

# MINETA SAN JOSE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

## Minutes of the Airport Commission Special Meeting

MONDAY

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

JUNE 8, 2015

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### CALL TO ORDER

The Airport Commission of the Mineta San Jose International Airport met for a special session on Monday, June 8, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at Norman Y. Mineta San José International Airport in the Boeing/McDonnell Douglas Conference Room at 1701 Airport Boulevard, Suite B1130, San Jose, CA 95110.

### ATTENDEES

#### COMMISSIONERS

Andrés Quintero, Chair	- Absent
Spencer Horowitz, Vice-Chair	- Present
Isaiah Azadgan	- Present
E. Ronald Blake	- Present
Abhay (AJ) Borade	- Present
Matt Domenici	- Present
Alain Dussau	- Absent
Keith Ian Graham	- Present
Julie Matsushima	- Present
Stephen McMinn	- Present

#### AIRPORT STAFF PRESENT

Curt Eikerman  
Darleen Yamaki

#### CITY STAFF PRESENT

Neelam Naidu

#### ASST. TO THE DIRECTOR FOR GOVERNMENT & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

James Webb, Jr.

#### COUNCIL LIAISON

Patricia Ceja

Due to the absence of Chair Andrés Quintero, Vice Chair Spencer Horowitz chaired the meeting.

## **1. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Discussion and Action

### **1.1 Presentation regarding Hearing Procedures for Airport Commission Administrative Citation Appeals**

Deputy City Attorney Neelam Naidu gave a PowerPoint presentation to Commissioners explaining the appeal hearing procedures for Curfew Administration Citations, including the options for Commissioners in making their decisions. She also reviewed the curfew exemptions, including Force Majeure Event.

The presentation was followed by questions from the Commissioners.

**No action taken.**

### **1.2 Conduct a hearing on appeal of the decision of the Director of Aviation of the Norman Y. Mineta San José International Airport to Issue Administrative Citation No. 2015-33-2411 – Hawaiian Airlines.**

*Note: Items 1.2 and 1.3 were heard together.*

Vice Chair Horowitz stated that since both curfew violation citations resulted from the same flight, the Commission would hear the items together and vote separately on each citation.

**Approved (8-0-2, Absent: Dussau, Quintero)**

Ms. Naidu swore in Airport Operations manager Curt Eikerman, Paula Phipps, Hawaiian Airlines System Operations Control, and Kevin Blumberg, Hawaiian Airlines SJC Station Manager, prior to their testimony.

Curt Eikerman presented that Hawaiian Airlines was scheduled to depart at 11 p.m. but actually pushed back from the gate at 11:31 p.m., and took off at 11:59 p.m. during Curfew hours. The flight landed during Curfew hours at 1:17 a.m.

Hawaiian Airlines staff explained that due to a rudder trim issue discovered on a prior flight, the aircraft was grounded. Hawaiian Airlines flew in crew to deal with the issue. It scheduled a test flight to test the aircraft. The test flight planned to depart at 23:00 hours, but was delayed due to questions from the pilots to the mechanics. The test flight was not successful. Hawaiian Airlines

presented that the test flight should be exempt from the Curfew due to the mechanical issues.

The Commissioners voted to overturn the issuance of Citation No. 2015-33-2411 for the arriving flight.

**Motion failed (M.S.F. Domenici/Blake, 1-7-2 (Noes: Azadgan, Blake, Borade, Graham, Horowitz, Matsushima, McMinn), Absent: Dussau, Quintero)**

**Result: Citation upheld.**

**1.3 Conduct a hearing on appeal of the decision of the Director of Aviation of the Norman Y. Mineta San José International Airport to Issue Administrative Citation No. 2015-55-1159 – Hawaiian Airlines.**

*Note: Items 1.2 and 1.3 were heard together.*

The Commissioners voted to overturn Citation No. 2015-55-1159 for the departing flight.

**Motion failed (M.S.F. Domenici/Borade, 4-4-2 (Noes: Azadgan, Graham, Horowitz, McMinn), Absent: Dussau, Quintero)**

**Result: Citation upheld.**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Six members of the public requested to speak on the noise impact of the FAA Next Gen Program on their community. They stated that in March the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) moved the arrival path for flights to San Francisco and San José over their Santa Cruz County community. The change has resulted in a significant noise impact. They stated the FAA had not met with the community before making the change. They requested the support of the Commission in obtaining a proper noise study from the FAA and to help facilitate a meeting with the FAA on the impact this program is having on their community's environment in Santa Cruz.

By consensus, the Commission requested staff to agendaize this item for a future meeting and asked staff to return with information and possible options.

Commissioner/Staff Announcements: Assistant to the Director Webb reminded Commissioners of the inaugural flight of Hainan Airlines on June 15 and urged any

Commissioner planning to attend to get the required information to staff as soon as possible.

Mr. Webb also announced that Commissioner McMinn had recently completed the successful defense of his Ph.D. dissertation.

Commissioner Blake raised a concern about entering the Terminal A parking garage that staff promised to investigate.

### 3. ADJOURNMENT

**Action:** A motion was made by Vice-Chair Horowitz to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

**Motion Approved (M.S.C – Graham/Domenici, 8-0-2, Absent: Dussau, Quintero)**