

**MINUTES**  
**AERONAUTICS COMMISSION**  
**June 25, 2009**  
*Meeting 10:00 a.m. – Division of Aeronautics*  
*West Columbia, South Carolina*

**Commission Members in Attendance**

Gregg A. Malphrus, Chairman, At-large  
Raymond E. McKay, Jr., JD, CPA,  
District 2 & Secretary  
Ira E. Coward II, District 3  
Joshua D. Houston, District 4  
Barry G. Avent, District 5  
Dennis L. Dabney, CPA, District 6

**Commission Member Absent**

William M. McKown, District 1 &  
Vice-Chairman

**Visitors in Attendance**

John Hodge, Esq., HSB Law Firm  
Darwin Simpson, Spartanburg Downtown Airport  
Ethan Atkinson, Marlboro County Student  
Gary H. Lott, LPA Group, Inc.  
Carlisle Reames, Celebrate Freedom Foundation  
David Good, Senate Finance Committee  
Rosylin Weston, South Carolina Aviation Association

**Aeronautics Staff in Attendance**

Paul G. Werts, Executive Director  
Revé M. Richardson, Recording Secretary  
Mihir Shah, Associate Airport Engineer  
Hugh Tuttle, Chief Pilot  
John Floyd, State Airport Planner  
Jamey Kempson, Assoc. Airport Eng. & Facilities Mgr.

**B&CB in Attendance**

Frank Fusco, Executive Director  
Eddie Gunn, Chief of Staff

Darwin Simpson, Spartanburg Memorial Airport  
Eric Ramsdell, Rock Hill/York County Airport  
Holt Hopkins, Anderson County  
Buddy Counts, Celebrate Freedom Foundation  
Jack Lovelady, Celebrate Freedom Foundation  
Katie Koon, South Carolina Aviation Association

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**Welcome and Call to Order**

*Chairman Malphrus* called the meeting to order and announced a quorum in attendance. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and called for the invocation. The invocation was given by *Commissioner Avent*. Mr. Werts introduced our visitors.

**Approval of Minutes**

*Chairman Malphrus* presented the minutes of the May 28, 2009 Commission meeting for approval. *Secretary McKay* made a **Motion** the minutes be approved as presented, *Commissioner Dabney* seconded, and all approved.

**Celebrate Freedom Foundation Presentation**

Mr. Lovelady and Mr. Counts of the Celebrate Freedom Foundation presented an original signed painting by Eddie Sutton to Mr. Werts and Ms. Richardson for the lobby of the Aeronautics Facility, which is autographed by the Doolittle Raiders.

**Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport**

Mr. Werts introduced Mr. Simpson, Airport Director who gave a brief update on the proposed Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport terminal. Action is postponed on this project.

**Budget & Control Board Presentation**

Mr. Fusco welcomed the Commission to the B&CB and assured the Commission that the B&CB wants to help make us successful with our mission. The B&CB sees Aeronautics and the Commission as independent, with the B&CB standing ready to help in any way with the challenges ahead. The B&CB has many resources available to Aeronautics; legal staff, legislative staff, personnel staff, and excellent accounting support functions and staff. Reporting will probably be to the five B&CB board members and Aeronautics will be responsible for an annual report to the Secretary of State.

**Financial Update**

Mr. Werts gave a financial update and discussed the Aeronautics budget for FY09/10.

**Projects for Consideration**

**Anderson Regional Airport**

Mr. Werts presented a state and local capital improvement project for the Anderson Regional Airport to construct hangar taxiways. The state portion of the project is \$155,220 and the total project amount is \$258,700. Mr. Hopkins of the Anderson County Department of Transportation gave a brief overview of the scope of the project. The DOA staff recommends approval of this project. *Commissioner Coward* made a **Motion** to approve the project as presented, *Commissioner Avent* seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

South Carolina Aviation Association

Mr. Werts presented a state grant for the South Carolina Aviation Association to fund the following: 1) Palmetto Aviation Quarterly Newsletter, 2) FAA Wings Program, 3) Airport Safety/Maintenance Programs, 4) Aviation Hall of Fame, and 5) Aviation Education Programs. The total grant amount is \$66,000. The DOA staff recommends approval. **Commissioner Dabney** made a **Motion** to approve the grant as presented, **Commissioner Houston** seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

**Department Head Briefing**

Open Grants & Flight Operations Reports

The open grants report and the flight operations report were accepted as presented.

**Title 55 Review**

A briefing was given by Mr. Hodge on the proposed Title 55 update.

**District Reports**

**Secretary McKay**, no report.

**Commissioner Coward** announced he will be attending the Pickens County Airport terminal dedication event on Friday, June 26.

**Commissioner Houston** announced he had attended Mr. Jackson's retirement party as Executive Director at the Greenville/Spartanburg International Airport after twenty-three years of service. Mr. Dave Edwards is the new executive director.

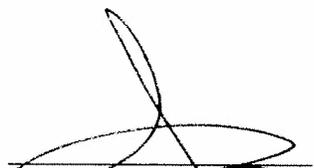
**Commissioner Avent**, no report.

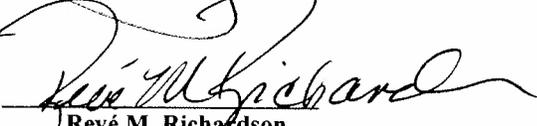
**Commissioner Dabney** reported he, Mr. Hamilton, and Mr. Werts attended a meeting with Senator McGill at the Hemingway/Stuckey Airport. It was a good trip and productive meeting.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, **Secretary McKay** moved the meeting be adjourned, **Commissioner Houston** seconded, all approved, and the meeting was concluded.

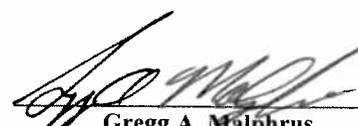
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Date

  
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