

VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS AIRPORT AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

Members Present: Mickey Hines
Mark Nelson
Anthony Lambert
Kenny Hobbs
Marty Large
Frank Buchanan, III
Carl McMurray

Guests Present: See Attachment

The Virginia Highlands Airport Authority Board of Directors met on Monday, January 14, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. in Conference Room "A" of the Terminal Building. Mr. Hines, Chairman, determined that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order. Also present were Ron Deloney, Airport Manager, and Ms. Ruth Denton, Airport Secretary.

Mr. Hines asked Ms. Melissa Eades to address the Board of Directors.

Ms. Eades commented on flight instruction that is being given from this Airport, and she felt that the Board needed to be aware of the flight instruction being provided by Susan Van Fleet. Her statement is attached.

Mr. Hines asked Mr. John Anzivino from Springsted, Incorporated to address the Board.

Mr. Elliott asked that the Virginia Highlands Airport Authority conduct a Closed Session pursuant to Code of Virginia section 2.1-344 for the purpose of discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment.

Mr. Large moved to enter Closed Session for such purposes as stated. Mr. Lambert seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hines stated that they were now back in Open Session.

Mr. Elliott took a roll call vote to determine that no matter was discussed in Closed Session other than that that was included in the motion to go into Closed Session and no other votes were taken within Closed Session other than to vote to go out of Closed Session.

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Mr. Hines called for approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 10, 2007.

Mr. Large moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 10, 2007. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hines called for the Financial Report.

Mr. McMurray moved to approve the Operations bills. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hines called for the Manager's Report.

The Manager's Report was received.

Mr. Deloney stated that there has been no response from the advertisement placed in the newspaper regarding the leasing of the Northeast Room of the Terminal Building, other than Mr. Lambert, and no one has responded to the lease offered on Conference Room B on an hourly basis.

Mr. Deloney asked that Mr. Elliott review the lease for any corrections regarding this space.

Mr. Hines called for the Operations Committee Report.

Mr. Nelson stated that the Operations Committee had not met.

Mr. Hines called for the Development Committee Report.

Mr. McMurray stated that the Development Committee had not met.

Mr. Hines called for Unfinished Business.

None.

Mr. Hines called for New Business.

Mr. McMurray moved to go forward with the non recourse obligation after review by counsel and that Mr. Nelson be given the authorization to sign on behalf of the Virginia Highlands Airport Authority the agreement with the Highlands Hangar Group. Mr. Lambert seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hines stated that no one was present for Public Comments.

Mr. Hines asked Mr. James Elliott to address the Board.

Mr. Elliott asked that the Virginia Highlands Airport Authority conduct a Closed Session pursuant to Code of Virginia section 2.2-3711 for the purpose of discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected.

Mr. Nelson moved to enter Closed Session for such purposes as stated. Mr. McMurray seconded the motion.

Mr. Elliott added to the motion to include discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

Mr. Nelson moved to enter Closed Session for such purposes as stated. Mr. McMurray seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously

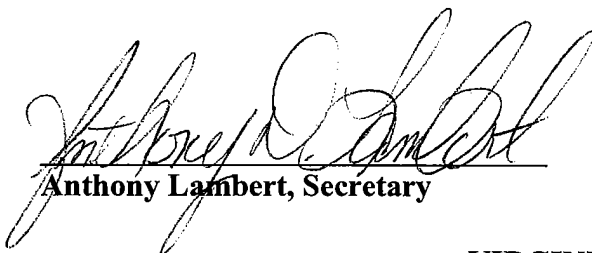
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Mr. Nelson moved that the Airport Manager and Airport Attorney be authorized to discuss the Wright Equipment Property Acquisition and provide the Board with an update at the next scheduled meeting. Mr. McMurray seconded the motion and the motion carried with Mr. Large abstaining.

Mr. Nelson moved to adjourn. Mr. Lambert seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.


Anthony Lambert, Secretary


Mickey Hines, Chairman

Melissa Eades' Speech to the Board of Directors - January 14, 2008

Ms. Eades: Hi, my name is Melissa Eades and my son here takes flying lessons or he did take flying lessons from a Ms. Van Fleet who teaches here and on last Tuesday (January 8, 2008) is that correct? He had a flying lesson at 3:30 P.M. and we got here at 3:31 P.M. and she comes flying through the parking lot and stops at the gate out here and gets out and slams the door and comes over and starts ranting and raving to us and cursing and saying well your late and I said we're a minute late, Susan. She said well I have a lesson at 4:30 P.M. also. I said well if my son has an hour and one half lesson how come you scheduled another lesson at 4:30 P.M. for him to prep plane and fly or whatever he has to do? She got just really ugly and really ugly to us. And after that we come in and asked if any there was anyone else who could give him lessons that we just didn't feel like she had treated the situation appropriately and especially for a student and of course for his parents to be in front of him also, so we came in and after speaking we kind of spoke to Mr. Deloney and my son about things that were said and Alex came in after the lesson. She has been saying things to Alex that we did not know about during his flight lesson, I don't know if she gets on her soapbox and that's her time to tell him these things about Mr. Deloney and the Airport that they that you all are trying to sabotage her airplane, and do things, and say things about Mr. Deloney's reputation to my son and he is only thirteen and his flying time he's not up there to listen to her problems or everyone's at this Airports personal problems. That's his flying time and that's what we pay her to do and I'm sure everyone would agree. After we left speaking to Mr. Deloney, Alex was afraid to say anything because he didn't want to get anyone in trouble but she has been saying things about when he was in the military to Alex and when he came in that day that he needed to stand behind her and when she turned her back, hide the key under the airplane tire because Mr. Deloney would sabotage her airplane if he could find the key. He has also said she would make him when he came through the tarmac he needs to pick up any rocks because we don't have any rocks on the tarmac, you need to pick up the rocks. I think Mr. Deloney, my sister and Alex were here one day waiting on Ms. Van Fleet to come in and you came by and asked if they were finding everything okay, in a car, and after you left she told them that you were noseey and rude and everybody here knew that and didn't like you. I mean I just thought that if you have someone here flying with you all with students and representing you all and talking about the Airport like this it doesn't help things you know, I really don't appreciate it. I was very offended by her actions toward me, my son, and the rest of my family.

Mr. Deloney: Didn't you tell me that she also said that I got a dishonorable discharge?

Ms. Eades: She said to my son that you had a dishonorable discharge from the ----- whatever ----- the Marines and that nobody liked you and everybody here knew that was trying to get rid of you. That's not for a thirteen year old to hear, that is no concern of his. You know take it up elsewhere. That's ---- we pay to fly a hundred and fifty dollars, not to hear her get on her soapbox about someone.