



# ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA AIRPORTS

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

11:00 am, Wednesday, January 17, 2018

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Scott Malta, President  
Kevin Wojtkiewicz, Vice President  
Brendan O'Reilly, Past President  
Carol Ford, Board Director  
Mary Hansen, Secretary/Treasurer  
John Pfeifer, Board Director  
Gary Gosliga, Board Director  
Sandy Gutierrez-Carver, Board Director

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sherry Miller, Board Director  
Rayvon Williams, Board Director  
Cory Hazlewood, Board Director  
Chuck McCormick, Board Director

### **Guests:**

Mark Bautista, ACA Member

### Welcome

The meeting was called to order at approximately 11:05 am by President Scott Malta. Introductions were made. Several members were unable to make the meeting in Sacramento and called in.

### Confirmation of Quorum

A quorum was confirmed.

### Approval of Agenda

*A motion to approve the agenda was made by John Pfeifer and seconded by Carol. The motion passed by unanimous consent.*

### Approval of Minutes

Minutes from previous meeting were reviewed.

*A motion to approve the minutes of November 15, 2017, was made by Brendan O'Reilly and seconded by Sandy Gutierrez-Carver. The motion passed by unanimous consent.*

### Treasurer's Report

The ACA regular account has a balance of \$24,921; Aviation Day account has a balance of \$10,742. The total account balance is \$36,663. The website hosting and domain names were renewed since the previous meeting.

### Reports

#### *2018 Conference Update*

Cory was not able to attend the meeting and provide an update. The conference dates have been confirmed with the hotel and the contract has been received.

Cory had asked for volunteers for the conference committee. Scott Malta, Gary Gosliga, John Pfeifer, and Mary Hansen agreed.

#### *Legislative Update*

The legislative report follows these minutes. A lot of discussion related to AB427, California Aerospace Commission. John Pfeifer suggested ACA write a letter of support, but also recommend an amendment to add more representation from aviation airports and pilots as it is written with an emphasis on aviation and aerospace businesses. It was also recommended to share the letter with California Aviation Council, SWAAAE, and Calpilots so they can also write similar letters.

#### *California Aviation Day*

The Board was reminded that there would be a California Aviation Day conference call at 1 pm on this date. A brief discussion was held. More information from the Aerospace group is needed to plan the exhibit area. Chuck Cole that has been instrumental in assisting with the event and Scotty will get with Ross and the Aerospace group for more information on what they are anticipating for the event days.

Similar to the previous year, Monday will be the day for resolutions, Tuesday will be the legislative visits and the reception in the Governor's room, and Wednesday is the outdoor exhibit displays. Sponsor packages were recently mailed.

Unfinished Business

The Board has received three resignations from Board members due to either a change in employment or a time commitment to the Board. The Board has been concerned with the number of absences from Board members and had intended to discuss at this meeting.

District 1 – Northeast Region – term expires 9/2019 (Mark Gibbs)

District 3 – Eastern Sierra Region – term expires 9/2019 (Kevin Wojtkiewicz)

District 6 – San Francisco Bay Area Region – term expires 9/2018 (Martin Pehl)

The President can recommend replacements. The Board of Directors will vote to approve. Scotty asked Mary Hansen to provide a list related to the ACA districts to review and asked Board members to provide any recommendations they have to discuss at the next meeting.

ACA is also needing to vote on a Vice President. With Kevin departing for a new opportunity out of state, the Vice President position becomes vacant. Scotty asked Mary Hansen to send out a message to the current Board for any interest of suggestion to discuss at the next meeting.

New Business

None.

Announcements/Suggestions for Next Meeting

There was no further business to discuss. The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2018. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:47 am.

Submitted by

Mary A. Hansen  
Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Legislative Update - January 17, 2018

### California Legislation: The Legislature reconvened on January 3.

- **AB 218 (Bonta): Local agencies: airports: customer facility charges:** The bill makes specific changes to current law authorizing airports to impose customer facility charges. Supported by the California Airports Council, among others. Passed in the Assembly on March 30 and currently is on the Senate floor consent calendar. Passed on August 31 and was enrolled on September 7.
- **AB 427 (Muratsuchi): California Aerospace Commission:** The bill would create a California Aerospace Commission to foster the development of activities in the state related to aerospace, including 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. The bill was scheduled for a hearing in the Assembly Transportation Committee on April 24 but was canceled at the request of the author. The bill did not meet the house crossover date of June 2 and became a two-year bill. *Since the Legislature reconvened on January 3, the bill has been significantly amended. The bill now creates a California Aerospace and Aviation Commission within the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development. It proposes the creation of a 17 member commission to help guide the state's economic and workforce development activities. While there will be state costs in the startup and administration of the commission, the bill specifies that the commission will be supported by non-state funds. The bill has bipartisan support and passed the Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and Economy without opposition. It will be heard in the Committee on Appropriations on January 18. The stated purpose of the commission is economic development, and the commission makeup includes a broad range of aerospace and industry interests. However, there are no purely aviation interests specified, notably no representation of airports. The ACA Legislative Committee recommends support of the bill while actively working with the author to include airport representation on the commission. In a meeting on January 11, the author's Chief of Staff expressed a willingness to consider such an amendment when the bill gets to the Senate.*
- **AB 483 (Bocanegra): Airports: pollution:** The bill would require the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the State Air Resources Board (ARB) to conduct specified tests of soil and air quality at certain general aviation airports defined in the bill. It would require the subject airports to acquire air quality monitoring equipment as determined by the ARB. The bill is intended to address issues at one particular airport (Whiteman) but would apply to several other airports. The bill was amended on March 28 and heard in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on April 3, where it passed 7-1. Subsequently, SWAAAE, ACA, AOPA, CalPilots, NBAA, and the San Carlos Pilots Association submitted letters of opposition. The bill was scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety on April 25. After conversations with representatives of the opposing organizations, the author agreed to hold the bill in committee in order to give time to achieve a local resolution of the issue. The bill did not meet the house crossover date of June 2 and became a two-year bill. With the resignation of Assembly Member Bocanegra in the Fall, it is unlikely that this bill will be taken up again.

- **AB 1069 (Low): Local government: taxicab transportation services:** The bill would authorize a city or county to establish a maximum rate structure that would prohibit a taxicab transportation service from charging a rate to a passenger that is greater than a rate established by the city or county. Passed the Assembly on May 30, passed in the Senate, and is currently on the Assembly floor for concurrence in amendments. Amendments passed September 14, enrolled September 15.
- **AB 1286 (Friedman): Airports: alternative customer facility charges:** The bill extends the date by which an airport must initiate the process for obtaining the authority to require or increase an alternative customer facility charge for authorized purposes from January 1, 2018, to January 1, 2025. Supported by San Francisco International Airport. Passed in the Assembly on April 30, passed in the Senate on August 31, and is currently on the Assembly floor for concurrence in amendments. Amendments passed September 5, enrolled September 12.
- **SB 21 (Hill): Law enforcement agencies: surveillance: polices:** The bill requires local law enforcement agencies to have a policy, approved by the local governing body, in place before using surveillance technology, as defined in the bill. The definition includes “drones.” Passed in the Senate on May 31, passed in the Assembly Committee Public Safety on June 27, and currently is in the Assembly Committee on Appropriations. Bill may be taken up again after January 3, 2018.
- **SB 498 (Skinner): Vehicle fleets: zero-emission vehicles:** The bill requires the California Air Resources Board (ARB) to make recommendations to the Legislature, no later than January 1, 2019, on how to increase ZEV use in the state in the most cost-efficient manner that results in the greatest air quality and emissions reduction benefits. Requires that the Department of General Services to ensure that ZEVs comprise at least 50% of the state’s light-duty vehicle fleet purchase by the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Passed the Senate on May 31, passed the Assembly Committee on Transportation on June 27, and is currently in the Assembly Committee on Appropriations. Assembly amendments concurred in September 14, to enrolling.
- **SB 686 (Wilk): Public contracts: claim resolution:** The bill would make changes to current law regarding the claim resolution process. The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary, where it was not taken up. Two-year bill.

#### FAA Fuel Tax Revenue Policy-California

- 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.”

## State Airports Funding

- The CalTrans Division of Aeronautics reports that the 2017-18 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 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.

## FAA Reauthorization

- Two separate bills: HR 2997 and S 1405.
- As of September 8, there were no bill summaries posted on the Congressional legislative web site; each bill over 300 pages.
- As of September 8, neither bill had passed its house of origin.
- Term: HR 2997: 6 year program; S 1405 4 year program.
- AIP funding: HR 2997: increased to \$4 billion by 2023; S 1405: increased to \$3.75 by 2021.
- PFC: no increase in cap in either bill as of July 12.
- ATC privatization: HR 2997 creates a federally chartered, not-for-profit corporation and removes ATC from the FAA and allows the corporation to establish various user fees; S 1405 keeps current system and funding mechanism.
- Various AIP amendments in each bill.
- There was be no consensus by the end of the federal fiscal year and the FAA continues to operate under a short term extension.

## Other California Issues

- Center stage in 2018 will likely be occupied with the ongoing Senate and Assembly internal investigations of sexual harassment allegations.
- The Governor's 2018-2019 draft budget is due this month.

John L. Pfeifer  
1/15/2018