

MARYLAND AVIATION COMMISSION
MARCH 8, 2017
LINOWES CONFERENCE ROOM, THIRD FLOOR
BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL THURGOOD MARSHALL AIRPORT

OPEN SESSION

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Signe Pringle

Chairman Rahn called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –Chairman Rahn

Upon request for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 18 Commission meeting, it was so moved by Commissioner Winstead, seconded by Commissioner Davis.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CEO'S REPORT – Ricky Smith

Legislative Update HB 67/SB 159, introduced this Session, provides an exemption from the sales and use tax for materials, parts, or equipment used to repair, maintain, or upgrade aircraft or the avionics systems of aircraft if the materials, parts, or equipment are installed on the aircraft. This bill unanimously passed out of Senate 40-0 with amendments and is scheduled for House Ways and Means hearing on March 22.

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HB 55/SB 54 proposes altering the definition of aviation gasoline for purposes of the motor fuel tax and provides that "aviation gasoline" is gasoline that is used to propel gasoline-powered aircraft and does not include gasoline used to propel a motor vehicle; etc. Both bills passed unanimously.

A first hearing on HB 874 was held March 1. MDOT MAA provided written support for this bill which proposes some exemption under the Forest Conservation Act for the cutting and clearing of trees related to obstructions to air navigation.

Budget hearings resulted in favorable outcomes. Chairman Rahn mentioned that there was a great deal of praise for Mr. Smith at the budget hearings.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING REPORT – Paul Shank

Construction Progress The Concourse E Extension Building, is a six-gate extension to the Concourse. The project received approval from the Maryland Board of Public Works February 8, 2017. The contractor is now preparing the documents for the Notice to Proceed.

NextGen Update Since the implementation of NextGen technology and resulting DC Metroplex Procedures, the number of noise complaints has increased. The increase had originally been attributed to the changes in aircraft operations due to the Runway Safety Area construction work; however, once that work was completed, the noise complaints remained at an increased level. NextGen technology uses satellites to determine flight paths. This compresses the flight paths and results in less dispersion. Community requests for meetings with the Federal Aviation Administration to discuss this issue resulted in roundtable meetings throughout the country. MDOT MAA is facilitating the formation of a roundtable with representation from Maryland State legislative districts, County Executives, County Councils, MDOT MAA, FAA, and aviation users such as the commercial carriers, air cargo operators and the general aviation community. The first roundtable meeting is scheduled for March 21.

MTN OPERATIONS REPORT – Al Pollard

Operational Statistics Through the month of February, operating revenue at MTN increased 11.5% over the prior fiscal year period, due to an increase in fuel sales, and expenses were up 7.9%, due to an increase in the cost to purchase fuel. Aircraft operations at MTN have increased 24% over last year.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & MANAGEMENT REPORT – James Walsh

Upcoming Solicitations Space has been identified on Aviation Boulevard, at Amtrak Way, for a convenience store and gas station. A Request for Proposals was issued in January for an On-Airport Pet Resort. Technical Proposals are due in April. This concession will operate behind the Daily Garage. Valet Parking services will operate from the Hourly Garage. A 5-Diamond level of service will be delivered through his concession.

MARKETING & AIR SERVICE DEVELOPMENT – Tony Storck

Traffic Statistics Passenger traffic at BWI Marshall continues to set records with 18 consecutive monthly records as of December 2016. For the twelve months ending December 31, BWI Marshall served 23.9 million domestic passengers and 1.2 million international passengers. International traffic for the twelve-month period rose 8%.

Air Service Alaska Airlines will start new year-round service from BWI Marshall to San Diego on March 16 and add seasonal service to Portland, Oregon in June. Allegiant's new nonstop seasonal

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service to Destin/Fort Walton Beach will begin May 31. Spirit's new daily service to New Orleans begins May 25. They will also add seasonal service to Oakland, San Diego and Seattle on May 25.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon request for a motion by Chairman Rahn to meet in closed session, it was so moved by Commissioner Raymond C. Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Enrique Melendez, and approved unanimously by Chairman Rahn and Commissioners T. Chineta K. Davis, Anwer Hasan, John H. Kiser, Enrique Melendez, Raymond C. Nichols, Philip A. Parenti, Calvin Peacock, and David L. Winstead.

The Maryland Aviation Commission met in closed session March 8, 2017, 1:51 p.m. to 2:10 p.m., in accordance with §3-305 of the General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, to consider the following:

- **Air Service** – to consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State, §3-305(b)(4);
- **Legal Advice** – to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice §3-305(b)(7); and
- **Security** – to discuss public security when public discussions would constitute a risk to the public or public security §3-305(b)(10).

Besides the Commissioners, the following individuals were present for the entire closed session discussion: Ricky Smith, Jeanette Brewer, Louisa Goldstein, Linda Mallinger and Tony Storck. Raven Berry and Cedric Johnson were present for the Legal Advice and Security discussions.

Upon request for a motion to return to Open Session, it was so moved by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and approved unanimously. The meeting returned to Open Session at 2:10 p.m.

No actions were taken in closed session and only permitted items were discussed.

COMAR PROPOSED ACTIONS

COMAR 11.03.01.13 The Maryland Aviation Commission voted unanimously to approve MDOT MAA proceeding with the promulgation process of this new regulation which establishes public hours of operation at BWI Marshall Airport.

COMAR 11.03.01.09 The Maryland Aviation Commission voted unanimously to approve MDOT MAA proceeding with the promulgation process of this amendment to current regulation which establishes a standard for MDOT MAA to refuse, revoke, suspend or confiscate an Airport identification badge if MDOT MAA determines that an individual in possession of that badge poses a threat or potential threat to the health, safety, or welfare of the Airport property, personnel, passengers or customers.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Hasan, and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

The next meeting of the Maryland Aviation Commission is scheduled for May 17, 2017, 1 p.m.