# ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY COMMISSION – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

#### Monday, July 7, 2014

The regular meeting of the Ontario International Airport Authority was held on Monday, July 7, 2014, in the City Council Chambers at Ontario City Hall, 303 East "B" Street, Ontario, California.

Notice of said meeting was duly given in the time and manner prescribed by law.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Commission President Wapner called the Ontario International Airport Authority Commission meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Commissioners: Jim W. Bowman, Gary Ovitt and

Alan D. Wapner

ABSENT: Commissioners: Lucy Dunn, and Ronald O. Loveridge

Also present were Executive Director Al C. Boling and Assistant Secretary Vicki Kasad.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Bowman.

President Wapner welcomed Liliana Cardenas, President of Ontario's Sister City Guamuchil, Mexico and her assistant Amy Felix.

President Cardenas thanked the Commission for receiving them in Ontario, noting that they shared a similar project in that they want to initiate a small commercial airport for their City. She expressed appreciation for President Wapner's support and hopes for increased bonds between Ontario and Guamuchil through her administration.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

Hearing no requests to speak from the public, President Wapner adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 10:08 a.m., for discussion of the following:

GC 54956.8, CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
 Property: Ontario International Airport, 2900 East Airport Drive, Ontario;
 Authority Negotiator: Executive Director or designee; Negotiating parties: Los Angeles Mayor or his designee; Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment.

#### RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

The Ontario International Airport Authority Commission meeting was reconvened in public session at 10:41 a.m.

#### **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

President Wapner indicated that there was no reportable action from the Closed Session discussion.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

#### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

#### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved the Minutes for the meetings of the Ontario International Airport Authority of March 3, March 17, April 7, May 5 and June 2, 2014, as on file with the Secretary/Assistant Secretary.

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Ovitt, seconded by Commissioner Bowman and carried by unanimous vote of those present to approve the Minutes as presented.

#### 2. BIENNIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE REVIEW

The Commissioners received the 2014 Local Agency Biennial Notice of the Political Reform Act requirement and directed staff to review the Conflict of Interest Code.

**MOTION:** Moved by Commissioner Bowman, Seconded by Vice President Ovitt, and carried by unanimous vote of those present to direct staff to review the Conflict of Interest Code.

### 3. PRESENTATION (ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: PERFORMANCE UPDATE)

Executive Director Boling noted that the Commission had last received an update on the airport in December 2013, so this report would represent the first five months of 2014. He indicated that there were signs of stabilization in 2014, with a 7/10 of 1% increase. He explained that higher load factors mask the underlying problem of airlines continuing to reduce the number of scheduled seats, noting that the seats were reduced every month so far and that trend was anticipated to continue through October.

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President Wapner stressed that those were scheduled seats compared to the prior year and did not take into consideration the cancelled flights which were becoming more prevalent. Executive Director Boling went on to note that higher fares and more crowded planes were becoming the new norm due to the reduced number of flights. He stressed the reduced number of flights at Ontario in 2014 versus those in 2007 and the impact on business travelers.

President Wapner questioned the total passenger volume in Southern California vs. LAX. Executive Director Boling indicated that LAX is up 6% from its lowest level in 2007 with a strong market share and continuing growth at the expense of other area airports. He indicated that 25% of the market is split between all of the other airports, with Ontario maintaining essentially the same activity level with no growth.

President Wapner noted recent newspaper articles about increases at Ontario, and stressed that it was about 1% versus 6% at LAX. He stressed that it was important to get accurate information out to the press, and let them know that we are still very far down from where we were. He suggested the press be provided today's presentation. He further noted that there had been no recent contact from the L.A. Times group and stressed the importance of communicating with them.

Vice President Ovitt commented that the issue remains as the decreasing number of flights and no growth, aside from some new flights to Mexico. He stressed that there is no growth in Southwest Airlines or the other major airlines.

President Wapner commented that everyone who uses the airport sees it is completely empty, aside from huge groups waiting for midnight flights to Mexico. He indicated that the concession stands are not open and there are no amenities for passengers on layovers. He stated that negotiations with Los Angeles and the litigation are continuing concurrently as are legislative efforts to bring the airport under local control.

#### **COMMISSIONER MATTERS**

There were no matters from the Commissioners.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Wapner adjourned the Ontario International Airport Authority Commission meeting at 10:56 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 4, 2014.

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Respectfully submitted:

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APPROVED:

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