



ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA AIRPORTS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Conference Call
11 am, Wednesday, June 12, 2019

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Scott Malta, President
Rayvon Williams, Vice President
Mary Hansen, Secretary/Treasurer
Andy Swanson, Board Director
Gary Engel, Board Director
Chuck McCormick, Board Director
Cory Hazlewood, Board Director
Gary Gosliga, Board Director
John Pfeifer, Board Director
Justin Catagna, Board Director

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sandy Gutierrez-Carver, Board Director
Brendan O'Reilly, Past President
Sherry Miller, Board Director
Carol Ford, Board Director

GUESTS PRESENT:

Mark Bautista, member
Gill Wright, member

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 11:14 am by Vice-President Rayvon Williams. The meeting was held by conference call. Scott Malta, President, joined the meeting late and requested Rayvon conduct the meeting.

Confirmation of Quorum

A quorum was confirmed.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Gary Gosliga to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Andy Swanson and unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Gary Gosliga to approve the minutes of May 8, 2019. The motion was seconded by Andy Swanson and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

The current ACA balance is reported at \$25,052. Aerospace & Aviation Days current balance is \$11,050. The combined ACA treasury is \$36,102.

Reports/Action Items

Conference Committee Report

Rayvon Williams reported that he was working with the FAA for the ACIP meetings. There are currently 20 airports signed up. Rayvon is also working on a keynote speaker and has a potential commitment from Kate Fraser, Head of Public Policy, Urban Aviation for Uber.

Cory indicated that he will be working with Board members to fill in moderators for the various conference sessions. The next meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2019.

Legislative Update

John Pfeifer provided a Legislative Report that is included at the end of these minutes.

Scott and John, including several other Board Members, took part in a meeting on the same day as this meeting in San Francisco with Lenny Mendonca, Chief Economic and Business Advisor and Frank Ramirez, Manager, Goods Movement & Sustainable Freight, both of the CA Governor's Office. A brief update was provided on the call. All agreed the meeting went well and good contacts made to discuss aviation issues in additional meetings, to include: CA Fuel Tax issues, including the State's diversion of the funds and the FAA's position; the effects of the diverted funds, i.e., lack of sufficient State matching grant funds; and the timing effect of not being able to start FAA grant projects until the State match is received.

Aerospace & Aviation Days Recap & 2020 Event

There were no new updates related to the 2020 Event. Rayvon and Scott are attempting to work closer with the Aerospace States Association in moving the event forward. Mary reminded everyone that it is important to secure a date so that a permit can be approved by the Capitol to secure the date and location on the grounds.

Unfinished Business

Best Practices Update (C. Hazlewood)

Cory Hazlewood continues to work on getting a Best Practices Update plan.

New Business

None.

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Announcements/Suggestions

Gary Gosliga asked to have an agenda item added for the next Board meeting to discuss his concept of an annual board retreat.

There was no further business or announcements. The next meeting will be at 11 am, July 10, 2019, Terminal A, Media Room, Sacramento International Airport. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:40 am.

Submitted by

Mary A. Hansen
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved: _____

Date: _____

California Legislation:

- **AB 245 (Muratsuchi): California Aerospace and Aviation Commission:** This bill is a reintroduction of AB 427 reported from last year. The bill would create a California Aerospace and Aviation Commission to foster the development of activities in the state related to aerospace and aviation, commercial and governmental space travel, unmanned aerial vehicles, aerospace education and job training, infrastructure and research launches, manufacturing, academic research, applied research, economic diversification, business development, tourism, and education. AB 245 was introduced on January 22. Initially, the bill was supported by SWAAAE, ACA, AOPA, CalPilots, and several aerospace companies. Extensive amendments over the course of the bill have given rise to concerns by aviation stakeholders and those concerns are under discussion at this time. The bill passed the Assembly on May 23rd. It is now in the Senate and has been referred to the Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development and the Committee on Governmental Organization.
- **AB 1190 (Irwin): Unmanned aircraft: state and local regulation: limitations.** The bill would prohibit a state or local agency from adopting any law or regulation that bans the operation of an unmanned aircraft system, as well as other provisions as specified. The bill passed the Assembly on May 23rd and is now in the Senate where it is awaiting committee assignment.
- **SB 648 (Chang): Unmanned aircraft systems: accident notification:** The bill would require the operator of an unmanned aircraft system involved in an accident resulting in injury to an individual or damage to property to immediately land the aircraft, as specified, and provide certain information to the injured individual or the owner or person in charge of the damaged property. The bill passed the Senate on May 9 and is now in the Assembly, where it has been referred to the Committee on Privacy and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Transportation.

California Aerospace and Aviation Days at the Capitol

- The seventh annual California Aerospace and Aviation Days at the Capitol event was held April 1-3. The event included resolutions in the Senate and Assembly declaring the importance of the industries to the economy, seminars, visits to all 120 legislators' offices, speeches by the leadership of the Aviation Caucus, and exhibits and displays on the Capitol grounds.

FAA Fuel Tax Revenue Policy

- There has been no apparent status change since the April 18, 2017. The Department of Finance continues its position that the state is in compliance and the FAA continues to wait for the Department to provide additional information. The compliance deadline of December 17, 2017, has come and gone with no apparent movement by the state or the FAA. The status of the state compliance plan is listed on the FAA website as "Qualified," which is defined by the FAA as "The FAA requires further clarification or adjustment to satisfy the policy requirements." In a letter dated May 17, 2019, from the FAA to the Director of the California Department of Finance, the FAA stated that the State's plan for compliance was nonresponsive and requested immediate action by the State.

State Airports Funding:

- The CalTrans Division of Aeronautics reports that the 2018-19 FY airports funding is anticipated to be similar to recent years, at about \$6 million. They expect full funding of the general aviation airport annual credits, partial funding of AIP matching grant requests, and no funds for the Acquisition and Development Program. The Division recently announced that it is limiting AIP matching grants this fiscal year to \$50K per grant. *No change.*
- The current loan program fund balance is approximately \$29 million. They have requested a transfer from the loan fund to the Acquisition and Development fund, but that request was denied by the Department of Finance. *No change.*

John L. Pfeifer
6/10/19