported to the airport.
- Board Member Reuben Jones asked more about contracts: Renewals and new contracts but not amendments? Mario Evans said he will get an answer from Airport Legal Dept.

Motion to adjourn was made by Larry Scheinpflug and seconded by Gene Henry. Motion passed at 6:38p.m.

Submitted by:

Lori Bell

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

Doug Miller

Doug Miller (AAB Chair)