

MINUTES OF MEETING
RHODE ISLAND AIRPORT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025, AT 8:30 AM
IN THE MARY BRENNAN BOARD ROOM
RHODE ISLAND T. F. GREEN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
2000 POST ROAD, WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND

The meeting of the Rhode Island Airport Corporation (RIAC) Board of Directors was called to order by Chair, Jonathan Savage at 8:30 a.m., in accordance with the notice duly posted pursuant to the Open Meetings Act (R.I.G.L. §42-46-1 et seq.).

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Savage, Michael Traficante, John Justo, Jeffrey Bogosian, and Deborah Thomas

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Christopher Little and Greg Pizzuti.

ALSO PRESENT: Iftikhar Ahmad, President and CEO, and those members listed on the attendance sheet attached hereto.

1. Approval of the Minutes:

A motion was made by **Mr. Traficante** to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of January 9, 2025. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Justo**.

The motion was passed unanimously.

2. Public Comments:

One written comment was received and distributed to the Board of Directors prior to the meeting.

3. Report from the President and CEO:

- **Mr. Ahmad** reported on the November 2024 landing, passengers, seat capacity, and load factors.
- **Mr. Ahmad** stated that JetBlue has announced daily nonstop service to New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport beginning April 30th. This expansion of service not only provides new national and international connections for our passengers, but also provides convenient access for visitors to Rhode Island from cities throughout the world via this easy, year-round service to PVD from the 6th busiest airport in the U.S.
- **Mr. Ahmad** stated that on January 29, RIAC held a community and media event to demonstrate GoodMaps, an accessible indoor navigation and interactive digital mapping system. As part of RIAC's mission to create an exceptional travel experience for every passenger, this application is designed to make spaces more inclusive for a diverse range of passengers. There will be an update on this later in the meeting.

- **Mr. Ahmad** stated that RIAC is excited to share that we are once again included in the Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards survey. We invite you to fill out the survey and vote Rhode Island T. F. Green International Airport for Best Domestic Airport. Please visit our website at www.flyri.com for a link to vote. By sharing your thoughts on your favorite travel experiences, you will be entered into a giveaway for a chance to win a Viking Ocean Voyage cruise for two, a cash prize of \$15,000, or one of five additional cash prizes, courtesy of Travel + Leisure. The survey runs until February 25.
- **Mr. Ahmad** shared that BermudAir announced new nonstop service between PVD and Bermuda beginning May 22. These international flights will operate twice weekly on Thursdays and Sundays. This new route provides Rhode Islanders with a faster, hassle-free way to reach Bermuda, offering direct access to the island's world-class beaches, outdoor adventures, and renowned hospitality—all just a two-hour flight away.
- **Department Updates:**

(a) Operations Update

Ms. Morgan presented an overview of November 2024 passenger enplanement data, average load factors, and overtime trends.

(b) Financial Update

Ms. Williams presented an update on the November 2024 statement of revenues and expenses with comparisons to the prior year and budgets.

(c) Customer Service Update

Mr. Pimental presented an update on Goodmaps, an accessible indoor navigation and interaction digital mapping system.

(d) Infrastructure Update

Ms. Mineker presented an update on the system-wide obstruction removal program, the construction of South Cargo ramp, and the design for Gates 7 & 8. There was discussion regarding progress of the tree removals and the budget for the program.

4. Action Items:

- (a) To authorize the President and CEO, or his designee, to execute task order #1, associated with Contract No. 35766 with Dubon Masonry Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$99,600 to complete the sterile area interior corridor demolition at Rhode Island T. F. Green International Airport.**

Ms. Mineker presented the action item for the sterile area interior corridor demolition at PVD. There was discussion regarding the contractor's qualifications.

A motion was made by **Mr. Traficante** and seconded by **Mr. Bogosian** to approve the recommendation.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- (b) To authorize the President and CEO, or his designee, to execute a professional services agreement with Faith Group, LLC in the amount of \$163,593.16 for a design plan for the current network architecture and terminal datacenter as part of the security improvements to critical IT infrastructure.

Mr. Spalding presented the action item for design of security improvements to critical IT infrastructure. There was discussion regarding the plan for implementation and the contractor's qualifications.

A motion was made by **Ms. Thomas** and seconded by **Mr. Justo** to approve the recommendation.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- (c) To authorize the President and CEO, or his designee, to execute an operating agreement with Turo, Inc., effective February 7, 2025, through December 31, 2025, with two optional one-year renewal terms for which RIAC will receive a privilege fee of 10% of gross receipts and standard parking fees from vehicles affiliated with Turo, Inc.

Mr. Persson presented the action item for an operating agreement with Turo, a provider of car-share service at PVD. There was discussion regarding records retention.

A motion was made by **Mr. Traficante** and seconded by **Ms. Thomas** to approve the recommendation.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- (d) To authorize the President and CEO, or his designee, to approve the installation of the FlashParking License Plate Recognition system at the airport with a total cost of implementation of \$288,919 and an annual recurring operating expense of \$9,300.

Mr. Persson presented the action item for installation of a license plate recognition system at PVD.

A motion was made by **Mr. Traficante** and seconded by **Mr. Bogosian** to approve the recommendation.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- (e) To authorize the President and CEO, or his designee, to execute a construction contract for terminal ramp repairs with RICON Construction in

the amount of \$546,579 at Rhode Island T. F. Green International Airport.

Mr. Nguyen presented the action item for terminal ramp repairs at PVD. There was discussion regarding cost, the contractor's qualifications, and coordination with the stakeholders.

A motion was made by **Mr. Bogosian** and seconded by **Ms. Thomas** to approve the recommendation.

The motion was passed unanimously.

5. Executive Session:

At approximately 9:06 a.m., a motion was made by **Mr. Bogosian** and seconded **Mr. Traficante** to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the following items:

The Board will seek to go into Executive Session for the following stated purposes:

- (a) **Motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on January 9, 2025 § 42-46-5(a)(2); and**
- (b) **Discussion and potential vote related to 2024 collective bargaining pursuant to § 42-46-5(a)(2); and**
- (c) **Discussion of potential litigation brought by the Rhode Island Airport Corporation, and the internal and external investigation and pursuit of claims for tortious interference with contractual relations against internal and external parties including, but not limited to, former employees, and any other claims arising from the investigation of the facts and circumstances around other internal and external parties' tortious interference pursuant to § 42-46-5(a)(2); and**
- (d) **Discussion and consideration related to potential acquisition or lease of multiple parcels at Rhode Island T. F. Green International Airport consisting of discussions or considerations related to the acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes wherein advanced public information would be detrimental to the interest of the public pursuant to § 42-46-5(a)(5); and**
- (e) **Discussion of financing for the Rhode Island T. F. Green International Airport terminal improvements, related to the investment of public funds where the premature disclosure would adversely affect the public interest pursuant to § 42-46-5(a)(7); and**
- (f) **Motion to return to open session.**

By roll call vote the motion was passed unanimously.

At approximately 10:26 a.m., a motion was made by **Mr. Traficante** and seconded by **Ms. Thomas** to return to Open Session.

The motion was passed unanimously.

6. Post Executive Session Actions and Announcements:

- (a) Motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session held on February 6, 2025; and**

A motion was made by **Mr. Bogosian** and seconded by **Mr. Traficante** to seal the minutes of the Executive Session in accordance with R.I.G.L. § 42-46-7.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- (b) Report on actions taken in Executive Session; and**

During the Executive Session, a motion was made by **Mr. Bogosian** and seconded by **Mr. Justo** to approve the sealed minutes of the Executive Session held on January 9, 2025.

- (c) To authorize the President and CEO, or his designee, to execute task order #6, associated with Contract No. 35619 with CHA Consulting, Inc., in the amount of \$582,393 for design phase services for the reconfiguration of parking on airport property at Rhode Island T. F. Green International Airport.**

Ms. Mineker presented the action item for design phase services for the reconfiguration of parking on airport property at PVD.

A motion was made by **Mr. Bogosian** and seconded by **Ms. Thomas** to approve the recommendation.

The motion was passed unanimously.

7. Future Meetings:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 2024, at 8:45 a.m., in the Mary Brennan Board Room, Rhode Island T. F. Green International Airport, Warwick, Rhode Island.

8. Adjournment:

Mr. Traficante moved to adjourn at approximately 10:29 a.m. **Ms. Thomas** seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Savage, Chair
Rhode Island Airport Corporation

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE SHEET
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<u>NAME</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
Sapha Mabrouk	RIAC
Brittany Morgan	RIAC
Dawn Mineker	RIAC
Nicole Williams	RIAC
Nikolas Persson	RIAC
Duc Nguyen	RIAC
John Goodman	RIAC
David Spalding, Jr.	RIAC
Joseph Rodio, Jr.	Rodio & Ursillo

The minutes of the Executive Session of the Board Meeting on February 6, 2025, have been sealed in accordance with R.I.G.L. § 42-46-7(c).