

PENNSYLVANIA AVIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 11, 2020 (SKYPE) MEETING AGENDA

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

(Skype Meeting Dial-in Information)

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- A. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS – Robert Shaffer, Chairperson
- B. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS – Mark Murawski, Secretary
- C. APPROVAL OF MARCH 12, 2020 MINUTES – Chairperson Shaffer
- D. AAC MEMBERSHIP VACANCY NOMINATIONS – Chairperson Shaffer
 - 1. Scott Foose
 - 2. Tes Ali
- E. REAL ID SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE – Nolan Ritchie
- F. PA ACT 52 SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE – David Eberly
- G. UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE UPDATE – Jon Minninger
- H. CONFIRM 2020 PRIORTIY FOCUS AREAS -Chairperson Shaffer/Group
 - Covid-19 Aviation Impacts Related to Priority Focus Areas
- I. OLD BUSINESS – Chairperson Shaffer/Mark Murawski
 - 1. Develop AAC Operating Procedures In Lieu of Bylaws Amendment
- J. NEW BUSINESS – Chairperson Shaffer
- K. NEXT MEETING DATE (SEPTEMBER 10, 2020) – Chairperson Shaffer
- L. ADJOURNMENT – Chairperson Shaffer

NOTE: Due to Covid-19, it is unknown when In Person AAC Meetings will occur

PA AVIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MARCH 12, 2020 (SKYPE) MEETING MINUTES

SKYPE MEETING ATTENDEES:

Robert Shaffer, Chairman
Ed Lozano, Vice-Chairman
Mark Murawski, Secretary
Anthony McCloskey, Director, PA Bureau of Aviation
Michael Ruane
Steve Keefer
David Eberly
Nolan Richie
Josiah Shelly
Chuck Brewer
Gary Hudson
Denise Remilard
William Adkins
Carl Beardsley
Brian Phillips
Keith Brune

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chairman Shaffer called the SKYPE meeting to order at 10:00 AM in lieu of a regular in person meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A roll call of Committee voting members was performed. Since a voting quorum was not established, formal business could not be acted upon as per the bylaws.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Due to lack of a quorum, the minutes of the November 19, 2019 PA Aviation Advisory Committee were deferred for action until the next meeting.

REAL-ID SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Sub-committee Chairman, Nolan Ritchie referred to the meeting packet and summarized their final draft report. The purpose of the report was to address concerns related to the Commonwealth's implementation and preparedness of the federal REAL ID law through evaluation of the Commonwealth's marketing plan for REAL ID and developing recommendations to enhance the awareness and education of the REAL ID requirements.

The report culminated in 5 major recommendations for the Commonwealth and another 5 major recommendations for Aviation Partners as further detailed in the report. In summary, the recommendations primarily focus on the need for the Commonwealth and its aviation partners to undertake more measures to improve the awareness and education of REAL IDs among aviation consumers with the limited timeframe left prior to the federal IS+D enforcement date of October 1, 2020 so that confusion can be avoided at our airports.

The general consensus expressed by AAC members was that this report was very well done and is supported by the AAC as presented. Mr. Ritchie will work cooperatively with all appropriate entities to advance implementation of the AAC report recommendations.

CONFIRM AAC MEMBERSHIP AND VACANCIES

Chairman Shaffer indicated that there are currently three vacant voting member seats on the AAC and we need to identify nominees that would be excellent candidates to fill these seats. Chairman Shaffer asked all AAC members to help identify potential candidates for nomination by the AAC at the next regular AAC business meeting in June with subsequent referral to the Governor's Office for final approval. Mr. McCloskey also noted he is working with the Governor's Office to address the re-appointment of 9 AAC member terms that will expire later this month. Mr. Ritchie added that members can continue to serve until reappointed or the Governor appoints a successor to replace the member.

PA ACT 52 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Sub-Committee Chairman David Eberly presented the report. The primary purpose of this Sub-Committee was to ensure retention of PA Act 52 State Aviation Tax Exemption Status by identifying data that supports continuation of the exemption such as aviation job creation/retention etc... Mr. Eberly noted that currently he is not aware of any political pressure to rescind PA Act 52 but we must be vigilant in compiling supportive data of the positive impacts to the aviation industry and the overall economy as well as mobilize grassroots support when necessary. Mr. Eberly shared some initial data the sub-committee obtained to document the positive aviation business impacts already realized at our PA airports. Coordination with the PA Aviation Council is also occurring to build the case for continuation of Act 52. The 2016 ACP Report is also a useful tool as will be the PA Aviation Impact Study Update that will soon be underway once a consultant is selected by PennDOT. AAC members agreed the sub-committee is off to a good start and work will continue in a variety of ways such as airport surveys.

UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE REPORT

Discussion of this item was deferred as the lead member Mr. Minninger was not able to participate.

2020 PRIORITY FOCUS AREAS

Chairman Shaffer began a general discussion to identify AAC priority issue focus areas for this year in order to make a meaningful impact on PA Aviation and better concentrate our Committee's limited time and resources. Some preliminary issues that were identified included:

- The pilots and aircraft mechanics labor shortages
- Sustaining aviation jobs in the Commonwealth
- High price of aviation fuel
- Lack of sufficient FAA block grant funds and other financial issues affecting many PA airport operations and infrastructure needs
- Commercial Air Service issues or limitations that have state-wide impacts so each airport does not have to address these types of issues alone.
- Collect information from general public on aviation issues and unmet needs (create a website?)

Chairman Shaffer noted that some of these ideas if done properly may take considerable resources for the AAC to obtain and we do not have a working budget to hire professional consultants so this needs considered. Mr. Murawski indicated that he is a member of the State Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and that TAC is provided Commonwealth resources to hire consultants to undertake special TAC studies each year so perhaps this can be explored for the AAC as well if significant studies need done to advance PA Aviation. Chairman Shaffer said that this discussion was a good starting point for further refinement at the next meeting and that members should continue to develop these ideas or offer new ideas.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Chairman Shaffer noted the next meeting was scheduled for June 11, 2020 at a location to be determined. Members expressed interest in returning to the Fish and Boat Commission Headquarters in Harrisburg, if available.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, Chairman Shaffer adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM.

Submitted By,



Mark Murawski, Secretary