

Peninsula Airport Commission
Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2023, 11:00 a.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Chair, Lindsey Carney Smith
Treasurer, James "Jay" Joseph
Secretary, Dr. McKinley Price
Assistant Secretary, John Lawson

Counsel:

Counsel, L. Scott Seymour

Guest Attendees:

Fabio Bendaña – Passero Associates

Chair Carney Smith called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Chair Carney Smith noted that the purpose of the Special Meeting was to receive a briefing on the progress of the Airport Masterplan project from representatives of Passero Associates, the lead project consultants. The Chair introduced Fabio Bendaña – Aviation Buildings Program Manager with Passero Associates and a member of the Airport Masterplan project team. Mr. Bendaña provided an update on the status of the Masterplan project and expected timeline to completion. He noted the project is taking into consideration, among others, the following areas:

Passenger Experience – terminal design, customer flow, and space usage.

Terminal Sustainability – light management, energy efficiency, potential alternative energy sources, health and security.

Economic Development – air service expansion, cargo facilities, development opportunities, community involvement and education.

Mr. Bendaña's presentation on The Future of Aviation in Newport News was reviewed and discussed with the Commissioners. The Commissioners present provided feedback and questions to Mr. Bendaña and the Chair.

Chair Carney Smith then provided a brief update on the status and timing of the Regional Aviation Study which is progressing in the "data collection" phase. Further updates will be provided as available from the consultants completing the study.

The Commissioners discussed short and long term building repair and maintenance needs, as well as the potential for a future terminal replacement, taking advantage of more modern and efficient construction materials and systems. Mr. Bendaña discussed immediate repair projects to target for potential grant requests. Such Federal grants may require local or state matching funds. The Commission would need to explore the availability of such matching funds with the Commonwealth and participating localities.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.