

**MINUTES  
REPUBLIC AIRPORT COMMISSION (RAC) MEETING  
DECEMBER 15, 2021**

The meeting was held via Zoom video and tele-conference and was called to order by Chairman Frank Nocerino at 7:04p.m. Also present were Commission Members Vincent Bologna, Jr., Stella Barbera, Robert Bodenmiller, Joan Flaumenbaum, and Richard Grant.

**I. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Chairman Nocerino said there were no changes with the 5 parcels project since the last meeting.
- A Resolution to support the Commission's position that all cargo flights not be permitted at the Airport is being prepared.
- Going forward, adopted RAC Meeting minutes will be posted on the Airport's website within 2 weeks of the meeting date when they were adopted.

**II. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

- Stella Barbera moved to adopt the October 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Robert 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 SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2021**

Airport Manager John Lauth discussed the following:

- Airport operations were up 7% in September and 46% in October compared to the previous year. Passenger numbers were higher compared to the previous year likely due to COVID. Based aircraft were up 21% in September and 20% in October but are comparable to previous years' numbers - around 500.
- Aircraft noise complaints totaled 141 in September and 60 in October, compared to 42 in both months of 2020. Complaints on single/multi engine aircraft in September showed the highest increase but were lower in October. Complaints were filed by 22 households in September and 21 in October. Most related to daytime operations and were reported by residents west of the airport.
- Financial Reports for September and October 2021 were discussed. September's total revenue exceeded budget projections and total expenses were lower than budget projections. Total revenue for October also had a favorable variance and total expenses were lower than budget projections.

## **2. RECENT / CURRENT EVENTS**

Airport Manager Mr. John Lauth reported on the following:

- a. Blue Angels Winter Visit:** Blue Angels #8 pilot arrived for preliminary meeting with NYS Parks Department, Airport personnel, FAA and other agencies involved with 2022 Bethpage Air Show.
- b. Sheltair Selling New York FBOs to Modern Aviation:** Sheltair announced in October it is selling its Long Island and NYC operations to Modern Aviation.
- c. Atlantic Aviation and Ross Aviation to Merge:** Atlantic announced in November they will merge with Ross Aviation and acquire 19 Ross FBO facilities.
- d. Infrastructure Bill Passed:** Airport is slated to receive \$3.7 million.
- e. Pearl Harbor Remembrance/Dropping of the Roses Ceremony:** A ceremony to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pearl Harbor was held at American Airpower Museum.
- f. Honor Flight Reunion Event at American Airpower Museum:** A group of WWII veterans was honored at American Airpower Museum.
- g. Film Shoots:** Film shoots were held at Sheltair for “Evil”, “Larry’s Diner”, and “FBI’s Most Wanted”, and at Republic Jet Center for “Extrapolations”.

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

Airport Director Anthony Ceglie reported the following:

- 1. **Alpha Taxiway Project:** 90% plans to resurface the taxiway are being reviewed. The project is on schedule to be bid in Winter 2021 and construction in Summer 2022.
- 2. **ALP Update:** No new information.
- 3. **5-Parcel Development Project:** No new developments.

## **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Two (2) individuals commented.

Chairman Nocerino moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by:

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
**REPUBLIC AIRPORT COMMISSION**  
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Ms. Nancy Cypser, of the Woodland Civic Association, asked if the Commission knew about the sale of Sheltair to Modern Aviation at the October RAC meeting. Both Chairman Nocerino and Airport Manager John Lauth said they did not know, and if they had known, they would have shared the information.

Ms. Cypser asked if KKR is the same as Ross Aviation. Airport Manager John Lauth answered no, that KKR purchased Atlantic Aviation from Macquarie Infrastructure Corporation, and that 19 Ross FBOs around the country will merge with the Atlantic brand.

Ms. Cypser asked if Adam Katz was affiliated with Ross Aviation or Modern Aviation. Airport Director Anthony Ceglio answered, “not that we know of”.

Ms. Jessica Santangelo thanked the Commission for working on the no cargo Resolution. She asked if the Commission would share the verbiage of the Resolution so the public could provide input before the vote. Chairman Nocerino said the Commission will entertain questions and discuss it with the community at the next meeting before the Commission votes on it.

Ms. Santangelo asked if an archive of past RAC meeting minutes will be posted on the Airport website. The Chairman stated that posting of the minutes is still a work in progress.

Ms. Cypser asked for details on other charter flights and if all charter flights can be included in the Operations report. She also asked how many were Talon charter flights. Airport Director Anthony Ceglio replied that the Airport does not receive the number of on-demand charter flights operating at the FBOs. Airport Manager John Lauth said the Airport can research and provide the number of Talon flights to Ms. Cypser.

Ms. Cypser asked if the next RAC meeting could be held in person. Chairman Nocerino stated that meetings are under the direction of New York State COVID safety protocols. Airport Manager John Lauth added that the local COVID infection rate is climbing and State guidance recommends virtual meetings at this time.

The Chairman wished everyone a happy holiday season. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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