

MINUTES
REPUBLIC AIRPORT COMMISSION (RAC) MEETING
7150 REPUBLIC AIRPORT, ROOM 201
EAST FARMINGDALE, NEW YORK
OCTOBER 11, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Frank Nocerino at 7:04p.m. Also present were Commission Members Vincent Bologna, Jr., Stella Barbera, Robert Bodenmiller, and Richard Grant.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Nocerino welcomed everyone back to in-person RAC meetings. He announced that Commission Member Joan Flaumenbaum who was present but not seated on the Board, had resigned from the RAC and he thanked her for her 23 years of service. The Chairman also welcomed former Airport Director Michael Geiger who was also present.

II. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM JUNE AND AUGUST 2022

Mr. Bodenmiller made a motion to adopt the meeting minutes from June and August, seconded by Ms. Barbera. The motion carried unanimously.

III. CHANGES AND/OR ADOPTION OF AGENDA

No changes.

IV. REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, & OTHER BUSINESS

A. REPORTS

1. OPERATIONS, AIRCRAFT COMPLAINTS, & FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2022

Airport Manager Mr. John Lauth discussed the following:

- Total Operations were up 11% in July and 16% in August from the previous year. Landings, Touch & Go's, and Based Aircraft numbers also increased. Jet landings decreased by 17% in July and 11% in August. Passenger volume was down 18% in July and down 13% in August.
- Aircraft noise complaints in July and August were lower than those reported in 2021. There were 67 complaints filed by 9 households July, and 42 complaints from 7 households in August. Most complaints related to daytime operations and multi/single engine aircraft. Residents living west and northwest of the Airport filed most of the complaints.
- Total Revenue for July and August were favorable overall. Revenue from Landing fees, License fees, Fuel fees and Rental Income showed favorable variances in both July and August, however Miscellaneous Income was unfavorable due to less than

anticipated revenue from film shoots. Total Expenses in July were favorable. Labor Expenses were favorable due to a vacant position in Maintenance and employees on leave. Utilities were unfavorable due to higher than anticipated consumption. August Rental Income was favorable due to a payment received for Breslau area development. August Expenses for Labor, Data Processing, Professional Services, Vehicle Maintenance and Airport Maintenance were all favorable.

2. RECENT / CURRENT EVENTS

Airport Manager Mr. John Lauth reported on the following:

- a. FAA Part 139 Annual Certification Inspection:** Only minor discrepancies.
- b. United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Gateway:** Republic Airport's Main Terminal served as a gateway September 19-21 for TSA to pre-check helicopters flying into Manhattan during the annual UNGA meeting.
- c. Film Shoot:** Amazon's "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" was filmed at Ventura.

B. RESOLUTIONS

1. Thanks to Joan Flaumenbaum for her "Best Efforts" on Behalf of Republic Airport and the Community

Airport Director Anthony Ceglio read a Resolution which expressed appreciation to Joan Flaumenbaum for her service as a member of the RAC Commission. All five Commissioners voted in favor and the Resolution was adopted. Chairman Nocerino presented a plaque to Ms. Flaumenbaum.

C. OTHER NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUSINESS

Airport Director Mr. Anthony Ceglio reported on the following:

- 1. Alpha Taxiway Project:** A contract was signed with H&L Construction and the Airport is awaiting the Contractor's schedule. The project is now expected to start in Spring 2023 rather than Fall 2022.
- 2. Conklin Street Property:** A consultant was hired to survey the property for any environmental issues and develop plans to remove the old buildings. Plans should be available in Winter 22-23.
- 3. Molloy College:** Mr. Ceglio added that Molloy College notified the Airport of their intent to vacate their facility at the end of October after being a tenant for over 20 years. The State will issue an RFP in the near future in order to find a new tenant for the building.
- 4. 5-Parcel Development Project:** There was no new information other than the FAA appears to be close to finalizing their review of the Environmental Assessment (EA).

V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Two (2) individuals commented.

Chairman Nocerino said he would send a letter to NYSDOT Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez about the need to replace Ms. Flaumenbaum and filling the other open positions on the Commission. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by:
Anthony C. Ceglio on behalf of Executive Secretary
Republic Airport Commission

PUBLIC COMMENTS
REPUBLIC AIRPORT COMMISSION
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Ms. Nancy Cypser of the Woodland Civic Association asked to know when Ron Epstein left his post with NYSDOT. She asked if the Commission could provide the Civic Coalition with the names of any contacts in his absence, and if anyone has been appointed to his position. Airport Director Anthony Ceglie replied that Mr. Epstein left in April 2022, and his responsibilities were split among several people. He said the Assistant Commissioner is Janet Ho. Ms. Cypser asked to know if new RAC members could be volunteered or be suggested. Chairman Nocerino explained the process of appointing new RAC members. Ms. Cypser asked to know if there was a copy of the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) that was more current than the one from 2016 because there have been radical changes like the 1/19 Runway shift. Mr. Ceglie said he believes the last FAA-approved ALP was from 1990. There have been draft revisions since then but they may not have all been approved by FAA yet. Mr. Ceglie said they will research when the latest ALP was approved. Ms. Cypser stated that a request was made in 2020 for a list of all pending ALP changes but it was never received. The Chairman said he will look into it.

Ms. Jessica Santangelo, a Farmingdale resident, asked to let the community know if there is anything they can do to encourage the replacement of RAC Commissioners. She asked if the December RAC meeting's Agenda could indicate which Commission seats are open. She commented that the number of households reporting noise complaints does not reflect the significant proportion of households who gave up reporting noise complaints. She asked to know the total number of Touch & Go operations on all runways to determine how many Touch & Go noise complaints can be apportioned to each runway. Airport Manager John Lauth said the data can be researched and reported for the next meeting. Ms. Santangelo said that helicopters are not supposed to take a direct route over their homes. Mr. Lauth responded that there are voluntary routes if the Tower approves the request. He said UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters were stationed at the Airport during the week of UNGA and they were requesting direct routes to the west. There have also been some new helicopters flying direct routes to the west. Airport management notified them about routes that avoided the noise-sensitive areas and they immediately started changing their course. Ms. Santangelo asked if the Conklin Street area survey included a study of environmental issues underground. Mr. Ceglie said a sub-surface investigation was performed including soil and ground water, and results will be available sometime this winter. Mr. Lauth added that the Town of Babylon is also interested in plans for the site. Ms. Santangelo said it might be helpful to look at the ALP at the next meeting because the community wants to be proactive instead of reactive on this topic. The Chairman said when the latest copy becomes available it will be handed out. Commission Member Stella Barbera added that if it is within the purview of an ALP Working Group, which would be comprised of community members, civics, and others, it would expedite the process of examining the information. Chairman Nocerino stated that the ALP information would also be sent to the Working Group.

Ms. Cypser commented that if there is a draft ALP after 2016, they would like to see it. Mr. Ceglie said he would check with FAA to make sure it's ok to show the draft to the community before it is approved. She also thanked the Commission for the revised June meeting minutes which were more complete.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

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REPUBLIC AIRPORT - OPERATIONS REPORT

JULY 2022 & FOUR MONTHS YEAR-TO-DATE

	CURRENT MONTH				FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE			
	2022/23	2021/22	CHANGE	% Change	2022/23	2021/22	CHANGE	%Change
A. TOTAL OPERATIONS (FAA)	25,115	22,595	2,520	11.2%	87,523	90,784	(3,261)	-3.6%
B. LANDINGS BY TYPE AIRCRAFT (Ops)	8,693	7,404	1,289	17.4%	29,850	29,353	497	1.7%
Single Engine Piston	4,336	3,300	1,036	31.4%	14,233	13,655	578	4.2%
Multi Engine Piston	202	158	44	27.8%	628	703	(75)	-10.7%
SUB-TOTAL	4,538	3,458	1,080	31.2%	14,861	14,358	503	3.5%
Turboprop	107	101	6	5.9%	335	315	20	6.3%
Jet	694	843	(149)	-17.7%	3,133	3,471	(338)	-9.7%
Helicopter	195	202	(7)	-3.5%	770	771	(1)	-0.1%
TOTALS	5,534	4,604	930	20.2%	19,099	18,915	184	1.0%
C. TOUCH & GO'S (Ops)								
Single Engine Piston	3,093	2,755	338	12.3%	10,513	10,205	308	3.0%
Multi Engine Piston	39	9	30	333.3%	107	112	(5)	-4.5%
Turboprop	0	2	(2)	-100.0%	0	2	(2)	-100.0%
Jet	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%
Helicopter	27	34	(7)	-20.6%	131	119	12	10.1%
TOTALS	3,159	2,800	359	12.8%	10,751	10,438	313	3.0%
D. PASSENGERS								
Ultimate Jet Charters Inc.	995	1,223	(228)	-18.6%	3,421	4,294	(873)	-20.3%
TOTALS	995	1,223	(228)	-18.6%	3,421	4,294	(873)	-20.3%
E. BASED AIRCRAFT								
Single Engine Piston	303	311	(8)	-2.6%				
Multi Engine Piston	46	46	0	0.0%				
Turboprop	11	10	1	10.0%				
Jet	113	92	21	22.8%				
Helicopter	22	25	(3)	-12.0%				
TOTALS	495	484	11	2.3%				

REPUBLIC AIRPORT - OPERATIONS REPORT

AUGUST 2022 & FIVE MONTHS YEAR-TO-DATE

	CURRENT MONTH				FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE			
	2022/23	2021/22	CHANGE	% Change	2022/23	2021/22	CHANGE	%Change
A. TOTAL OPERATIONS (FAA)	26,665	22,849	3,816	16.7%	114,188	113,633	555	0.5%
B. LANDINGS BY TYPE AIRCRAFT (Ops)	8,881	7,440	1,441	19.4%	38,731	36,793	1,938	5.3%
Single Engine Piston	4,289	3,513	776	22.1%	18,522	17,168	1,354	7.9%
Multi Engine Piston	172	192	(20)	-10.4%	800	895	(95)	-10.6%
SUB-TOTAL	4,461	3,705	756	20.4%	19,322	18,063	1,259	7.0%
Turboprop	114	105	9	8.6%	449	420	29	6.9%
Jet	768	871	(103)	-11.8%	3,901	4,342	(441)	-10.2%
Helicopter	196	188	8	4.3%	966	959	7	0.7%
TOTALS	5,539	4,869	670	13.8%	24,638	23,784	854	3.6%
C. TOUCH & GO'S (Ops)								
Single Engine Piston	3,278	2,544	734	28.9%	13,791	12,749	1,042	8.2%
Multi Engine Piston	18	16	2	12.5%	125	128	(3)	-2.3%
Turboprop	0	0	0	0.0%	0	2	(2)	-100.0%
Jet	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%
Helicopter	46	11	35	318.2%	177	130	47	36.2%
TOTALS	3,342	2,571	771	30.0%	14,093	13,009	1,084	8.3%
D. PASSENGERS								
Ultimate Jet Charters Inc.	973	1,125	(152)	-13.5%	4,394	5,419	(1,025)	-18.9%
TOTALS	973	1,125	(152)	-13.5%	4,394	5,419	(1,025)	-18.9%
E. BASED AIRCRAFT								
Single Engine Piston	308	303	5	1.7%				
Multi Engine Piston	46	46	0	0.0%				
Turboprop	11	10	1	10.0%				
Jet	111	91	20	22.0%				
Helicopter	22	25	(3)	-12.0%				
TOTALS	498	475	23	4.8%				

**REPUBLIC AIRPORT - AIRCRAFT COMPLAINT REPORT
JULY 2022 & FOUR MONTHS YEAR-TO-DATE**

	CURRENT MONTH		FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE	
	2022/23	2021/22	2022/23	2021/22
TOTAL AIRCRAFT COMPLAINTS	67	134	193	591
I. TIME OF DAY				
Day	62	109	178	460
Night	5	25	14	131
Unknown	0	0	1	0
TOTAL BY TIME	67	134	193	591
II. TYPE OF AIRCRAFT/ USE				
Jet	11	34	55	262
Turboprop	0	0	0	1
Multi/ Single	32	59	96	218
Helicopter	1	7	5	14
Unknown	23	34	37	96
TOTAL BY TYPE	67	134	193	591
III. COMPLAINTS BY AREA				
North	0	3	7	21
Northwest	22	33	76	242
Northeast	0	0	0	1
South	0	1	0	1
Southwest	0	0	0	8
Southeast	4	17	6	102
East	0	1	4	3
West	41	79	94	213
Unknown	0	0	6	0
TOTAL BY AREA	67	134	193	591
IV. HOUSEHOLD TOTAL				
	9	22		
V. COMPLAINT BY RUNWAY				
Arrival 32	13	15	21	77
Departure 14	0	10	5	52
Arrival 14	7	14	32	141
Departure 32	4	6	9	54
Arrival 19	3	7	19	23
Departure 01	0	1	5	4
Arrival 01	0	4	3	9
Departure 19	1	0	11	6
Other *	16	43	50	127
Unknowns	23	34	38	98
TOTAL BY RUNWAY	67	134	193	591
VI. AIRCRAFT LOCATION				
Based	13	43	61	177
Transient	31	57	92	315
Unknown	23	34	40	99
TOTAL BY LOCATION	67	134	193	591

*Touch and go	
RWY 14	1
RWY 32	14
RWY 01	0
RWY 19	1

**REPUBLIC AIRPORT - AIRCRAFT COMPLAINT REPORT
AUGUST 2022 & FIVE MONTHS YEAR-TO-DATE**

	CURRENT MONTH		FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE	
	2022/23	2021/22	2022/23	2021/22
TOTAL AIRCRAFT COMPLAINTS	42	122	235	713
I. TIME OF DAY				
Day	41	103	219	563
Night	0	18	14	149
Unknown	1	1	2	1
TOTAL BY TIME	42	122	235	713
II. TYPE OF AIRCRAFT/ USE				
Jet	7	24	62	286
Turboprop	0	0	0	1
Multi/ Single	28	53	124	271
Helicopter	1	6	6	20
Unknown	6	39	43	135
TOTAL BY TYPE	42	122	235	713
III. COMPLAINTS BY AREA				
North	1	3	8	24
Northwest	7	17	83	259
Northeast	0	1	0	2
South	0	9	0	10
Southwest	0	0	0	8
Southeast	0	20	6	122
East	1	4	5	7
West	33	68	127	281
Unknown	0	0	6	0
TOTAL BY AREA	42	122	235	713
IV. HOUSEHOLD TOTAL	7	21		
V. COMPLAINT BY RUNWAY				
Arrival 32	3	15	24	92
Departure 14	2	6	7	58
Arrival 14	4	13	36	154
Departure 32	0	2	9	56
Arrival 19	4	7	23	30
Departure 01	2	1	7	5
Arrival 01	1	4	4	13
Departure 19	2	4	13	10
Other *	18	31	68	158
Unknowns	6	39	44	137
TOTAL BY RUNWAY	42	122	235	713
VI. AIRCRAFT LOCATION				
Based	17	42	78	219
Transient	19	41	111	356
Unknown	6	39	46	138
TOTAL BY LOCATION	42	122	235	713

*Touch and go	
RWY 14	10
RWY 32	7
RWY 01	1
RWY 19	1