

**REGULAR MEETING  
ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY  
February 17, 2017**

The Asheville Regional Airport Authority ("Authority") met on Friday, February 17, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room at the Authority's Administrative Offices, Asheville Regional Airport ("Airport"), 61 Terminal Drive, Suite 1, Asheville, NC 28732.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert C. Roberts, Chairman; Matthew C. Burrell; K. Ray Bailey; Stephanie Pace Brown; and David Gantt

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF AND LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT:** Cindy Rice, Authority Legal Counsel; Lew Bleiweis, Executive Director; Michael Reisman, Deputy Executive Director of Development and Operations; Kevan Smith, Chief of Public Safety; Suzie Baker, Director of Administration; Tina Kinsey, Director of Marketing and Public Relations; Janet Burnette, Director of Finance and Accounting; Shane Stockman, IT Director; John Coon, Director of Operations; Sam Sales, Public Safety Captain; Jeremy Arthur, Maintenance; Roy Whitaker, Maintenance; and Ellen Heywood, Clerk to the Board

**ALSO PRESENT:** Amira Trebincevic, Delta Airlines; Ken Moody, Delta Airport Consultants

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Chairman welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

**A. Approval of the Asheville Regional Airport Authority March 13, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes:** Mr. Bailey moved to approve the Asheville Regional Airport Authority March 13, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes. Mr. Burrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Submission of the Draft Airport Assignment & Assumption Agreement to the Federal Aviation Administration for Purposes of Coordinated Review and Acknowledgement of the Anticipated Dissolution of the Asheville Regional Airport Authority (ARAA):** The Director advised the Board that staff has been working with Steve Baldwin, consultant, as well as legal counsel from Patla Straus and legal counsel for the City of Asheville and the County

of Buncombe to prepare the application seeking a new Airport Operating Certificate for the Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority (GARAA) as well as seeking authorization for GARAA to act as sole sponsorship of the Asheville Regional Airport under 49 C.F.R. Part 139. As part of this process, the City of Asheville would also execute a Special Warranty Deed transferring title to the Real Property that comprises the Asheville Regional Airport to the GARAA in accordance with NC Session Law 2012-121.

As part of the process, Mr. Baldwin will be required to submit a draft Airport Assignment & Assumption Agreement to the FAA for coordinated review. If approved, the City of Asheville and County of Buncombe will terminate the Restated and Amended Airport Authority Agreement dated January 22, 2008 and the ARAA would be formally dissolved by resolution of the ARAA Board.

Mr. Burril inquired as to the time frame for completion of this process. The Director stated that staff and Mr. Baldwin hope to finalize the process by the end of June.

Mr. Bailey moved to (1) find the draft Airport Assignment and Assumption Agreement to be accurate and appropriate; (2) authorize the Executive Director and the consultant for the GARAA to submit the draft Airport Assignment and Assumption Agreement to the FAA for review; (3) acknowledge that upon the FAA's approval of the GARAA's application, the City and the County will terminate the Restated and Amended Airport Authority Agreement dated January 22, 2008, and that upon termination of such Agreement, the ARAA will be formally dissolved by resolution of the ARAA Board; and (4) resolve to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Submission of the Draft Airport Assignment and Assumption Agreement to the Federal Aviation Administration for the Purposes of Coordinated Review and Acknowledgement of the Anticipated Dissolution of the Asheville Regional Airport Authority. Ms. Brown seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:39 a.m. Mr. Gantt moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Approved:



Robert C. Roberts  
Chairman