

**MINUTES**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION**  
**June 27, 2015**  
**Greenwood Aviation Expo and Airshow**

**Commission Members in Attendance**

Delphin A. Gantt, Jr., Chairman At-large  
George P. Waters, District 1  
Ira E. Coward, District 2  
John R. Hunt, District 3  
Matthew J. Kappel, Vice-Chairman, District 4  
William C. "Bill" VanAntwerp, District 5  
Gerald E. Harmon, M.D., District 7

**Aeronautics Staff in Attendance**

James Stephens, Executive Director  
Paul Werts, Program Manager  
Ericka Thomas, Recording Secretary

**Commission Member(s) Absent**

Carroll Joye, District 6

**Visitors:**

Al Allenback, Goodwyn|Mills|Cawood  
Don Purcell, SC Aviation Association

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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 gave the invocation.

**Approval of Minutes**

*Chairman Gantt* presented the minutes of April 16, 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 FY 2015-2016 budget was returned to both the House and Senate without the additional \$2,000,000 for Aviation Grants, however it did include the \$170,000 for staffing needs and \$500,000 authorization of other funds. Mr. Stephens stated that the \$60,000 for Administrative Services would be provided for in Proviso 104.9. Mr. Stephens stated the passage of Proviso 87.0ef (currently Proviso 87.7), which stated that all elected officials would be required to reimburse the Aeronautics Commission for flight expenses on an at-cost basis, was voted down by the Conference Committee. Mr. Stephens also stated that Proviso 117.105 allowing state aircraft to be used for athletic recruiting remained as written. Mr. Stephens reported on House Bill 3568, which states a sales tax exemption for parts and supplies used by persons engaging in the business of repairing or reconditioning aircraft, will take effect as of January 1, 2016.

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

Mr. Stephens presented the financials as of May 31, 2015, showing the total Operating results of \$400,763 leaving a cash balance of \$887,036. The State Aviation Fund received an additional \$290,829.58, bringing the annual State Aviation Fund revenue to \$1,670,234.31. This addition brings the State Aviation Fund balance to \$5,575,895.26. As of May 31, 2015, the total commitments and expenditures from the State Aviation Fund were \$4,745,222.52 leaving \$830,672.74 cash available for grants and projects.

Mr. Stephens presented the proposed State Aviation Fund budget for FY 2015 - 2016. The State Aviation Fund will have an anticipated \$3,100,000.00 beginning balance with projected revenues of \$2,200,000.00 from fuel taxes and general fund recurring appropriations. The prior year commitments of \$2,319,576.54, with the projected revenues, leaves a projected \$2,980,423.46 for the state grant and aid program. Mr. Stephens indicated that with the request of \$2,000,000 not being included in the budget, projects would need to be trimmed, and a priority system for grants would take place. *Chairman Gantt* made the Motion to approve the proposed FY 2015 -2016 budget as Mr. Stephens presented, *Commissioner Coward* seconded, and after all discussions, all approved.

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**District Reports**

*Commissioner Waters* – No report.

*Commissioner Coward* – No report.

*Commissioner Hunt*, Thanked everyone for attending the Anderson Airshow on May 27<sup>th</sup> and the Greenwood Aviation Expo and Airshow. The Anderson Airshow was a huge success.

*Vice Chairman Kappel* – Anderson Airshow was fantastic.

*Commissioner VanAntwerp* – No report.

*Commissioner Harmon* – Reported that Myrtle Beach International Airport was the second busiest airport in South Carolina, and Spirit Airlines has deplaned approximately 180,000 passengers so far in 2015.

**New/Other Business**

*Chairman Gantt* announced that the next proposed meeting date will be August 26<sup>th</sup> at the Aerospace Industry Conference and Expo, with the time to be determined.

**Adjournment**

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

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Gerald E. Harmon, M.D.  
Commission Secretary



Ericka D. Thomas  
Commission Recording Secretary

August 26, 2015 Date



Delphin A. Gantt, Jr.  
Commission Chairman



Matthew J. Kappel, Esq.  
Commission Vice-Chairman

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