

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
MINUTES FOR THE REMOTE MEETING
HELD ON JANUARY 20, 2022 AT 9:00 A.M.

The meeting of the Members of the Massachusetts Port Authority was held on January 20, 2022. The following Members participated remotely per An Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency signed into law by Governor Baker on June 16, 2021: Chairman Lewis G. Evangelidis presided, Warren Q. Fields, Patricia A. Jacobs, John A. Nucci, Sean M. O'Brien, Laura Sen, and Jamey Tesler. Lisa Wieland, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director, Reed Passafaro, Chief of Staff, John P. Prankevicius, Director of Administration and Finance and Secretary-Treasurer, Edward C. Freni, Director of Aviation, Catherine McDonald, Chief Legal Counsel, Michael Meyran, Port Director, Andy Davis, Director, Worcester Airport, Alaina Coppola, Director, Community Relations and Government Affairs, Andrew Hargens, Chief Development Officer, Flavio Leo, Director of Aviation Planning & Strategy, Daniel Gallagher, Director of Aviation Business and Finance, and Michael A. Grieco, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer were in attendance

The meeting commenced at 9:00 A.M.

Public Session

Motion to Enter Executive Session

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED:

That the authority enter executive session to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto.

Members Evangelidis, Jacobs, Nucci, O'Brien, Sen, and Tesler voted Yes.

Mr. Evangelidis stated that the Authority will reconvene after Executive Session.

The public session recessed at 9:01 A.M.

The public session reconvened at 10:00 A.M.

Public Comment

There were no requests to speak during the Public Comment Period.

Ratification and approval of the minutes of the November 18, 2021 Board Meeting

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED:

To ratify and approve the minutes of the November 18, 2021 Board Meeting.

Members Evangelidis, Fields, Jacobs, Nucci, O'Brien, Sen, and Tesler voted Yes.

Chairman's Comments

Mr. Evangelidis noted that a decision on whether or not to continue to hold Board Meetings remotely will be determined on a monthly basis.

Report of the CEO

Ms. Wieland presented information on the election of Sean O'Brien as President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, on the increase in COVID-19 cases due to the Omicron variant, on Boston Field Office Supervisory Federal Air Marshal in Charge David Bassett receiving the 2021 Presidential Rank Award, on Massport receiving excellence awards for the new Berth 10 construction and the Terminal B Entrance Roadway projects, on new technologies and infrastructure that enhanced the Logan customer experience during the holiday travel period, on the reconfigured Terminal B curbside operations to provide better HOV and passenger access, on Massport's financial performance and activity highlights for November, on a forecasted slowing of U.S. GDP growth and an increase in inflation in 2022, on the U.S. labor shortage caused by the pandemic, on the Logan Job Fair held to help airport partners facing staffing shortages, on Logan passenger forecasts for FY22 and FY23 being revised upward, on the MIT International Center for Air Transportation updated forecast for U.S. domestic air travel, on Massport airports receiving forty million dollars from the FY22 airport infrastructure allocations from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, on the Commonwealth's four billion dollar American Rescue Plan Act spending bill that includes funding for the reconstruction of the North Jetty, on the New England Produce Council announcement that it will hold its 2022 Expo at the Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport, on the COJE Management Group plan to open a restaurant at the Park Lane Seaport Apartments, on a FY22 update on the Massport Charitable Contributions Program DE&I Initiative, on Massport hosting its 8th Annual Business Diversity Summit, on Massport being recognized by Recharge Massachusetts for its adoption of Electric Vehicle (EV) transportation, on the multidisciplinary team advancing Massport's Roadmap to Net Zero GHG Emissions, on undertaking a redesign of the Massport website, on U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg's visit to Conley Terminal, on Massport's annual Winter Coat Drive to benefit East Boston and South Boston youth, and on Boston Sword & Tuna being named a finalist for a Massachusetts Economic Impact Award.

Director of Aviation Presentation

Mr. Freni presented information on the Logan 2021 passenger volume and aircraft operations, on Logan's holiday passenger travel volumes, on COVID-19's negative impact on Logan's weekly outbound passenger volume in January, on the amount of cancelled and delayed flights during the holiday travel period, on COVID-19's negative impact on airlines' near-term schedules at Logan and systemwide, on the Level 4: Do Not Travel Advisories issued by the CDC amid the surge in COVID-19 cases, on additional ultra low cost carriers adding service at Logan, on A380 aircraft service returning to Logan, and on the 2021 Hanscom aircraft operations.

Mr. Leo provided information on the rollout of 5G wireless service across the U.S., on the aviation industry concerns over the use of the C-band frequency for 5G services since it is relatively close to the aircraft radar altimeter band, on the FAA published notices that restrict the use of low visibility procedures at airports including Logan and Worcester, on the number of severe low visibility events at Logan and Worcester over the last four years, on the implications for Massport airports including aircraft delays and diversions during low visibility conditions, on an agreement between the FAA and telecom carriers to delay the 5G rollout within two miles of affected airport runways, on the FAA's January 19th list of commercial airports with low-visibility approaches in 5G deployment areas with approved Alternative Methods of Compliance including Logan and Worcester, and next steps.

Director of Maritime Presentation

Mr. Meyran presented information on the Ever Fortune which is a 12,000 TEU vessel that called in January and is the largest vessel in Conley history, on Conley's largest and longest standing ocean carrier the Mediterranean Shipping Company becoming the world's largest shipping company, on shipping schedules remaining significantly delayed and unreliable, on port lockdowns imposed in China causing further shipping delays and cancelled sailings, on the supply chain congestion impacts continuing to be felt at Conley in December, on the expiration of the CDC Conditional Sail Order and the start of a new CDC voluntary COVID-19 program for cruise ships, and on the CDC raising its warning on cruise travel from Level 3 to Level 4.

Strategic Plan

Ground Transportation Update

Mr. Gallagher presented information on Logan passenger activity which is rebounding but still tracking below pre-COVID-19 levels, on the restoration of Logan Express (LEX) services, on the relaunch of Peabody LEX service from the new North Shore Mall location in February, on the Peabody LEX marketing awareness campaign starting at the end of January, on Massport's Logan ground transportation policies consolidating Ride App operations reducing congestion by decreasing "deadhead" vehicle movements, on initiatives that helped divert pickup/drop-off mode share to Parking and HOV as Ride App/Taxi/Limo mode shares approach pre-COVID-19 levels, on Massport implementing new technology to improve the HOV passenger experience on Airport Shuttle and Logan Express services and to improve service efficiency, and next steps.

Worcester Airport Rebound Strategy

Mr. Davis presented information on the restoration of airline services that were suspended during the pandemic, on the Worcester Airport property available for aeronautical use, on new airside development opportunities, on two landside parcels with development potential, and next steps.

Safety and Security Committee

Human Resources, Diversity, and Compensation Committee

Community Outreach Committee

Massport CAC Update

Ms. Coppola noted that the Massport Community Advisory Committee (CAC) held its annual election of officers in December and that Roseann Bongiovanni the Chelsea CAC member was elected as the new Chair and that Aaron Toffler was appointed as the new Executive Director. Mr. Toffler expressed that he looked forward to working with Massport on a range of issues of common concern. Mr. Nucci stated that he was delighted by the selections of Ms. Bongiovanni and Mr. Toffler. Ms. Coppola also noted that the CAC voted at its December meeting to advance two procedures from the RNAV Block II Study and that Massport has since reviewed and submitted those CAC approved recommendations to the FAA and that the FAA will conduct its own review process before the recommendations can be implemented. Ms. Coppola further noted that the FAA had approved Massport's 2020 Noise Exposure Map and that Massport can now begin to pre-test eligible homes including homes that received sound insulation treatment before 1993.

Real Estate and Strategic Initiatives Committee

10 World Trade Center Avenue

Mr. Hargens noted that the 10 World Trade Center Avenue project on Parcel A-2 is about to begin construction, that equity partners for the project have been secured, that a minority investor offering was issued, and that a groundbreaking event will be held in the Spring.

Parcel D-4

Mr. Hargens presented information on the Parcel D-4 mixed income residential project, on the issuance of the RFQ in December, on the location of Parcel D-4 adjacent to the South Boston Waterfront Transportation Center, on the number of entities that expressed interest in participating through the RFQ pre-registration process, on the RFQ qualification submissions filing deadline, and on the RFQ and RFP schedule.

Facilities and Construction Committee

Audit and Finance Committee

Assent Agenda

Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED:

To adjourn at 11:35 A.M.

Adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

Michael A. Grieco
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used in Public Session

1. Board Book
2. PowerPoint Presentation Slides