

**MINUTES**  
**REPUBLIC AIRPORT COMMISSION (RAC) MEETING**  
**7150 REPUBLIC AIRPORT, ROOM 201**  
**EAST FARMINGDALE, NEW YORK**  
**DECEMBER 14, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Vincent Bologna, Jr. at 7:03p.m. Also present were Commission Members Stella Barbera, Robert Bodenmiller, and Richard Grant. Chairman Frank Nocerino was unable to attend.

**I. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice-Chairman Bologna began the meeting with a moment of silence for former RAC Commission member Helen Norjen who passed away on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022. He also announced that the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) had been posted on the Airport's website.

**II. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 2022**

A quorum was not present so a vote to adopt minutes did not take place.

**III. CHANGES AND/OR ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A quorum was not present so a vote to adopt or change the Agenda did not take place.

**IV. REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, & OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. REPORTS**

**1. OPERATIONS, AIRCRAFT COMPLAINTS, & FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2022**

Airport Manager Mr. John Lauth discussed the following:

- Total Operations were up 15% in September and down 1% in October compared to the previous year. Landings increased for both months. Touch & Go's were up 32% in September but down 14% in October. Jet landings decreased by 16% in September and 19% in October. Passenger volume was down 17% in September and 23% in October.
- Total aircraft noise complaints in September and October were lower than those reported in 2021. There were 45 complaints from 10 households in September and 31 complaints from 14 households in October. Most complaints related to daytime operations, jet aircraft, multi/single engine aircraft, and transient operations. Residents living west and northwest of the Airport filed most of the complaints.
- Total Revenues for September and October were favorable overall. Revenue from Landing fees, License fees, and Rental Income showed favorable variances for both months. September Expenses were favorable overall. Labor Expenses were favorable due to vacant positions and employees on leave, and Utilities were unfavorable due to higher than anticipated consumption. October Expenses for Labor, Communications, Professional Services, Vehicle Maintenance, and Airport Maintenance were all favorable. October Utilities expense had an unfavorable variance due to higher than anticipated consumption.

## 2. RECENT / CURRENT EVENTS

Airport Manager Mr. John Lauth reported on the following:

- a. **Pearl Harbor Memorial / Dropping of the Roses Ceremony:** Event took place at American Airpower Museum with elected officials, military veterans, and others in attendance. Poor weather prevented the flight and dropping of roses in New York Harbor as planned.
- b. **Active Shooter Training by DHSES:** Department of Homeland Security Emergency Services conducted training at the Main Terminal for Airport tenants and employees.
- c. **Molloy College:** Relocated to a new facility at the end of October. An RFP will be issued to find a new tenant for the building.
- d. **Film Shoots:** “Law and Order: Organized Crime” filmed at Nassau Flyers on October 11<sup>th</sup>. “FBI’s Most Wanted” filmed at Modern Aviation on December 5<sup>th</sup> and has plans to return in January. “Billions” contacted the Airport about filming in January also.

## B. OTHER NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUSINESS

Airport Director Mr. Anthony Ceglio reported on the following:

1. **Alpha Taxiway Project:** The project is now expected to start in late March of 2023 rather than Fall 2022 due to winter weather and the contractor’s schedule.
2. **5-Parcel Development Project:** No new information. FAA’s review of the Environmental Assessment (EA) is close to being finalized.

Commission Member Stella Barbera asked for clarification of Stratosphere’s affiliation with the 5-parcels and Republic Jet Center. Mr. Ceglio said the development project was awarded to Stratosphere and Republic Jet Center is under Stratosphere ownership. He said Talon Air is a subtenant of Stratosphere.

## V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Two (2) individuals commented.

Vice-Chairman Bologna wished everyone a happy holiday season and said the next RAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by:

**Anthony C. Ceglio on behalf of Executive Secretary  
Republic Airport Commission**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
**REPUBLIC AIRPORT COMMISSION**  
**December 14, 2022**

Ms. Nancy Cypser of the Woodland Civic Association said there might be a discrepancy with the October 2022 Aircraft Complaint report regarding the number of complaints reported from the Northeast area. Airport Manager John Lauth said they would look into it.

Mr. Lauth stated that Touch & Go information requested by Ms. Jessica Santangelo at the October meeting was available and would be sent to her since she did not attend tonight's meeting.

Ms. Nancy Cypser of the Woodland Civic Association asked if there are plans to set up an ALP Working Group meeting. Commission Member Stella Barbera responded that Chairman Nocerino will direct her (Ms. Barbera) on the meeting date and its content when the information is provided. Ms. Cypser said the Draft ALP copy was too small to read when printed.

Ms. Cypser said the community was told there would be an opportunity for public comment on the Draft ALP before it was approved by FAA. Mr. Ceglie stated the ALP was a living document which shows what is planned for the Airport and what has already been done. It's a planning document not only for the Airport but for FAA to fund future projects. Ms. Cypser said that Pen & Ink changes to the ALP are for minor changes, but they have concerns about major changes, like the Runway 1/19 RSA shift, which need to have public comment. She wanted to know if any changes that had occurred are considered major changes where the public should have been given the opportunity to weigh in. Ms. Barbera stated that the Commission would require an administrator or director to walk them through the Draft ALP. She would ask for enlarged copies of the plan so that it can be discussed.

Ms. Cypser asked if Stratosphere commissioned the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the 5-parcel project. She said she questions the independence of the assessment and has a lot of questions about how comprehensive it is compared to other environmental studies done in the past. Mr. Ceglie responded that it is standard practice for a tenant, in this case Stratosphere, to conduct an EA on their project for the Airport (sponsor). The sponsor reviews the report with the FAA and makes changes based on any requirements. He said that FAA has strict standards for the content of an EA and reviews it in detail on both local and federal levels.

Mr. Brian Zitani, Waterways Management Supervisor for the Town of Babylon (TOB), announced he will be stepping down from his role as TOB representative at RAC meetings. He introduced Mr. Nunzio Russo from TOB Planning & Development as the new representative who will attend these meetings and comment on projects. Mr. Lauth thanked Mr. Zitani for his years of working together with the Airport.

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