

**MINUTES OF THE
CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023, 1:00 P.M.
BRADLEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – THIRD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
REMOTE OPTIONS AVAILABLE**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tony Sheridan, Chair
Michael T. Long, Vice Chair
Mary Ellen Jones
J. Scott Guilmartin
Vincent Mauro
Deputy Commissioner Laoise King (DOT designee)
Mishone Donelson (remote)
Sebastian Lombardi (remote)
Joseph Kubic (remote)
Doug Dalena (Treasurer designee) (remote)

STAFF PRESENT:

Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E.
Michael Shea
Matthew Stone
Alex Peterson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Alexandra Daum

1. Call to Order:

(a) Welcome Remarks (Tony Sheridan).

Chair Sheridan called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM and noted a quorum.

2. Approval of Minutes:

(a) May 17, 2023 Board Meeting.

Mr. Long made a motion (Seconded: Mr. Guilmartin) to approve the meeting minutes. **Voice vote – motion passed unanimously.**

3. Executive Director's Report.

Mr. Dillon provided a general update to the board, and Mr. Peterson provided an overview of congressional action on FAA reauthorization.

4. Discussion Item:

(a) Discussion of General Aviation Airport System Funding.

Mr. Dillon provided an overview of recent changes to the CAA's general aviation airport system funding sources as a result of the latest state legislative session.

5. Executive Session:

Mr. Guilmartin made a motion (Seconded: Mr. Long) to go into executive session at 1:32 PM for the purpose of discussing the items listed below. **Voice vote – motion passed unanimously.** Mr. Dillon asked Mr. Shea, Mr. Stone, 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) Discussion of CAA RFI No. 2023-001 for Design, Construction, Financing, Operation, and Management of Airside Real Estate Development at Bradley International Airport (Negotiating Strategy Regarding Potential Lease of Property).
- (d) Discussion of Negotiating Strategy Regarding Potential Lease and Development of Property at Bradley International Airport.

The board of directors came out of executive session at 2:04 PM.

6. Economic Asset Development Committee Report.

Mr. Guilmartin reported on the committee's recent meeting, and Mr. Shea provided an overview of recent developments.

7. Action Items:

- (a) Consideration of and Action Upon Approval of a Term Sheet with Sky Harbour Group Regarding Lease and Development of Property at Bradley International Airport.

Mr. Guilmartin made a motion (Seconded: Mr. Mauro) to approve CAA Resolution 2023-12. **Voice vote – motion passed unanimously.**

- (b) Consideration of and Action Upon General Aviation Airport System Funding.

Ms. Jones made a motion (Seconded: Deputy Commissioner King) that the CAA not pursue acceptance of the state funding provided in the fiscal year 2024 state budget at this time and suspend any discussion regarding a management agreement with the City of Bridgeport for the day-to-day operation and maintenance of the Bridgeport-Sikorsky Memorial Airport until such time that a viable financial plan can be developed for the GA system. **Voice vote – motion passed unanimously with Mr. Guilmartin abstaining.**

8. Human Resources and Governance Committee Report.

Ms. Jones reported on the committee's recent meeting.

9. Legislative Committee Report.

Mr. Long reported on the committee's recent meeting.

10. Other Business.

The board did not discuss other business.

11. Adjournment.

Mr. Long made a motion (Seconded: Mr. Guilmartin) to adjourn the board meeting at 2:13 PM. **Voice vote – motion passed unanimously.**