

**MINUTES**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION**  
**South Carolina Aviation Annual Conference**  
**130 Shipyard Road**  
**Hilton Head Island, South Carolina**  
**February 27, 2019**

**Commission Members in Attendance**

Delphin A. Gantt, Jr., Chairman  
Devon A "Al" Frances, District 1  
Ira E. "Bud" Coward, Vice-Chairman, District 2  
Skeets Cooper, District 3  
Darwin Simpson, District 4  
Doug Barnes, District 5  
Marco Cavazzoni, District 6  
Chris Bethea, District 7

**Aeronautics Staff in Attendance**

James Stephens, Executive Director  
Ericka Thomas, Commission Secretary  
Gary Siegfried, Program Manager  
Melody Mikell, Finance Director  
David Smith, State Airport Planner

**Visitors**

Paul Mosses, Lancaster County Airport  
Ken Holt, Holt Consulting  
Stephanie DeLoach, Hampton County  
Roy Hollingsworth, Hampton County  
Rose Dobson- Elliott, Hampton County  
Joe Borkovich, WK Dickson  
Gerald Gauge, AOPA  
Barbara Clark, Jasper County  
Brandon Witt, Anderson Airport  
Wayne Corley, MaesAwyr  
Don Culp, Challenger Learning Center  
Leo Berube, Flightpath, LLC  
Richard Dean, Jasper County

Joe Frasher, Greenville Downtown Airport  
Lloyd Newton, Jasper County  
Jennifer Youmans, Hampton County  
Brenna Hancock, Hampton County  
Dobie Hiers, Hampton County  
Brian Faulkner, WK Dickson  
Paul Werts  
Justin Jullian, Anderson Airport  
Andrew Fulghum, Jasper County  
Terry Connorton, Spartanburg Airport  
Dr. Carolyn Donelan, Challenger Learning Center  
Lara Kaufmann, Greenville Downtown Airport  
Dean Felco, City of Orangeburg

**Welcome & Call to Order**

*Chairman Gantt* called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., welcomed everyone, announced a quorum in attendance, and *Commissioner Simpson* gave the invocation.

**Approval of Minutes**

*Chairman Gantt* presented the minutes of the February 27, 2019 Commission meeting and asked if anyone had any edits or corrections. Since none were forthcoming, the minutes were approved as written.

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

Mr. Stephens presented the Operating and State Aviation Fund financials as of January 31, 2019. Mr. Stephens reported that the State Aviation Fund received an additional \$180,710.20 from aircraft fuel sales, bringing the annual State Aviation Fund FY18-19 fuel sales tax revenue to \$1,653,586.44. This amount along with the \$500,000 general fund recurring appropriation, the airline property tax of \$2,194,459.67 and a refund of prior year expense/insurance claims of \$17,690.27 brought the year to date total for the State Aviation Fund revenue to \$4,365,736.38.

Mr. Stephens gave the Executive Director's Report which outlined the events that have taken place since the last Commission Meeting. During the past several months, Director Stephens has participated in several planning events for the 2020 NASAO annual convention planned for Greenville, South Carolina, participated in discussions with the FAA on the funding of unclassified airports, presented the 2019/2020 budget to the legislative sub-committees, and has continued to work through the House Legislative Oversight process.

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Mr. Stephens presented the Commission with an educational grant from Anderson Institute of Technology. The grant request for \$70,000 will support the Aerospace Engineering Program at the Anderson Institute of Technology and will assist with the procurement of a wind tunnel, 3D printers, virtual pilot control trainers, and the associated hardware and software for the trainers. *Commissioner Coward* made a motion to approve the request, *Commissioner Cooper* seconded, and all others approved as presented.

**Airport Development**

Mr. Siegfried presented the Airport Development report to the Commission. During the past several months airport development has been active with maintenance program solicitations and pavement maintenance projects. In addition, the AWOS systems are undergoing lightning protection upgrades and should be completed by the end of March 2019. Siegfried also reported that he has attended construction progress meetings at Spartanburg Downtown Memorial and Anderson Regional, and met with airport management at Dillon County and Holly Hill airports to discuss potential improvements/development.

Mr. Siegfried presented a grant amendment for the LowCountry Airport – Airfield Drainage Improvements (Grant 16-025) to the Commission stating that an additional \$1,802 would provide the state match needed to match additional federal dollars that have been granted. *Commissioner Barnes* made a motion to approve the request, *Commissioner Cooper* seconded, and all others approved as presented.

Mr. Siegfried also presented a grant for the Greenville Downtown Airport – Airfield Lighting and Signing Improvements, stating that this is an ongoing project to improve the airfield lighting and signing. Siegfried also communicated that once construction was underway there were components that were not originally considered for the project, but that those components should be replaced now rather than later. He also communicated that this grant would provide for a clearer taxiway nomenclature that would enhance airport safety. Greenville requested an additional \$30,336 to facilitate the additional improvements. *Commissioner Bethea* made the motion to approve as presented, *Commissioner Simpson* seconded, and all others approved as presented.

**District Reports**

*Commissioner Francis* – Continues to meet with the airports in District 1 and encourage the need for better TSA services at commercial service airports. He also reported on fuel pricing at HXD and the need for additional hangars at our airports.

*Commissioner Coward* – Hangars are under construction/repair at Barnwell because of a fire that occurred in 2017. He also reported that Aiken Regional Airport is preparing for the 2019 Masters Week in April.

*Commissioner Cooper* – Anderson Regional is continuing to make progress on their new terminal building, and Pickens County Airport is currently constructing new hangars. He also encouraged his fellow Commissioners to identify smaller airports in their districts to target and assist with growth strategies to provide for better economic impacts to their respective communities.

*Commissioner Simpson* – The Spartanburg Downtown Airport is completing construction projects.

*Commissioner Barnes* – Continues to work with the airports in District 5, including the desire for Rock Hill-York County Airport's desire to extend the runway 1,000'.

*Commissioner Cavazzoni* – Continues to meet and work with the airports in District 6, and has been meeting with airports in Hampton County, Walterboro, and Charleston regarding their needs. He commended the Ridgeland Airport for their improvements to the airport.

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*Commissioner Bethea* – Has meet with the Dillon County Airport officials in efforts to assist the airport in being a viable assist to the community.

**Adjournment**

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

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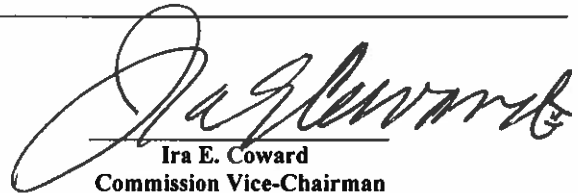


**Delphin A. Gantt, Jr.**  
**Commission Chairman**



**Ericka D. Thomas**  
**Commission Secretary**

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**Ira E. Coward**  
**Commission Vice-Chairman**

5/2/2019 Date

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