

**MINUTES**  
**REPUBLIC AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING**  
**JUNE 20, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nocerino at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Republic Airport Commission Members, Stella Barbera, Joan Flaumenbaum, Robert Bodenmiller and Richard Grant.

**I. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Nocerino announced that as of 5:00 pm he spoke to Ron Epstein of NYSDOT regarding the RFP for the Five Development Parcels. Nothing has changed. They are still in the environmental stage. Mr. Gary Barnable, Interim Airport Director read the letter sent by the Republic Airport Commission to Commissioner Driscoll. Copies were made available to all interested parties.

Commissioner Nocerino stated he had spoken with Ron Epstein regarding the position on the RAC for a DOT representative. All commissions in the State of New York have vacant positions.

**II. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

Due to lack of quorum, the May minutes were not adopted.

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

No changes.

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

**A. REPORTS**

**1. OPERATIONS, AIRCRAFT COMPLAINT & FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2017**

The Operations and Noise Complaint Reports for March and April 2017 were discussed by Mr. Rick McElroy, Airport Manager. In the month of March, the FAA recorded 13,982 total operations. The Airport Operations Department reported 4,974 landings, a decrease in all categories except jet

operations which were higher than the previous year. Touch and go operations for March were lower than last year with 1,808 reported. Passenger numbers were lower with 941 being reported, a decrease of 295 from the previous year. There were 478 based aircraft in March, an increase from the year before.

In April 2017, the FAA recorded 17,144 total operations, a decrease from last year. The Airport Operations Department reported 6,307 landings. Touch & go's were lower with 1,970 reported. Passenger numbers decreased by 93 from the previous year. There were 480 based aircraft in April.

There were 2 noise complaints registered in March; one during the day and one at night. The complaints were predominantly caused by jet aircraft. These events were reported by residents residing in the northwest and southern sectors of the airport. These were related to transient aircraft.

There was a total of 11 noise complaints registered in April; nine during the day and two at night. Most of the registered complaints were attributed to jet aircraft. Four were based aircraft, four were related to transient aircraft and three were unknown.

Commissioner Flaumenbaum inquired what the reason may be for the decrease in all categories for these two months. Mr. McElroy replied, "High winds."

Commissioner Barbera requested an explanation for decrease in turbo prop touch and go's. Mr. McElroy replied, "Touch and go's are mostly for student pilots."

Mr. Gary Barnable added that the airport has reviewed several online noise complaint forms and has chosen one that will be suitable for Republic Airport. The website is currently under review and is being revamped. The noise complaint form has been sent to NYSDOT's main office and they are working to incorporate this form into the new website.

Mr. Gary Barnable discussed the Financial Reports for the months of March and April 2017. For March, landing fees, fuel fees, rental income, and miscellaneous income, were higher than budgeted. The majority of this came from TV shoots. Expenses were lower in all categories due to cost saving measures and a delay in purchase to future months.

April revenue came in higher than budgeted. Landing fees, license fees, fuel flowage, miscellaneous income, utilities sales, and rental income were higher than forecasted. April expenses were close to what was budgeted. Professional Services was well over the budgeted amount due to several appraisals that were needed but putting off the purchase of office equipment helped offset most of that amount.

2. RECENT/CURRENT EVENTS

None noted.

B. OTHER NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUSINESS

1. Runway 1-19 Safety Area Improvements: We are working with the FAA to move the project forward. There have been recent developments, we are meeting next week to move forward. The contractor with the lowest bid has withdrawn his bid. It needs to be repackaged and sent out for bid.
2. Northeastern Aviation FBO Application: The application is still under review. No change, they have submitted preliminary plans.
3. RFP by ESD for long term lease of Five Development Parcels: Commissioner Nocerino addressed this at the beginning of the meeting.
4. Sheltair Development in Breslau Area: Active-fencing around area. They started grading the property. The design is almost complete and they have submitted shop drawings. A consultant for NYSDOT is reviewing.

Mr. McElroy added that the main terminal front doors will be renovated and the lights will be replaced with LEDs. There is also a plan to install wayfinding signs around the airport.

V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Four (4) individuals commented.

Chairman Nocerino adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday - August 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by:

**Gary Barnable on behalf of Executive Secretary  
Republic Airport Commission**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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Ms. Helen Norjen of Woodland Civic Association indicated that they have concerns about the environmental that is currently underway and would like to know the status.

She also wants to know the status on the 60,000-pound weight limit injunction that has been in place for years.

She would also like written responses to the comments from the April ESD meeting.

She indicated that the Massapequa Post mentions that Commissioner Nocerino will be having a meeting with Commissioner Driscoll.

Commissioner Nocerino responded that he had not talked to them.

Commissioner Nocerino indicated that he had spoken to Mr. Katz. He would like to come to a RAC meeting to do a presentation like Sheltair did.

Ms. Norjen asked for the current design aircraft for this airport in writing.

Ms. Jessica Santangelo, Farmingdale Resident thanked the airport for the call back about the noise complaints. She indicated that her neighbor also got a call back. She requested the website be updated as it still shows 2016 dates for the RAC meeting. She indicated that she tried to find the minutes from past meetings but couldn't. Deborah had sent them to her and it would be nice to have an archive on the website.

She indicated that the community would like to work with the airport to develop a 20-year vision/plan for where we are going.

She indicated that noise at night is the most bothersome and asked if anything has been done to reduce operations between 11pm and 7am. She quoted a document that states that operators would be fined \$2,500.00 if they operate during this timeframe. She asked who is monitoring operators and asked if there have been any fines over the years? If yes, how much?

She asked if aircraft that are over 60,000 pounds complete a prior request form?

Mr. John Lauth, Airport Assistant Manager indicated that for safety reasons, they notify us to make sure we have ARFF.

Mr. Bob Miller, from the American Airpower Museum asked if there is a process in place to deny them?

Mr. Lauth indicated that the form is a courtesy and we are mainly concerned about safety. If they don't complete one, we go and speak to them. They always call in advance.

Mr. Miller asked if there is a way to get updates on the RAC meetings by email. When the last meeting on the Jewish holiday was cancelled, there were about 15 people who showed up. Commissioner Nocerino said yes, that could be done.

Mr. Louis Pigott, Farmingdale Resident asked if there are grid maps of the airport available showing runway numbers?

Commissioner Nocerino indicated there were.

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