

MINUTES OF MEETING
RHODE ISLAND AIRPORT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY, MAY 15, 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 8:34 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, Christopher Little, and Deborah Thomas.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Gregory Pizzuti and Jeffrey Bogosian.

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 March 13, 2025. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Little**.

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 February 2025 landing, passengers, seat capacity, and load factors.
- **Mr. Ahmad** stated that JetBlue's new nonstop flight to John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York was celebrated with an inaugural gate event on May 1st. Passengers enjoyed breakfast, music, and promotional giveaways before taking off.
- **Mr. Ahmad** stated that RIAC celebrated National Volunteer Week from April 20th to the 26th. To express our appreciation, volunteers were treated to special refreshments in the Volunteer Center each day to celebrate their selfless contributions. RIAC Marketing also highlighted some of the volunteers on our social media platforms.
- **Mr. Ahmad** stated that on April 9th, RIAC held an inaugural gate celebration for Southwest Airlines' new nonstop flight to Nashville. The celebration included a destination-themed

buffet, decorations including cowboy hats, and a special live performance coordinated with the United Theatre.

- **Mr. Ahmad** stated that on April 11th, the Brown University Music Club performed for the Airport community at Baggage Claim. That same day, RIAC also hosted an airport tour for high school students as part of the Apprenticeship Exploration Program. The students got a firsthand look at what makes an airport run.
- **Mr. Ahmad** stated that Rhode Island T. F. Green International Airport is in the running for the “Best Airport in the US” in the Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards. For just two minutes of time, you will be eligible to win an eight-day journey along the Rhine River from Basel to Amsterdam with Viking Cruises. Voting is officially open and runs until June 30th. Visit flyri.com to vote.
- **Department Updates:**

(a) **Financial Update**

Ms. Williams presented an update on the February 2025 statement of revenues and expenses with comparisons to the prior year and budgets. Nicole presented an overview of RIAC’s rating upgrades and credit analyses over the last two years.

(b) **Obstruction Removal Update**

Ms. Mineker presented an update on the system-wide Obstruction Removal Project.

4. **Action Items:**

- (a) **To authorize the President and CEO, or his designee, to execute a construction contract with Arden Engineering Constructors, LLC in the amount of \$542,223.61 to complete the rain stacks replacement project in Garages A and B.**

Ms. Mineker presented the action item for construction of the rain stacks replacement project in Garages A and B.

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

The motion was passed unanimously.

- (b) **To authorize the President and CEO, or his designee, to execute change orders for Construction Contract No. 33604 with J. R. Vinagro Corporation in the total amount of \$917,576 for additional dewatering operations during Phase 1 of the Runway 16-34 reconstruction and installation of carrier pipes at Quonset State Airport.**

Ms. Mineker presented the action item for additional dewatering operations during Phase 1 of the Runway 16-24 reconstruction and installation of carrier pipes at Quonset State Airport. **Ms. Mineker** introduced **Mr. Mahesh Kukata** of Airport Design Consultants, Inc., the Construction Manager and Owner's Representative for this project. There was discussion regarding utilities, the loss of productivity claim, and the geotechnical analysis.

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

The motion was passed unanimously.

- (c) To authorize the President and CEO, or his designee, to execute a professional services contract with C&S Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$1,160,677 for design and bid phase services for the rehabilitation of Runway 4-22 at Newport State Airport and Runway 7-25 at Westerly State Airport.

Mr. Savage recused himself.

Ms. Mineker presented the action item for design and bid phase services for the rehabilitation of Runway 4-22 at Newport State Airport and Runway 7-25 at Westerly State Airport.

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

The motion was passed unanimously.

- (d) To authorize the President and CEO, or his designee, to execute a contract amendment with ZDS Architecture and Interior Design in the amount of \$176,300 for additional design and bid phase services for the terminal improvements project at Rhode Island T. F. Green International Airport.

Ms. Mineker presented the action item for additional design and bid phase services for the terminal improvements project at Rhode Island T. F. Green International Airport (PVD). There was discussion regarding the scope of the project, additional designs, and the contract.

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

The motion was passed unanimously.

- (e) To authorize the President and CEO, or his designee, to acknowledge and approve the 30% design for the Amtrak stop at Rhode Island T. F. Green International Airport, which is a federal grant requirement for all major stakeholders.

Ms. Mineker presented the action item for acknowledgement and approval of the 30% design for the Amtrak stop at PVD. There was discussion regarding the scope of the design.

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

recommendation.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- (f) To authorize the President and CEO, or his designee, to execute a task order with C&S Companies in the amount of \$227,200 to provide overlay zone implementation support for airports system-wide.

Mr. Persson presented the action item for overlay zone implementation support for airports system-wide. He introduced **Mr. Sal Corio**, the President of the Rhode Island Pilots Association, who spoke to the associations' support of this initiative for safety.

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

The motion was passed unanimously.

- (g) To authorize the President and CEO, or his designee, to enter into a fourth amendment to the Facilities Lease Agreement between the Rhode Island Airport Corporation and PVD Fuel Facilities, LLC, extending the term of the agreement through June 30, 2027, under the same terms and conditions of the current agreement.

Mr. Persson presented the action item for a fourth amendment to the Facilities Lease Agreement between RIAC and PVD Fuel Facilities, LLC.

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

The motion was passed unanimously.

- (h) To authorize the President and CEO, or his designee, to execute task orders on an as-needed basis with Korn Ferry for on-call human resources support services in the amount up to \$250,000 for the next four fiscal years.

Ms. Morgan presented the action item for on-call human resources support services.

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

The motion was passed unanimously.

- (i) To authorize the President and CEO, or his designee, to execute an agreement with Vogel Traffic Services, Inc. (d/b/a EZ Liner) in the amount of \$311,142 to procure an EZ Liner Model TS-AL110 paint striping truck, mounted on an Isuzu N-Series Performance Regular Heavy Duty gasoline chassis.

Mr. Nguyen presented the action item for the purchase of a paint striping truck.

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

The motion was passed unanimously.

- (j) **To authorize the President and CEO, or his designee, to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the Rhode Island State Police to provide daily checkpoint security support at Rhode Island T. F. Green International Airport in the amount up to \$300,000.**

Mr. Nguyen presented the action item for daily checkpoint security support provided by Rhode Island State Police at PVD.

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

The motion was passed unanimously.

- (k) **To authorize the President and CEO, or his designee, to execute a professional services agreement with Innovative Emergency Management, Inc. for a five-year term in the amount up to \$250,000 for on-call emergency preparedness and consulting services via task orders on an as-needed basis.**

Mr. Nguyen presented the action item for on-call emergency preparedness and consulting services.

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

The motion was passed unanimously.

5. Executive Session:

At approximately 9:33 a.m., a motion was made by **Mr. Little** and seconded by **Ms. Thomas** 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 March 13, 2025, pursuant to § 42-46-5(a)(2) and (7);**
- (b) **Discussion and consideration related to potential lease of parcels at Rhode Island T. F. Green International Airport and Quonset State Airport consisting of discussions or considerations related to the 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);**

- (c) 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);
- (d) Discussion related to John Kramer, Anthony P. Fox, Timothy T. Fox, Linda J. Jokl, Peter Jokl, Sara McGinnes, Ruth S. Perfido, Peter H. Greenman, Arthur Jacob, Sharon Lehman, John Lehman, and Piera M. Cote Robson vs. HTX Helicopters, LLC, d/b/a Heliblock and Rhode Island Airport Corporation, C.A. No. WC-2018-0491 pursuant to § 42-46-5(a)(2);
- (e) 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);
- (f) Discussion related to investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct related to workplace injury claims, as well as one non-public potential litigation brought by RIAC related to those same allegations of misconduct pursuant to § 42-46-5(a)(2); and
- (g) Motion to return to open session.

By roll call vote the motion was passed unanimously.

At approximately 10:57 a.m., a motion was made by **Mr. Traficante** and seconded by **Mr. Little** 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 May 15, 2025; and

A motion was made by **Mr. Little** and seconded by **Ms. Thomas** 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.

During the Executive Session, a motion was made by **Ms. Thomas** and seconded by **Mr. Little** to approve the sealed minutes of the Executive Session held on March 13, 2025.

7. Future Meetings:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 12, 2025, 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 10:58 a.m. **Mr. Justo** 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
Jessica Damicis	RIAC
David Spalding, Jr.	RIAC
Don Stubbs	RIAC
Dan Procaccini	Adler Pollock & Sheehan PC
Manesh Kukata	Airport Design Consultants, Inc.
Sal Corio	Rhode Island Pilots Association
Virginia Goldstein	Constituent

The minutes of the Executive Session of the Board Meeting on May 15, 2025, have been sealed in accordance with R.I.G.L. § 42-46-7(c).