

**CHICAGO EXECUTIVE AIRPORT
AIRPORT NOISE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2018
1020 S. PLANT ROAD
WHEELING, IL 60090
6:00 PM**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Committee Chair Jamie Abbott called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call confirmed the following present: Ray Lang, Rob Mark, Steve Neff, Richard Rogers, and Larry Rosenthal.

Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Jamie Abbott – Executive Director
 Jennifer Pfeifer - Recording Secretary

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the March 7, 2018 Noise Committee minutes was made by Larry Rosenthal and seconded by Steve Neff. Steve Neff suggested some changes to the minutes and the revised minutes were approved by a voice vote. Ayes: Ray Lang, Rob Mark, Steve Neff, Richard Rogers, and Larry Rosenthal. Absent: none

III. Committee Chair Report

Jamie Abbott spoke on the following topics:

- NEM Update – The final NEM Update report was accepted by the Board of Directors at the March meeting and the full report is available on the Airport website. The completion allows the Airport to continue on to other projects such as sound attenuation.
- Sound Attenuation RFQ – Sound attenuation is usually only done by very large airports. The RFQ was based upon O’Hare’s paperwork, scaled down to fit Chicago Executive Airport and will be advertised by the end of this month. The first step is to hire a project manager. This will be a long-term project.

Larry Rosenthal asked about project manager qualifications and the length of the project. Jamie said the project manager would have to be skilled with regulations, experience with aviation sound attenuation and could relocate from anywhere in the country but the construction team would be local workers. The project is estimated to go at least ten years since the airport can only budget certain amounts per year. Certain structures will have priority.

Steve Neff commented about O'Hare noise attenuation going on for years and suggested speaking with people involved with that project. Jamie agreed.

Ray Lang commented about the O'Hare noise committee and asked when visible progress would begin. Jamie replied that the process starts with determining eligibility and construction would probably take place next year. There will be stakeholder and a meeting with the Board of Directors to answer questions. The FAA would like a project manager hired as soon as possible.

- Noise Committee rules and procedures – Approved by the Board of Directors in January. Any changes that are made will go back to the Board for approval.
 - Term limits – There are only four meetings a year. Ray does not think there should be term limits and pointed out the committee needs a Prospect Heights representative. Richard thinks two years is too short for a term. Larry asked the reason for term limits. He thinks if there has to be a limit, it should be for four years with one re-appointment option and the terms should be staggered. He will speak to the Mayor about finding a Prospect Heights person to complete the committee.
 - Item 2E should be struck so that the committee can replace members who leave right away rather than only twice a year.
 - Steve Neff asked for clarification of 1C. It is ok for him to speak at the Regular Board of Directors Meetings as a citizen of Wheeling.
 - Item 2D – it was suggested to eliminate the one-year hiatus requirement.
 - There was discussion about the one-hour time limit. This is just a guideline and the committee can decide to exceed the time limit on a case by case basis.

Jamie will present these changes to the Board of Directors at an upcoming meeting.

IV. Committee Member Comments

- Larry Rosenthal had no comments.
- Richard Rogers asked if anyone followed up on the woman who complained about the residue on her roof? Jamie said he called her and she did not return his call. Richard said he called her, too. Steve Neff volunteered to follow up with her.
- Ray Lang inquired about the Boeing approach procedure and Jamie said that it is almost official, Boeing pilots have been practicing in the flight simulator and he will let the Board of Directors know when it is in effect. Ray also asked if there has been any progress with working with the tower. Rob Mark said that he tried but the tower said any change in procedures would require an environmental impact study. According to Jamie his contact with the FAA resulted in the same answer. Ray Lang would like to know what an environmental impact study would cost, if it would be possible to complete and what positive impact it might have for the Airport. Jamie spoke about a positive reinforcement program for flight departments that he is meeting about on Monday. Rob Mark spoke about procedures at other airport that require departure from the same arrival runway.

- Rob Mark spoke about a suggestion he received from a Wheeling resident regarding engaging pilots and dispatchers about noise concerns during night hours. He thinks this could help and is a good idea.
- Steve Neff said that incentives for pilots to fly during the day are a good idea. He spoke about the NEM Update and his idea to make poster sized copies of the noise contour map so that pilots would be more aware of the homes and schools they are flying over. He also suggested that the noise complaint sheets be bound into a book and placed in pilot's lounges.

V. Public Comments

Phil Mader spoke about his perceived tone of "us versus them" at the Board of Directors meetings. He spoke about the NBAA seminar titled "Barbarians at the Gates." He wants the Airport and residents to work together to solve problems. He is offended by Director Cloud's suggested to deactivate the noise hotline and only accept complaints via the internet. He would like to know how he applies for sound attenuation and how the procedure will work.

VI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ray Lang and seconded by Richard Rogers to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by voice vote. Ayes: Ray Lang, Rob Mark, Steve Neff, Richard Rogers and Larry Rosenthal. Absent: none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Pfeifer
Executive Secretary