

MINUTES
REPUBLIC AIRPORT COMMISSION (RAC) MEETING
7150 REPUBLIC AIRPORT, ROOM 201
EAST FARMINGDALE, NEW YORK
AUGUST 6, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Commission Member Robert Bodenmiller at 7:01p.m. Vice Chairman Vincent Bologna, Jr, and Commissioners Stella Barbera and Richard Grant were present.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Bodenmiller announced that Chairman Nocerino was absent due to illness and that he would be chairing tonight's meeting. Airport Director Anthony Ceglie announced that a new aircraft charter company contacted the Airport about starting up service at the Main Terminal this winter. The service will be similar to the Atlantic City Charter operated by Ultimate Jet. We have asked them to make a presentation to the Commission at the October meeting to discuss their plans.

II. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 2024 and JUNE 2024

A vote was not held due to lack of quorum.

III. CHANGES AND/OR ADOPTION OF AGENDA

An adoption of the Agenda was not held due to lack of quorum.

IV. REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, & OTHER BUSINESS

A. REPORTS

1. OPERATIONS, AIRCRAFT COMPLAINTS, & FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR MAY and JUNE, 2024

Airport Manager Mr. John Lauth discussed the following Operations Reports:

- May Total Operations decreased 31.9% and Landings fell by 9.5% when compared to the previous year. Single-engine aircraft operations fell 9.1%. Single-engine Touch & Go's were up 6.7%. Passenger volume fell 32.8%. Based aircraft fell 2.3%.
- June Total Operations decreased 7.8% but Landings increased 38.1% when compared to the previous year. Single-engine aircraft operations increased 50.7%. Single-engine Touch & Go's were up 11.7%. Passenger volume fell 26.9%. Based aircraft fell 2.3%.

Mr. Lauth discussed the following Aircraft Complaint Reports:

- In May, 11 complaints were filed, compared to 18 complaints last year. Most related to daytime operations and an unknown aircraft type. The majority of complaints came from the west and northwest and could not be identified by runway. Eight of the 11 complaints could not be attributed to Based or Transient aircraft and were reported as 'Unknown'.
- In June, 17 complaints were filed, compared to 41 complaints last year. Most related to daytime operations and an unknown aircraft type. The majority of complaints came from the north and northwest and could not be identified by runway. Nine of the 17 complaints could not be attributed to either Based or Transient aircraft and were reported as 'Unknown'.

Mr. Lauth discussed the following Financial Reports:

- May Revenue was favorable for Landing Fees and License Fees, due to higher than forecasted landings and for Customs fees billed for April and May. Rent and Miscellaneous Incomes showed unfavorable variances due to the pending FAA rent adjustment and a lack of film shoots. Communication Expenses were favorable due to annual telephone maintenance paid in April. Labor Expenses were unfavorable due to overtime costs. Employee

Expenses were unfavorable due to training for ARFF and CDL and expenses for uniforms. Expenses were also unfavorable for Utilities, Janitorial Services, and Airport Maintenance. Insurance Expenses were unfavorable due to a premium increase.

- June Revenue was favorable for Landing Fees due to higher than forecasted landings. Fuel Flowage Fees were unfavorable due to lower than expected fuel deliveries to the Atlantic and Modern FBOs. Rental income was favorable due to a CPI adjustment for First Quality. License Fees from Customs was unfavorable due to fees billed in May. Miscellaneous and Tiedown Incomes were unfavorable due to a lack of film shoots and lower than anticipated Echo tie-down revenue. June Expenses for Employees, Utilities, Data Processing, Vehicle Maintenance and Airport Maintenance were all favorable.

Commission Member Stella Barbera asked about tie-downs and if there were fewer planes here than before. Mr. Lauth said he would look into it. Mr. Lauth also stated that Assistant Airport Manager Michael Clow had taken a new position in Delaware and the search for his replacement is underway.

2. RECENT / CURRENT EVENTS

Airport Manager John Lauth reported on the following:

- a. Annual FAA Part 139 Inspection, August 8-9:** FAA will perform an inspection of training records, safety procedures, lighting, markings, ARFF, and other areas.
- b. New York State Police (NYSP) Troop L Headquarters Roof Replacement:** Tenant Alteration Application (TAA) was submitted for the project.
- c. Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) Fire Life Safety Updates:** TAA was submitted.
- d. Annual Wildlife Hazard Management Plan Review for Tenants & Airport Community:** Scheduled for August 14.
- e. Summer Airfield Painting, Joint Sealing, and New Fence:** Currently filling runway joints/cracks then will repaint the markings. New fencing was installed along Route 109 near Route 110.

B. OTHER NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUSINESS

Airport Director Anthony Ceglio reported on the following:

- 1. 5-Parcel Development Project:** No construction will happen until the Open House with the public is held. We are working with Stratosphere to schedule a date. Stratosphere submitted 2 TAAs to re-align Seversky Road at Parcel A and to re-align Seversky Road off of Grumman Lane. We will review the TAAs but they will not be approved until after the Open House. Mr. Ceglio asked Commissioner Barbera to have the Working Group set a date for Stratosphere and their consultant to make a presentation on the 2 roadway re-alignments to the Working Group, NYSDOT, and the Airport so that we all understand what they plan to do.
- 2. Runway 1/19 Pavement Design Project:** We received the 90% plans which are under review. We expect the project to go out for bid this Winter and construction to begin in late 2025. Mr. Bodenmiller asked if the runway needs to be closed for the project and if so, what the timeframe would be. Mr. Ceglio said Runway 1/19 would be closed for about 6-8 months. Mr. Bodenmiller said that since Runway 14/32 would need to stay open during the project, the public should be given advance notice, especially those living northwest and southeast of the airport. Mr. Ceglio agreed.
- 3. Modern/Breslau Project:** Hangar 85 is 90% complete and Modern has asked the State for a final inspection to be conducted by the end of August. A Certificate of Occupancy will then be issued and we expect the hangar to open by early to mid-September. Construction on Hangar 86 is ongoing and is expected to be completed in early Spring 2025.

V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

One (1) individual commented.

Mr. Bodenmiller adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m. The motion carried unanimously

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. Jessica Santangelo, President of Woodland Civic Association, said the Open House was canceled almost a year ago and the Commission does not seem to hold a lot of power to compel the developers to meet with the community. She said that withholding approvals for the road re-alignments is a great mechanism to spur them on. Is there a way for the Commission or DOT to place a stop-gap measure in the New York State Transportation Law that forces developers to meet with the RAC and the community? She also asked to know what the State and DOT's goals are for the Airport because it has never been discussed at previous RAC meetings. She suggested that, aside from the Airport Layout Plan (ALP), it might be worthwhile to have a conversation once a year, perhaps at the February meeting, about the goals that DOT, the Airport Director, and the Airport Manager have for the Airport and the progress made to reach them. The purpose would be for everyone to have the 'big picture' of where everyone wants the Airport to go and we can better position ourselves to reach those goals. Mr. Bodenmiller agreed it would be great to have a general oversight, however the process is very slow and never goes smoothly and there is always something that 'puts it off the rail'. He said it is something to talk about but he does not want something to be presented like it's locked in stone and then it does not happen. He also said a better effort should be made to get facts out to the community because a lot of information about the Airport on Facebook, for example, is not factual. Mr. Ceglie said a presentation to the community is a good idea and we can work on doing that.

Ms. Barbera spoke to Ms. Santangelo's question about the RAC's power to compel the developers and emphasized the RAC is an advisory commission and is on record that it informs DOT about what the communities' needs are regarding the Airport. She said the RAC has been very involved and has very strongly stated its opinions by passing Resolutions that were sent to the State. That is what the RAC can do as an advisory committee with the help of the community and the Airport. Ms. Barbera added that the word 'power' sounds great but we are still an advisory commission, and we are still trying. Ms. Santangelo said she appreciates all the work done by the RAC and thinks it would be great to work toward getting the Commission a little more power. Mr. Bodenmiller said the only power the RAC has is the ability to try to change the mind of decision-makers and we do that by expressing the concerns of the community. We also have a responsibility to make sure the Airport operates safely and profitably. He thinks the Commission needs to be more aware of the communities' concerns but the communities need to be more aware of the Airport's need to function. It is a complicated process and a balancing act, but we will do the best we can.

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REPUBLIC AIRPORT - OPERATIONS REPORT

MAY 2024 & TWO MONTHS YEAR-TO-DATE

	CURRENT MONTH				FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE			
	2024/25	2023/24	CHANGE	% Change	2024/25	2023/24	CHANGE	%Change
A. TOTAL OPERATIONS (FAA)	20,579	30,217	(9,638)	-31.9%	39,252	48,890	(9,638)	-19.7%
B. LANDINGS BY TYPE AIRCRAFT (Ops)	8,861	9,160	(299)	-3.3%	17,109	17,408	(299)	-1.7%
Single Engine Piston	4,098	4,509	(411)	-9.1%	7,784	8,195	(411)	-5.0%
Multi Engine Piston	136	197	(61)	-31.0%	277	338	(61)	-18.0%
SUB-TOTAL	4,234	4,706	(472)	-10.0%	8,061	8,533	(472)	-5.5%
Turboprop	94	84	10	11.9%	153	143	10	7.0%
Jet	670	715	(45)	-6.3%	1,432	1,477	(45)	-3.0%
Helicopter	137	170	(33)	-19.4%	230	263	(33)	-12.5%
TOTALS	5,135	5,675	(540)	-9.5%	9,876	10,416	(540)	-5.2%
C. TOUCH & GO'S (Ops)								
Single Engine Piston	3,696	3,464	232	6.7%	7,151	6,919	232	3.4%
Multi Engine Piston	23	13	10	76.9%	28	18	10	55.6%
Turboprop	2	0	2	0.0%	2	0	2	0.0%
Jet	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%
Helicopter	5	8	(3)	-37.5%	52	55	(3)	-5.5%
TOTALS	3,726	3,485	241	6.9%	7,233	6,992	241	3.4%
D. PASSENGERS								
Ultimate Jet Charters Inc.	536	798	(262)	-32.8%	1,280	1,542	(262)	-17.0%
TOTALS	536	798	(262)	-32.8%	1,280	1,542	(262)	-17.0%
E. BASED AIRCRAFT								
Single Engine Piston	258	264	(6)	-2.3%				
Multi Engine Piston	45	46	(1)	-2.2%				
Turboprop	10	9	1	11.1%				
Jet	102	106	(4)	-3.8%				
Helicopter	18	18	0	0.0%				
TOTALS	433	443	(10)	-2.3%				

REPUBLIC AIRPORT - OPERATIONS REPORT

JUNE 2024 & THREE MONTHS YEAR-TO-DATE

	CURRENT MONTH				FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE			
	2024/25	2023/24	CHANGE	% Change	2024/25	2023/24	CHANGE	%Change
A. TOTAL OPERATIONS (FAA)	21,472	23,282	(1,810)	-7.8%	60,724	62,534	(1,810)	-2.9%
B. LANDINGS BY TYPE AIRCRAFT (Ops)	9,524	7,536	1,988	26.4%	26,633	24,944	1,689	6.8%
Single Engine Piston	4,680	3,106	1,574	50.7%	12,464	11,301	1,163	10.3%
Multi Engine Piston	174	124	50	40.3%	451	462	(11)	-2.4%
SUB-TOTAL	4,854	3,230	1,624	50.3%	12,915	11,763	1,152	9.8%
Turboprop	97	99	(2)	-2.0%	250	242	8	3.3%
Jet	699	696	3	0.4%	2,131	2,173	(42)	-1.9%
Helicopter	136	166	(30)	-18.1%	366	429	(63)	-14.7%
TOTALS	5,786	4,191	1,595	38.1%	15,662	14,067	1,595	11.3%
C. TOUCH & GO'S (Ops)								
Single Engine Piston	3,731	3,341	390	11.7%	10,882	10,260	622	6.1%
Multi Engine Piston	6	3	3	100.0%	34	21	13	61.9%
Turboprop	0	0	0	0.0%	2	0	2	0.0%
Jet	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%
Helicopter	1	1	0	0.0%	53	56	(3)	-5.4%
TOTALS	3,738	3,345	393	11.7%	10,971	10,337	634	6.1%
D. PASSENGERS								
Ultimate Jet Charters Inc.	846	1,158	(312)	-26.9%	2,126	2,700	(574)	-21.3%
TOTALS	846	1,158	(312)	-26.9%	2,126	2,700	(574)	-21.3%
E. BASED AIRCRAFT								
Single Engine Piston	258	264	(6)	-2.3%				
Multi Engine Piston	45	46	(1)	-2.2%				
Turboprop	10	9	1	11.1%				
Jet	102	106	(4)	-3.8%				
Helicopter	18	18	0	0.0%				
TOTALS	433	443	(10)	-2.3%				

**REPUBLIC AIRPORT - AIRCRAFT COMPLAINT REPORT
MAY 2024 & TWO MONTHS YEAR-TO-DATE**

	CURRENT MONTH		FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE	
	2024/25	2023/24	2024/25	2023/24
TOTAL AIRCRAFT COMPLAINTS	11	18	31	27
I. TIME OF DAY				
Day	7	16	24	23
Night	0	1	0	2
Unknown	4	1	7	2
TOTAL BY TIME	11	18	31	27
II. TYPE OF AIRCRAFT/ USE				
Jet	2	3	4	4
Turboprop	0	0	0	0
Multi/ Single	0	5	3	5
Helicopter	1	3	1	3
Unknown	8	7	23	15
TOTAL BY TYPE	11	18	31	27
III. COMPLAINTS BY AREA				
North	0	0	3	0
Northwest	4	17	13	23
Northeast	0	0	0	0
South	1	0	2	0
Southwest	2	0	4	0
Southeast	0	0	3	1
East	0	0	1	0
West	4	1	5	3
Unknown	0	0	0	0
TOTAL BY AREA	11	18	31	27
IV. HOUSEHOLD TOTAL	7	8		
V. COMPLAINT BY RUNWAY				
Arrival 32	0	1	0	2
Departure 14	0	0	0	0
Arrival 14	0	1	2	1
Departure 32	1	2	1	2
Arrival 19	1	1	1	1
Departure 01	0	0	0	0
Arrival 01	1	1	1	1
Departure 19	0	0	0	0
Other *	0	5	3	5
Unknowns	8	7	23	15
TOTAL BY RUNWAY	11	18	31	27
VI. AIRCRAFT LOCATION				
Based	2	2	3	3
Transient	1	9	5	9
Unknown	8	7	23	15
TOTAL BY LOCATION	11	18	31	27

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

**REPUBLIC AIRPORT - AIRCRAFT COMPLAINT REPORT
JUNE 2024 & THREE MONTHS YEAR-TO-DATE**

	CURRENT MONTH		FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE	
	2024/25	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24
TOTAL AIRCRAFT COMPLAINTS	17	41	48	68
I. TIME OF DAY				
Day	15	37	39	60
Night	1	0	1	2
Unknown	1	4	8	6
TOTAL BY TIME	17	41	48	68
II. TYPE OF AIRCRAFT/ USE				
Jet	4	4	8	8
Turboprop	0	0	0	0
Multi/ Single	4	22	7	27
Helicopter	0	0	1	3
Unknown	9	15	32	30
TOTAL BY TYPE	17	41	48	68
III. COMPLAINTS BY AREA				
North	4	14	7	14
Northwest	5	1	18	24
Northeast	1	0	1	0
South	3	3	5	3
Southwest	0	4	4	4
Southeast	0	1	3	2
East	2	0	3	0
West	2	18	7	21
Unknown	0	0	0	0
TOTAL BY AREA	17	41	48	68
IV. HOUSEHOLD TOTAL	13	11		
V. COMPLAINT BY RUNWAY				
Arrival 32	0	0	0	2
Departure 14	0	0	0	0
Arrival 14	0	0	2	1
Departure 32	2	0	3	2
Arrival 19	2	12	3	13
Departure 01	1	1	1	1
Arrival 01	0	1	1	2
Departure 19	2	0	2	0
Other *	1	12	4	17
Unknowns	9	15	32	30
TOTAL BY RUNWAY	17	41	48	68
VI. AIRCRAFT LOCATION				
Based	4	10	7	13
Transient	4	16	9	25
Unknown	9	15	32	30
TOTAL BY LOCATION	17	41	48	68

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