

MINUTES
REPUBLIC AIRPORT COMMISSION (RAC) MEETING
JUNE 14, 2022

The meeting was held virtually via Zoom video and tele-conference and was called to order by Chairman Frank Nocerino at 7:05p.m. Also present were Commission Members Vincent Bologna, Jr., Stella Barbera, Robert Bodenmiller, Joan Flaumenbaum, Richard Grant.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

II. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 2022

Mr. Grant moved to adopt the April 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Bodenmiller. The motion carried unanimously.

III. CHANGES AND/OR ADOPTION OF AGENDA

No changes.

IV. REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, & OTHER BUSINESS

A. REPORTS

1. OPERATIONS, AIRCRAFT COMPLAINTS, & FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2022

Airport Manager Mr. John Lauth discussed the following:

- Total Operations in March were up 4% from last year but were flat in April. Landings, touch & go's, and passenger volume increased overall. Based aircraft inventory in March increased by 8.7% and 8.9% in April.
- Aircraft noise complaints in March and April were lower compared to 2021, when the RSA Improvements project was underway. There were 28 complaints from 14 households in March, and 46 complaints from 13 households in April. Most complaints related to daytime operations of jet or multi/single engine aircraft. Residents living northwest of the Airport filed the majority of March complaints, while April complaints were mainly from the west.
- Financial Reports showed favorable revenues in both March and April. Rent was favorable overall due to CPI adjustments. March Expenses for Labor, Employee, and Professional Services were favorable, while Janitorial, Office Supply, Vehicle Maintenance, and Airport Maintenance Expenses were unfavorable. April Expenses for Payroll, Office Equipment, Professional Services and Airport Maintenance had favorable variances, while Utilities, Vehicle Maintenance, and Airport Maintenance were unfavorable.

2. RECENT / CURRENT EVENTS

Airport Manager Mr. John Lauth reported on the following:

- a. Blue Angels / Bethpage Air Show:** U.S. Navy Blue Angels and other performers were

based at Republic for air show weekend; approximately 1,000-2,000 spectators came to the Airport.

- b. Career Fair:** NYSDOT, Avports, Airport tenants, flight schools, and others participated in promoting their schools and businesses in the Main Terminal lobby and at Jones Beach during air show weekend.
- c. Award of Excellence for Snow and Ice Control:** Airport received an Honorable Mention at the Annual International Aviation Snow Symposium, held May 2nd, 2022 in Buffalo NY, for its dedication and efforts to keep the airport safe and operational during the 2021-22 winter season.

Airport Director Mr. Anthony Ceglio and Chairman Nocerino both congratulated the Airport on their Honorable Mention at the Snow Symposium. They also congratulated Mr. Lauth for being recognized by NYS Parks Department at the Jones Beach Air Show when U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team made a special presentation to him in recognition of his many years at Republic Airport and his years associated with the Air Show.

B. OTHER NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUSINESS

Airport Director Mr. Anthony Ceglio reported on the following:

1. **Alpha Taxiway Project:** Bids were opened on April 21st and the low bidder was H&L Construction. A grant application for 90% funding was submitted to FAA on May 10th and we expect the grant will be awarded in July or August. Construction is expected to begin late Summer 2022.
2. **Main Terminal Boilers Replacement Project:** Bids are currently being reviewed by the design engineer and an award should be made within the next month.
3. **5-Parcel Development Project:** FAA and NYSDOT are currently working with Stratosphere to resolve comments and submit them back to FAA.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

One (1) individual commented.

Chairman Nocerino stated that the August RAC meeting date has been changed to August 16th, 2022. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by:
Anthony C. Ceglio on behalf of Executive Secretary
Republic Airport Commission

PUBLIC COMMENTS
REPUBLIC AIRPORT COMMISSION
June 14, 2022

Ms. Nancy Cypser of the Woodland Civic Association in Zoom Chat: It was agreed at both the past two meetings that I would be sent the number of monthly Talon flights. I have not received this information or any reply whatsoever to my multiple emails to John Lauth and Judith Zalewski. Frank Nocerino was copied on the emails. Can you explain the lack of response? I asked for this information on an ongoing basis, not just 2 months. I would like it in writing. Please email me the link at woodlandcivicasoc@gmail.com . I have not gotten any information from you. How did you send this information? It was not sent to me. I DID NOT GET ANY INFO FROM ANYBODY. I tried to email John. No response from him.

Airport Manager Mr. John Lauth responded that the Operations Report presented at the Republic Airport Commission meetings shows the number of passengers by Ultimate Jet Charters. This number is reported to the airport on a monthly basis for billing purposes. He said Ms. Cypser had asked if this information can be reported for Talon and any other charter operations at the airport. Since this information is not reported to the airport by the various charter companies, we do not report it. Mr. Lauth added that we were able to search our landing records to find the number of operations for that charter company during the months of July 2021 (129 operations) and August 2021 (124 operations). He added that the public can access FAA data on airport operations reported by the Air Traffic Control system that is broken down by air carrier, air taxi, general aviation, and military. The data can be accessed at the FAA Air Traffic Activity System website at <https://aspm.faa.gov/opsnet/sys/airport.asp> .

Mr. Lauth explained that the total operations of this charter operator, if extrapolated to an annual basis, represent approximately 1% of the Airport's total operations. He apologized for the delay in responding to Ms. Cypser and explained that the information she requested is not easily available to the Airport. Mr. Lauth said the information will be sent to Ms. Cypser.

Chairman Nocerino asked that a copy of the response to Ms. Cypser be sent to him and the Commission Members.

Ms. Loretta Swanson wrote in Zoom Chat: thank you.

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