# PENNSYLVANIA AVIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MARCH 12, 2020 MEETING AGENDA

10:00 AM - NOON

### PA Department of Agriculture Building

- A. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS Robert Shaffer, Chairperson
- B. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS Mark Murawski, Secretary
- C. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 14, 2019 MINUTES Chairperson Shaffer
- D. CONFIRM ACC MEMBERSHIP AND VACANCIES Chairperson Shaffer
  - a. Updated ACC Contact List (Members, Alternates, Stakeholders)
- E. PA ACT 52 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT David Eberly
- F. REAL ID SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT Nolan Ritchie
- G. UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE REPORT John Mininger
- H. 2020 PRIORTIY FOCUS AREAS Chairperson Shaffer Leads Group Discussion
- I. OLD BUSINESS Chairperson Shaffer
- J. NEW BUSINESS Chairperson Shaffer
- K. NEXT MEETING DATE Chairperson Shaffer
- L. ADJOURNMENT Chairperson Shaffer

## PA AVIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 14, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

#### PA Fish and Boat Commission Building

1601 Elmerton Avenue

Harrisburg, PA 17710

#### **MEETING ATTENDEES:**

Chairman Bob Shaffer, Dubois-Jefferson Airport Michael Ruane, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Tom Bonin, Wilkes-Barre Scranton International Airport B.J. Teichman, Bloomsburg Municipal Airport Steve Keefer, Sr. Piedmont Airlines Tyler Laughlin, Pittsburgh International Airport David Eberly, Lancaster Airport Ryan Emerson, PA Department of Community and Economic Development Nolan Richie, PA Senate Gabe Monzo, Arnold Palmer Airport Tony McCloskey, PennDOT Bureau of Aviation Mark Murawski, Lycoming County Planning Commission Josiah Shelly, PA House Chuck Brewer, General Public Jason Gerard, PA Senate Kyle Wagonseller, PA House Ed Lozano, Lehigh Valley International Airport Tes Ali (alt. for Gary Hudson), Chester County Airport Greg Rothman, PA House Meredith Biggica PA House Transportation Committee John Mininger

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Shaffer called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Committee members were asked to introduce themselves. A meeting quorum was established for voting purposes.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the December 17, 2018 PA Aviation Advisory Committee were unanimously approved.

#### **CALL FOR ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

Chairman Shaffer asked Committee members to identify any additional items that should be addressed in addition to the stated agenda.

A concern raised pertained to the overall communication and public awareness of the implementation of REAL ID slated to take effect on October 1, 2020 where a PennDOT issued REAL ID license or valid passport will be required for passengers to board commercial flights in accordance with new federal homeland security requirements. Although PennDOT has already done a fairly extensive public awareness campaign regarding REAL ID ,and frequent flyers are likely aware of the issue, it is feared that less frequent air travelers may not be paying attention and will show up at our PA commercial service airports without the proper documentation which may cause confusion at our airport terminals when access to flights will be denied. It was suggested that maybe PennDOT can arrange to provide a room or small space at the airport terminals for airport customers to obtain their REAL ID. Another suggestion was that perhaps a box for customers to check when ordering their airline tickets demonstrating that they are aware of the Real ID requirements can be provided.

Chairman Shaffer then formed a REAL ID Sub-Committee consisting of the following members to further research options to ensure a smooth transition of REAL ID implementation at PA Airports: Tom Bonin, Keith Brune, Gabe Monzo and Nolan Ritchie. This subcommittee will provide a report of their activities at the March Aviation Advisory Committee meeting.

A need was also identified to get Pilots education and funding.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The following individuals were elected to serve as PA Aviation Advisory Committee Officers for 2020.

Vice-Chairman: Ed Lozano

Secretary: Mark Murawski

#### **FINALIZE BYLAWS**

Chairman Shaffer referred to the Bylaws of the Aviation Advisory Committee adopted on December 15, 1999 which were provided to members. Several major provisions of the bylaws need updated as follows:

- In terms of voting, if a quorum is present then no phone votes would be necessary.
- A term is 3 years for a committee member. Tony McCloskey will check on the AAC appointment letters issued by the Governor to clearly establish dates when various members were appointed and when member terms will expire. Mark Murawski cautioned that some member terms may be near expiration shortly.
- The Committee should meet at least 3 times per year.
- The reference where members may not serve more than two successive terms should be deleted as many current AAC members may need to leave the Committee at the end of their current term leaving a major gap in knowledge and expertise for the AAC to quickly fill.

Other wording changes were reviewed.

The Committee unanimously approved the proposed bylaws amendments.

Tony McCloskey will finalize the proposed amendments to the Bylaws and send to the PennDOT Office of Legislative Affairs who in turn will issue to the PA House and Senate Transportation Committees.

#### FINALIZE COMMITTEE FOCUS AREAS FOR 2020

Chairman Shaffer asked Committee members to confirm the three focus areas of Committee work for 2020 so that we can prioritize our efforts given limited resources. After much discussion, the Committee decided that the 3 focus areas are the following:

- Uniform Construction Code, (UCC) requirements hampering aviation facility construction such as small hangars. More research needed by AAC to build case for reforms needed.
- REAL ID Implementation at Airports as previously discussed.
- Retention of PA Act 52 (State Aviation Tax exemption status needs protected by identifying data that supports the exemption such as aviation job creation/retention etc...)

Chairman Shaffer formed a subcommittee for PA Act 52 Retention consisting of the following members: Dave Eberly, Tes Ali and Bob Shaffer. The subcommittee will prepare a plan of action and report back to the full committee at the March meeting. John Mininger also offered to follow-up with APC on the UCC briefing paper previously developed and share with the Committee.

#### **PENNDOT UAS PRESENTATION**

John Melville, PennDOT Bureau of Aviation gave a presentation on the PennDOT Unmanned Aircraft Systems Program. Numerous potential drone applications were cited. John stressed that due to FAA operational limitations drones cannot operate over people or moving vehicles, are limited to daylight operations with speeds less than 100 mph and a maximum of 400 feet above ground level or structure. Drones must also be within the line of sight at all times and remain outside controlled airspace unless FAA Air Traffic Control approval is granted. PennDOT UAS operator certification and NST operator training was also reviewed. The Committee found the presentation very informative and expressed their appreciation to John.

#### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting was scheduled for March 12, 2020. Tony McCloskey will provide a more complete AAC 2020 meeting schedule to members as follow-up to this meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to conduct, Chairman Shaffer adjourned the meeting at 11:50 AM.

Submitted By,

Mark Murawski, Sécretar

Aviation Advisory Committee

Fish and Boat Commission

10:00 – 12:00 pm

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