



MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, December 4, 2023  
3:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Wichita Airport Advisory Board (WAAB) was held in the Administration Building Board Room, 2173 Air Cargo Road and via a virtual format.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Present in Person: Chair Tim Bonnell, Marco Alcocer, Ebony Clemons, Joey Ellzey, Charlie Fletcher, Randy Frazer, John Hennessy, Randy Mullikin, Sierra Scott.

Present Virtually: Vice Chair Ron Ryan.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Present in Person: Jesse Romo, Brad Christopher, Jacque Butler, Jill Darge, Jay Hinkel, Nate Hinkel, John Oswald, Kevin Reiser, Valerie Wise.

Present Virtually: Chris Dotson.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Darge took roll call. Chair Bonnell called the meeting to order once a quorum was established.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Bonnell requested approval of the November 6, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Ellzey; motion passed unanimously.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Snow removal practices and the significant snow event which caused Eisenhower Airport to close for 13 hours the weekend after Thanksgiving were discussed. Romo stated that a strategy on how to handle future storms differently will be presented at the next WAAB meeting.
- United Airlines will be receiving the Silver Safety Award on December 14, 2023.
- Tenant luncheon is scheduled for December 12, 2023 at 12:00 at the DoubleTree Hotel. WAAB members are invited and should RSVP.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

- A partnership has been established with WSU for the WAA to sponsor the watch parties at the Social Tap for Men's Basketball away games. American Airlines non-stop flights to Miami, Washington & Phoenix will be promoted. American Airlines has donated 50,000 AAdvantage points to be given away at the last party.
- 12 schools are scheduled to perform vocal and instrumental holiday programs in the terminal.
- Holiday cards for troops is ongoing in the terminal. Passengers can write messages to the troops who are not going to be home for the holidays.
- DCA inaugural flight is January 8, 2024. To be escorted to the gate, please meet in the media room in the terminal by 1:30 p.m. The flight is scheduled to depart at 2:59 p.m.
- A presentation was made by Romo recommending that the parking garage rate be increased from \$16.00 to \$18.00, and that the economy lot rate increase from \$11.00 to \$14.00 effective no earlier than February 1, 2024. Discussion ensued and a motion was made by Ellzey to increase the parking garage rate from \$16.00 to \$20.00 and the economy lot rate from \$11.00 to \$14.00. The motion was seconded by Fletcher and passed unanimously.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Romo thanked Jay Hinkel for his tenure with the Advisory Board over the last 16 years. Hinkel will retire from the City on February 2, 2024.
- Ebony Clemons joined us for her first in-person meeting after being appointed by Commissioner Ron Baty. Ebony is a Senior Economic Development Manager for Evergy and normally attends virtually. The chair took the opportunity to welcome her to the board.

The next regular Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting is scheduled to be held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, February 5, 2024.