

The Seven Hundred-Forty-first Meeting of the Worcester Regional Airport Commission was held on Monday, January 23, 2006, at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room at the Worcester Regional Airport.

Members present were: Chairman Robert Nemeth, Commissioners Jim Delehaunty, Tim DeSantis, Tom Gorham, Patsy Santa Maria and Joe Zwirblia.

Also present were: Kathy Colon, Administrative Assistant, Phil Niddrie, Airport Liason and Eric N. Waldron, Airport Director.

Chairman Nemeth called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

### **1. Approval of the minutes of the December 12, 2005 Meeting**

Commissioner Delehaunty moved, seconded by Commissioner Gorham, to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2005 Meeting. **All in favor - So Voted.**

### **2. Report of Commission Chairman**

Chairman Nemeth highlighted the accomplishments of the past year, including:

- The agreement bringing Allegiant Air to Worcester.
- The Worcester Regional Research Bureau Forum that was held regarding the Airport.
- The IMG report.
- The support of the State Legislative Caucus.
- The support of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission.

### **3. Commissioners Reports**

There were no Commissioner Reports.

### **4. Reports of Airport Director –**

**Report on Allegiant operations** - Commissioners were briefed on the unofficial enplaned and deplaned passenger numbers. Official version will be presented at a future date when we compare figures with those of the carrier.

**Master Plan Status** - Mr. Waldron reported that the New England Regional Airport System Plan forecasts have been completed and are in the process of being reviewed by the individual communities that own the airports. He expects that the Technical Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC) for the Master Plan will schedule a meeting in late February.

### **5. Old Business -**

**Marketing report** - Mr. Niddrie reported that the Agreement between the Department of Transportation and that City projected \$304,000 to be spent by the end of the second year of the Agreement, September 2006. To date approximately \$90,000 has been

expended for advertising Allegiant's service, the Inaugural press conferences and events and consulting fees.

A discussion about the informal survey being conducted by staff with Allegiant passengers also occurred.

## **6. New Business**

**Airport Name Change** - Commissioner Delehaunty moved, seconded by Commissioner Gorham, that staff develop a plan and or process for the Commission to consider in preparing a recommendation for a possible name change reflecting a regional approach to marketing the airport. **All in favor - So Voted.**

It was not concluded that there would be a name change, but the Members wanted to identify a plan and or process to review the idea so the Commission can make a recommendation to the City Administration on the matter.

**Election of Commission Officers** - Chairman Nemeth nominated Jim Delehaunty to serve as the new Commission Chairman. Commissioner Gorham seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. A roll call vote was taken by the Secretary and Commissioner Delehaunty was elected Chairman of the Airport Commission, unanimously.

Chairman Delehaunty nominated Joe Zwirblia to serve as the new Commission Vice Chairman. Commissioner Nemeth seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. A roll call vote was taken by the Secretary and Commissioner Zwirblia was elected Vice Chairman of the Airport Commission, unanimously.

Prior to adjourning, the next meeting date was tentatively set for February 13, 2006, at 6:30 PM.

## **7. Adjournment**

Commissioner Gorham moved, seconded by Chairman Delehaunty, to adjourn the meeting. **All in favor - So Voted.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Eric N. Waldron, A.A.E., ACE  
Airport Director and  
Clerk of the Commission