

**MINUTES OF THE
CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022, 1:00 P.M.
BRADLEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – THIRD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
REMOTE OPTIONS AVAILABLE**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tony Sheridan, Chair (arrived at 1:20 PM)
Michael T. Long, Vice Chair
J. Scott Guilmartin
Robert J. Aaronson
Sebastian Lombardi
Mary Ellen Jones (arrived at (1:07 PM)
Commissioner Joseph Giulietti (remote)
Commissioner David Lehman (remote)

STAFF PRESENT:

Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E.
Michael Shea
Sharon Traficante
Matthew Stone
Robert Bruno
Mark Beall
Alex Peterson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Treasurer Shawn Wooden
Mishone Donelson

1. Call to Order:

(a) Welcome Remarks (Tony Sheridan)

Vice Chair Long called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM and noted a quorum.

2. Approval of Minutes:

(a) February 2, 2022 Board Meeting.

Mr. Guilmartin made a motion (Seconded: Mr. Aaronson) to approve the February 2, 2022 Board meeting minutes. **Voice vote – motion passed unanimously.**

3. Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Dillon reported on passenger and cargo statistics at BDL compared to other regional airports.

Ms. Jones joined the meeting at 1:07 PM.

Mr. Dillon reported on recent news from Air Canada, Frontier, and Breeze developments at Bradley Airport. Discussion ensued regarding Breeze's expansion. Mr. Dillon briefed the board on the progress of the CAA's proposed legislation, legislation regarding quasi-public agencies, potential legislation regarding Brainard Airport, and a bill regarding peer-to-peer car sharing companies. Mr. Dillon discussed the recent closure of the Bradley Airport vaccination site, the rollback of certain employee COVID-19 policies, the federal mask rule, BDL airfield construction, MDC work near Brainard Airport, the upcoming launch of Customs and Border Protection services at Waterbury-Oxford Airport, progress on the Clay Lacy development at Waterbury-Oxford Airport, and upcoming staff retirements.

Mr. Sheridan joined the meeting at 1:20 PM.

Mr. Dillon introduced Mr. Stone, the CAA's newly hired general counsel. Discussion ensued regarding recent positive press coverage, statewide retirements, and aviation-related condemnation.

4. Executive Session:

Ms. Jones made a motion (Seconded: Mr. Long) to go into Executive Session at 1:25 PM for the purpose of discussing the items listed below. **Voice vote – motion passed unanimously.** Mr. Dillon asked Mr. Shea, Ms. Traficante, Mr. Stone, Mr. Beall, and Mr. Peterson to remain.

- (a) **Discussion of Potential Acquisition of Other Airports (Negotiating Strategy Regarding Potential Acquisition or Lease of Property).**
- (b) **Discussion of Air Service Development (Negotiating Strategy Regarding Potential Acquisition or Lease of Property).**
- (c) **Consideration of Possible Action Regarding Enforcement of Avigation Easement (Hartford-Brainard Airport).**
- (d) **Discussion of New Airline Use and Lease Agreement (Negotiating Strategy Regarding Lease of Property).**
- (e) **Discussion of Paradies Agreement (Negotiating Strategy Regarding Potential Lease of Property).**

The Board of Directors came out of Executive Session at 2:08 PM.

5. Finance and Operations Committee Report.

Consent Item:

- (a) **Consideration of and Action Upon Approval to Utilize the Construction Manager at Risk Method to Complete the Construction of the Vertical Circulation Project and Inline Bag Screening Building.**

Mr. Dillon summarized the vertical circulation project and inline bag screening building construction project and noted the potential benefits of utilizing a construction manager at risk, including coordination and cost benefits. Discussion ensued regarding the level of interest expected in the procurement, availability of companies capable of doing the work, and precedent for using this procurement method at other airports across the country. Ms. Jones made a motion (Seconded: Mr. Long) to approve CAA Resolution 2022-5. **Voice vote – motion passed unanimously.**

6. Action Item:

- (a) **Consideration of and Action Upon Approval of a Term Sheet with Paradies Regarding Concessions Development at Bradley International Airport.**

Commissioner Lehman made a motion (Seconded: Mr. Lombardi) to approve CAA Resolution 2022-6. **Voice vote – motion passed unanimously.**

7. Economic Asset Development Committee Report.

Mr. Guilmartin reported that the committee recently met to discuss cargo development opportunities. Mr. Dillon reported on the dynamics of the opportunity and potential paths forward at Bradley Airport. Discussion ensued regarding DECD coordination on cargo opportunities, cellphone lot issues at Bradley Airport, the opening of the new CONRAC facility, and signage for airport hotels.

8. Adjournment:

Mr. Long made a motion (Seconded: Mr. Aaronson) to adjourn the Board meeting at 2:25 PM. **Voice vote – motion passed unanimously.**