

MARYLAND AVIATION COMMISSION
MAY 17, 2017
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OPEN SESSION

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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 March 8 Commission meeting, it was so moved by Commissioner Hasan, seconded by Commissioner Davis.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CEO'S REPORT – Ricky Smith

The federal appropriations bill was signed earlier this month, continuing government funding through September. No significant changes are expected at the State level.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING REPORT – Paul Shank

Construction Progress The D/E Checkpoint and Connector is essentially complete with punchlist items being worked on now. The new concessions in the space are all expected to be open by the

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end of the fiscal year. 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. Anticipated completion is Fall 2018.

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 facilitated 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. Monthly meetings began in March 2017.

BWI OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE REPORT – Wayne Pennell

Airline Operations Reports in the news of incidents involving removal of passengers from aircraft have increased recently. At BWI Marshall, if there is no violation of State or federal law or a threat to public safety, the MdTA Police will not remove a person from an aircraft for business decisions between an air carrier and its passengers.

EPLEX The Emergency Plan Exercise is a full-scale disaster simulation exercise required by the Federal Aviation Administration. The exercise was successfully completed May 6 in coordination with State and local government agencies, Red Cross, airline tenants, and many volunteers.

MTN OPERATIONS REPORT – Al Pollard

Operational Statistics For the month of April, operating revenue at MTN increased 11.3% over the prior fiscal year period, due to an increase in fuel sales, and expenses were up 0.5%, due to an increase in the cost to purchase fuel.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & MANAGEMENT REPORT – James Walsh

FY 2017 Third Quarter Financial Results Operating revenues for the period increased 3% over last year and non-operating revenues, comprised of passenger facility charges and customer facility charges, remained flat. Through the end of the third quarter, 65% of the appropriation has been expended. Anticipated end-of-year contributions to the Trust Fund from MAA total \$40-45 million.

MARKETING & AIR SERVICE DEVELOPMENT – Tony Storck

Traffic Statistics Passenger traffic at BWI Marshall continues to set records with 21 consecutive monthly records as of March 2017. For the twelve months ending March 31, BWI Marshall served 23.8 million domestic passengers and 1.2 million international passengers. International traffic for the twelve-month period remains flat.

Air Service Alaska Airlines began new year-round service from BWI Marshall to San Diego on March 16 and will add seasonal service to Portland, Oregon in June. This summer Alaska Airlines will have four daily flights. Boutique Air began service at BWI Marshall on April 17 with daily service to Massena, NY. 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. This summer, Spirit will offer 22 daily flights from BWI Marshall. Virgin America will begin daily service to San Francisco on October 16.

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COMAR PROPOSED ACTION

At the March 8 meeting of the Maryland Aviation Commission, the Commission approved the promulgation of a new regulation, COMAR 11.03.01.13, establishing public hours of operation for BWI Marshall. The regulation was subsequently revised to include a definition for the term "Authorized Employee." The Maryland Aviation Commission voted unanimously to approve MDOT MAA proceeding with the promulgation process of this new regulation with the revision.

CLOSED SESSION

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

The Maryland Aviation Commission met in closed session May 17, 2017, 2:04 p.m. to 2:24 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); and
- **Personnel** – to discuss a personnel matter related to an employee over whom the Commission has jurisdiction §3-305(b)(1)(i).

Besides the Commissioners, the following individuals were present for the entire closed session discussion: Ricky Smith, Jeanette Cook, Louisa Goldstein, Ed McDonald, and Robert Sager. Paul Shank, Tony Storck and James Walsh were present for the Air Service discussion only.

Upon request for a motion to return to Open Session, it was so moved by Commissioner Parenti, seconded by Commissioner Winstead, and approved unanimously. The meeting returned to Open Session at 2:24 p.m.

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

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Hasan, and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

The next meeting of the Maryland Aviation Commission is scheduled for July 12, 2017, 1 p.m.