

**SPECIAL MEETING (WORK SESSION)**  
**ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY**  
**May 18, 2009**  
**8:17 a.m.**

The Asheville Regional Airport Authority ("Authority") met on Monday, May 18, 2009 at 8:17 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:** David R. Hillier, Chairman; David Gantt, Vice-Chairman; Jeffrey A. Piccirillo, Acting Secretary-Treasurer; Susan C. Fisher; Rhett Grotzinger; and Brownie Newman.

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Chuck McGrady, Secretary-Treasurer.

**LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT:** Victor W. Buchanan, Authority Legal Counsel.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:17 a.m., and he stated that there would be a closed session.

**CLOSED SESSION:** At 8:19 a.m., Mr. Gantt moved to go into closed session pursuant to Subsections 143-318.11(a)(3) and (6) of the General Statutes of North Carolina, in order to consult with Legal Counsel and to consider personnel matters. Mr. Grotzinger seconded the motion, and it carried by a unanimous vote. At 8:55 a.m., the open session temporarily resumed, at which time Mr. Newman made a motion to add a purpose for going into this closed session, that is, Subsection 143-318.11(a)(5) of the General Statutes of North Carolina, in order to establish, and to instruct the Authority's negotiating agent or agents concerning, the position to be taken by or on behalf of the Authority in negotiating the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract. Mrs. Fisher seconded the motion, and it carried by a unanimous vote.

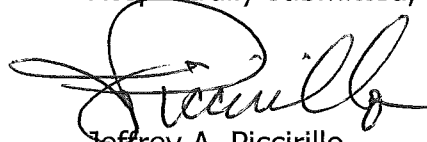
The open session resumed at 9:55 a.m.

**MOTION CONCERNING APPOINTMENT OF NEW AIRPORT DIRECTOR:** After members of the staff entered the Conference Room, Mr. Gantt moved to approve the appointment of Lew Bleiweis, A.A.E., as the new Airport Director, with the ratification of this appointment to occur at the June 12, 2009, regular meeting after the Chairman negotiates an employment contract and compensation with Mr. Bleiweis. Mrs. Fisher seconded the motion; and it carried by a majority vote, with Mrs. Fisher and Messrs. Gantt, Hillier and Piccirillo voting for the motion and with Messrs. Grotzinger and Newman voting against the motion.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 9:56 a.m., Mr. Gantt moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Newman seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The next regular meeting of the Authority will be on Friday, June 12, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room at the Authority's Administrative Offices, Asheville Regional Airport, 61 Terminal Drive, Suite 1, Asheville, NC 28732.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Piccirillo  
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

Approved:



David R. Hillier  
Chairman