

## DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 5:30 PM via Zoom Video Conference call.

Members Present: Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair), Christopher Richard, Mike Reeves, Doug Miller (Vice Chair), Reuben Jones, Kevin Fowler and Gene Henry, Will Childs.

Members Absent: NONE

Others Present: Airport Director Mario Evans, Deputy Airport Director Hunter Hines, and Noise and Environmental Analyst Korey Barnes

The meeting was called to order at 5:31p.m. by AAB Chair, Larry Scheinpflug.

- I. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve the April 2023 minutes was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Doug Miller.**
  
- II. Information/Old Business
  - A. **Airport Director's Report (Mario Evans):**
    1. Visit by Senator Warnock last month. He sought us out to talk about Aviation to support the Reauthorization Bill by the FAA for funding for students to get their pilots certificates or maintenance certificate. He toured the airport, went to some flight schools, flew in a simulator, followed by a roundtable with a few airport operators and District 1 commissioner Robert Patrick. The AJC and Channel 2 did cover the story. Larry Scheinpflug participated and did a great job.
    2. Airport Master Plan still in a holding pattern. Waiting for feedback from the BOC.
    3. Minimum Standards: Deputy Airport Director Hunter Hines: Waiting for the Rules and Regulations portion of the document to come in. Once in, will review with consultants.
    4. Runway 16/34: Hunter Hines said that the project started last Monday May 1<sup>st</sup>. It is now in the second week. Just about completed Phase 1 but will be finished this Wednesday evening and move into Phase 2. Will open back up the short parallel runway. Phase details sent out to airport tenants earlier this year. See NOTAMs for details. Additional information will be posted on website.
    5. Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT) meeting will be June 21<sup>st</sup>. Asking all pilots and flight instructors to participate. More information on the website. Coordinating with the FAA. TBD if this will be virtual or in real time. Details will be publicized for participation.
    6. Air Quality and Noise: waiting for it to come out of purchasing and contracting to move these forward. Airport Board Vice Chair Doug Miller asked about the aircraft on the East side? Hunter Hines answered: Aircraft had to be moved there temporarily due to construction. Board Chair Larry Scheinpflug asked if there was a timeline for the Min. standards draft to be completed. Hunter answered: No timeline. Waiting on draft for Rules and Regulations. The second draft will be presented to the Board. Mario Evans added: No idea on timeline but will have one by next meeting. Board Member Reuben Jones asked: is AOPA invited to the discussion and if they are considered a stakeholder? Mario Evans answered, Yes they are. AOPA and the Board will have a say once we receive 2<sup>nd</sup> draft.

**Noise and Environmental Analyst Report:** - N&E Analyst, Korey Barnes delivered the following report: **The April 2023 Noise Report** will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 14,909** which is a decrease of 10.82% as compared to April 2022. There were 418 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2023 year-to-date operations are **56,746** as compared to the total 2022 operations as of April 2022 of 59,925. In April 61% of operations were on a southerly flow, 37% were to the north, and 3% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 27.5 households made 772 complaints. The majority of the complaints were made between 12:00PM and 5.59AM (40%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 64% of the complaints originated from the **30319**-zip code. A total of 196 advisory letters were sent to aircraft operators who flew during the Voluntary Curfew Period who were not identified as MedEvac and/or other emergency flights. Regarding High Noise Events, 21 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

Larry Scheinpflug asked: The citizen who has made the highest number of complaints in Buckhead, are they a new complainant, and did Korey reach out to them? Korey Barnes answered: Yes, to both.

**Motion to accept the April 2023 Noise Reports were made by Doug Miller and seconded Chris Richard. Motion passed.**

B. Other:  
NONE

III. New Business:  
NONE

IV. Public Comments:  
NONE

**Motion to adjourn was made by Gene Henry and seconded by Chris Richard. Motion passed at 5:58p.m.**

Submitted by:

*Lori Bell*

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Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

*Larry Scheinpflug*

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Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair)