

**MINUTES**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION**  
**April 16, 2015**  
**10:00 a.m. South Carolina State Museum**

**Commission Members in Attendance**

Delphin A. Gantt, Jr., Chairman at-Large  
George P. Waters, District 1  
Ira E. Coward, District 2  
John R. Hunt, M.D., District 3  
Matthew J. Kappel, Vice-Chairman, District, 4  
William VanAntwerp, District 5  
Carroll Joye, District 6

**Aeronautics Staff in Attendance**

James D. Stephens, Executive Director  
Paul G. Werts, Program Manager  
Ericka Thomas, Recording Secretary  
Melody Mikell, Finance Director

**Commission Member(s) Absent**

Gerald E. Harmon, M.D., District 7

**Visitors:**

Dr. Carolyn Donelan, Ph.D., Challenger Learning Center  
Dr. Frank W. Young  
Merrill Donahoo

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**Welcome & Call to Order**

*Chairman Gantt* called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and announced a quorum in attendance. He welcomed everyone, and *Chairman Gantt* gave the invocation. Mr. James Stephens introduced the visitors.

**Approval of Minutes**

*Chairman Gantt* presented the minutes of the February 12, 2015 Commission meeting and asked if anyone had any edits or corrections. Since none were forthcoming, the minutes were approved as written.

**Legislative Update**

Mr. Stephens presented the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission (SCAC) Legislative Update and reported that the House budget has passed all requests except for the amendment to Title 55 relating to the Airline Property Tax. Mr. Stephens stated his concerns regarding the passage of proviso 87.oef by the Senate Finance sub-committee, which states that all elected officials will be required to reimburse the Aeronautics Commission for flight expenses on an at-cost basis. Mr. Stephens stated also that the Senate Finance sub-committee passed provisos 104.asf and 117.105. Proviso 104.asf mandates that the State Fiscal Accountability Authority provide administrative services to the SCAC, and Proviso 117.105 allows state aircraft to be used for athletic recruiting if Commerce does not need the aircraft, and that the flight costs be reimbursed to the Commission on an at-cost basis. Mr. Stephens has met with Representative Brian White and his staff to discuss an amendment to Title 55-5-280(B) to direct the revenue from the Airline Property Tax (Section 12-37-2410) to the State Aviation Fund.

**Financial, Budget, & Executive Director's Reports**

Mr. Stephens presented the financials as of March 31, 2015 showing the total Operating results of \$760,520 leaving a cash balance of \$1,237,756. The State Aviation Fund received \$220,067.45 in January and February, bringing the available State Aviation Fund balance to \$5,285,065.68. As of March 31, 2015 the total commitments and expenditures from the State Aviation Fund were \$4,523,097.52 leaving \$761,968.16 cash available for grants and projects.

Mr. Stephens presented the Director's Report and asked for any questions or discussions.

**Airport Development**

*Chairman Gantt* gave the Commission updates on airports within the state and invited the Commissioner's to attend safety inspections at the airports located within their districts. Mr. Stephens presented the information on acquiring the UAS and explained how it could be used within Airport Development, how it could be used to assist other state agencies, and how it could save the division money by not having to expend as many dollars annually in aerial mapping.

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**District Reports**

**Commissioner Waters** – The Berkley County Airport is moving forward with the planning required to remove power line obstructions within the runway approach. The County has been meeting with its consultant, the FAA, the Airport Development Department of SCAC, and the Santee Cooper Electric Cooperative to facilitate the work needed to remove the obstructions.

**Commissioner Coward** - Met with Barnwell County Airport Commission on March 31, 2015, and reminded them that if they wanted projects to be considered, they needed to apply for them. Commissioner Coward stated that Barnwell County's fencing project was going well and that Barnwell is requesting that the FAA release additional land in order for industry to come into the area. He also reported that the Aiken Municipal Airport housed 35-40 planes during the week of April 6 -12<sup>th</sup> for the 2015 Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta, Georgia.

**Commissioner Hunt** – Wanted to remind everyone of the 2015 Anderson Regional Airshow, May 27<sup>th</sup> and the Greenwood Aviation Expo, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Commissioner Kappel** – No Report

**Commissioner VanAntwerp** – No Report

**Commissioner Joye** – Attended a planning conference with Bamberg County concerning their airport project budgets. Commissioner Joye also reported that the County has asked John Ferguson to assist them with grant coordination and general airport management needs. He stated that he would not be attending the June Commission meeting due to prior engagements.

**New/Other Business**

**Chairman Gantt** requested the Commissioner's opinion on moving the June 18<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting to June 27<sup>th</sup> in order for it to be held at the Greenwood Aviation Expo.

**Special Presentations**

The Commission recognized Dr. Frank W. Young for his past service as a Commissioner on the SC Aeronautics Commission, stating they appreciated his dedication to the Commission and Aviation in South Carolina.

The Commission presented the SC State Museum holograms of the four South Carolina astronauts that are SC Aviation Hall of Fame inductees, for the Aviation/Aerospace Exhibit. Mr. Willie Calloway, Executive Director and Mr. Tom Falvey, Museum Curator accepted the holograms for the Museum.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business; **Chairman Gantt** moved the meeting to be adjourned, **Commissioner Waters** seconded, and all approved.

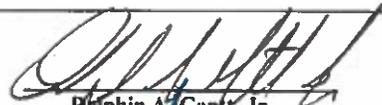


Gerald E. Harmon, M.D.  
Commission Secretary



Ericka D. Thomas  
Commission Recording Secretary

June 17, 2015 Date



Delphin A. Gantt, Jr.  
Commission Chairman



Matthew J. Kappel, Esq.  
Commission Vice-Chairman

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