REGULAR MEETING

OF

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FEBRUARY 25, 2008

The Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) of the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (“Authority” or “JMAA”) met in the Community Room, Main Terminal Building, Jackson-Evers International Airport (“JEIA”), in Jackson, Mississippi, at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 25, 2008 (the “Meeting”), pursuant to proper notice.

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/DECLARATION OF QUORUM.

Chair Sylvia Stewart presided, called the Meeting to order, and called the roll of Commissioners. The following Commissioners were present in person at the meeting:

Dr. Sylvia Stewart, Chair
Dr. Glenda Glover, Vice Chair
George E. Irvin, Sr.
Earle Jones
Johnnie P. Patton, R. Ph.

Chair Stewart noted that a quorum was present in person, and announced that the Meeting was competent to proceed with the business at hand.

The following other persons were also present at the Meeting.

Dirk B. Vanderleest, JMAA Chief Executive Officer
Bonnie Wilson, JMAA Chief Operating Officer
Gary Cohen, JMAA Chief Financial Officer
Kenneth Randolph, JMAA Airport Police Commander
Denson Stasher, JMAA Director of Operations and Security
Woody Wilson, JMAA Vice President for Facilities
Barbara Reed, JMAA Executive Assistant
Joyce Tillman, JMAA Facilities Engineer
Jack Weldy, JMAA Properties Manager
Larry Davis, JMAA Compliance Analyst
Michael Haskins, JMAA Facilities Manager
Willie Jones, JMAA Public Safety Department
Desmond Reed, JMAA Public Safety Department
Alan L. Moore, Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz
Jeff Wagner, Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz
Chuck Lott, Neel-Schaffer, Inc.
II. APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF MINUTES.

A. Planning and Economic Development Committee Meeting on January 28, 2008.


C. Regular Work Session on February 21, 2008.

The Board considered the minutes of the Planning and Economic Development Committee Meeting on January 28, 2008; the Regular Monthly Meeting on January 28, 2008; and the Regular Monthly Work Session on February 21, 2008.

After discussion, upon motion duly made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Glover, and unanimously approved by the affirmative votes of all Commissioners present (Commissioner Patton not being present at this time), said minutes were approved as presented and directed to be filed in the appropriate minute book and records of the Authority.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

None.

IV. REPORTS.

A. Chief Executive Officer.


Mr. Vanderleest directed the Board’s attention to the Airport Project Manager Summary and the Airport Activity Statistics Report, as found in the packet distributed to the Board prior to the Meeting (the “Packet”), and discussed these reports with the Board. During discussion, Mr. Vanderleest advised the Board that enplanements at JEIA for January 2008 were four percent higher than for January 2007. A copy of the Packet is attached as an exhibit to the minutes of the Meeting.

3. Employee Recognitions.


      (1) Lt. Desmond Reed, Police Lieutenant, Public Safety Department.

      Mr. Vanderleest recognized and commended Mr. Reed as Employee of the Month for January 2008.
b. Professional Development Recognitions.

(1) Willie Jones, Certified Police Officer, Public Safety Department.

(a.) Achievement of Excellence, Airport News & Training Network.

Mr. Vanderleest introduced and commended Mr. Jones on his Achievement of Excellence for passing 150 ATSI tests from all categories.

B. Attorney.

1. State Hangars.

Mr. Moore reminded the Board that at the January 28, 2008, Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board, he had advised the Board that Charlie Williams, Acting Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety (“DPS”), had expressed interest in renovating/replicating the old terminal building at Hawkins Field for pilots and related personnel of the DPS, and had recommended that Mr. Moore and his partner, Rusty Fortenberry, former Commissioner of DPS, discuss the matter with Hoopie Stringer, Director of the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration (“DFA”). Mr. Moore said that when he and Mr. Fortenberry met with Mr. Stringer, Mr. Stringer expressed interest in the proposed conversion of the old terminal building at Hawkins Field, and also expressed interest in building a new hangar and related facilities at JEIA for the State’s aircraft, but Mr. Stringer also expressed the same concern that Mr. Williams had expressed: that the Governor had indicated that he will not support the issuance of additional State bonds unless the project being funded creates jobs. However, Mr. Stringer implied that the State might decide not to issue bonds for certain projects previously authorized, thereby creating an opportunity to issue additional bonds without increasing the State’s debt. As previously discussed with Mr. Williams, Mr. Fortenberry and Mr. Moore suggested that the Authority and the State share the capital costs of renovating/replicating the old terminal building and building a new hangar at Hawkins Field, and that the State pay for the new hangar at JEIA, with the State possibly receiving credit against ground rent for its capital investments. To gain further insight into the financing options, Mr. Stringer suggested that Mr. Fortenberry and Mr. Moore discuss the matter with State Senator Dean Kirby, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, which is responsible for initiating bond bills in the Senate. When Mr. Fortenberry and Mr. Moore met with Chairman Kirby, he expressed support for both projects, but also expressed concern about the Governor’s willingness to approve additional State bonds. Chairman Kirby suggested that Mr. Fortenberry
and Mr. Moore discuss the projects with the Governor’s office. Mr. Moore said that he then discussed both projects with Governor Barbour’s Chief of Staff and Director of Policy. After discussing the matter with others in the Governor’s office, they expressed serious interest in both projects, but said it would be very difficult to gain the Governor’s support for the issuance of State bonds to pay for the projects this year. They suggested that the Authority develop more precise cost estimates and then discuss the matter in more detail with the Governor’s office, DFA, DPS, and Chairman Kirby after the current legislative session, so that if both projects are deemed viable, they could be financed by State bonds authorized during the 2009 legislative session.

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Real ID.

Mr. Moore and Ms. Wilson then discussed the consequences to the Authority of certain Congressional legislation and regulations issued by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security, which require states to meet new standards when issuing driver’s licenses in order for those licenses to be used as the photo identification required to board a commercial airplane in the United States. Mississippi has not yet complied with the new standards. However, Mr. Moore and Ms. Wilson said they had been told that the State had applied for an extension, so that the new requirements would not go into effect in 2008, allowing the State time to comply with the requirements, or time for the U. S. Congress to revise the new standards.

V.  

ACTION ITEMS.

A.  

Financial Matters.

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Mr. Vanderleest discussed with the Board the Financial Reports for the Authority for the month of January 2008, and the Claims Docket for January 2008, as found in the Packet.

After discussion, upon motion duly made by Commissioner Glover, seconded by Commissioner Patton, and unanimously approved by the affirmative votes of all Commissioners present, the Board adopted the following resolution.
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JANUARY 2008 AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS DOCKET FOR JANUARY 2008

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) of the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (the “Authority”) has reviewed and considered (i) certain financial statements for the Authority for the month and period ending January 31, 2008 (the “Financial Reports”), and (ii) the Claims Docket of the Authority for the month of January 2008 (the “Claims”), both the Financial Reports and the Claims being (i) included in the packet distributed to the Board prior to the February 25, 2008, Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board, and (ii) incorporated herein by reference;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby (i) accepts the Financial Reports and (ii) approves and authorizes payment of the Claims in the total amount of $1,034,222.35.

B. Service Agreements.

1. Agreement with Cellular South for Voice and Data Services, JMAA: Authorize Agreement.


3. Professional Service Agreement, The Boyd Group, Air Service Assessment: Approve Agreement.

Mr. Vanderleest directed the Board’s attention to the memoranda in the Packet which described each of the matters set out above, and discussed each of these matters with the Board.

After discussion, upon motion duly made by Commissioner Patton, seconded by Commissioner Glover, and unanimously approved by the affirmative votes of all Commissioners present, the Board adopted the following resolution.

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN SERVICE AGREEMENTS

WHEREAS, the staff of the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (the “Authority”) has recommended that the Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) of the Authority approve and authorize certain actions with respect to certain service agreements identified below, all as more particularly described in certain memoranda which were (i) included in the packet distributed to the Board prior to the February 25, 2008, Regular
Monthly Meeting of the Board, and (ii) incorporated herein by reference (separately, each a “Memorandum;” collectively, the “Memoranda”); and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed and considered said Memoranda and considered said recommendations by the staff of the Authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby determines that it would be in the best interests of and in furtherance of the duties and responsibilities of the Authority to, and the Board hereby does, take the following action:

1. The Board approves and authorizes negotiation and execution of an agreement (the “CS Agreement”) with Cellular South (“CS”) for cellular services for the staff of the Authority, said CS Agreement to be in such form and to contain such terms and conditions consistent with the Memorandum dated February 25, 2008, which describes this matter, as may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority, as evidenced by his execution thereof.

2. The Board approves and authorizes negotiation and execution of an agreement (the “SABC Agreement”) with Southern Administrators & Benefit Consultants, Inc. (“SABC”) to perform non-fiduciary duties as the administrators of the Authority’s flexible benefit cafeteria plan, said SABC Agreement to be in such form and to contain such terms and conditions consistent with the Memorandum dated February 15, 2008, which describes this matter, as may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority, as evidenced by his execution thereof.

3. The Board approves and authorizes negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement (the “Boyd Agreement”) with The Boyd Group (“Boyd”) for professional services in connection with analyzing potential changes in the airline service market which may result from the current round of airline mergers and acquisitions and the potential impact of such market changes on the Authority, said Boyd Agreement to be in such form and to contain such terms and conditions consistent with the Memorandum dated February 19, 2008, which describes this matter, as may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority, as evidenced by his execution thereof.
C. Construction Projects.

1. JMAA Project No. 007-07, Purchase and Installation of S & C Switchgear, JEIA: Approve Change Order No. 2.

2. JMAA Project No. 008-08, MS DPS Hangars and Building Renovation, JEIA and HKS: Authorize Agreements.

Mr. Vanderleest directed the Board’s attention to the memoranda in the Packet which described each of the matters set out above, and discussed each of these matters with the Board.

The Board decided to consider these two matters separately.

After further discussion, upon motion duly made by Commissioner Glover, seconded by Commissioner Patton, and unanimously approved by the affirmative votes of all Commissioners present, the Board adopted the following resolution.

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND ACCOMPLISHMENT OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 2, CONTRACT NO. 007-07-313, PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF S&C SWITCHGEAR

WHEREAS, the staff of the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (the “Authority”) has recommended that the Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) of the Authority approve and authorize execution and accomplishment of Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 007-07-313, as more particularly described in that certain memorandum dated February 20, 2008, as (i) included in the packet distributed to the Board prior to the February 25, 2008, Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board (the “Memorandum”), and (ii) incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed and considered said Memorandum and considered said recommendation by the staff of the Authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby determines that it would be in the best interests of and in furtherance of the duties and responsibilities of the Authority to, and the Board hereby does, approve and authorize execution and accomplishment of Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 007-07-313, as more particularly described in the Memorandum.

The Board then discussed the proposed agreements for professional services in connection with the proposed hangars and building improvements for the State, as more particularly discussed in the memorandum in the Packet dated February 21, 2008, which described these projects and proposed professional services agreements. Mr.
Vanderleest and Mr. Moore said that this recommendation was based on the possibility that the Legislature may decide on short notice to authorize the issuance of State bonds to pay for (i) renovation/replication of the old terminal building and construction of a new hangar at Hawkins Field to be used by the DPS for its pilots, related personnel, and aircraft, and (ii) construction of a new hangar and related facilities for the State’s aircraft at JEIA.

During discussion, the Board decided to separately consider the proposed agreements for (i) Hawkins Field and (ii) JEIA.

After further discussion, upon motion duly made by Commissioner Glover, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and unanimously approved by the affirmative votes of all Commissioners present, the Board adopted the following resolution.

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH WAGGONER ENGINEERING, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AT JACKSON-EVERS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

WHEREAS, the staff of the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (the “Authority”) has recommended that the Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) of the Authority approve and authorize negotiation and execution of an addendum (the “Addendum”) to the Standard Form Agreement between the Authority and Waggoner Engineering, Inc. (“WEI”) to employ WEI to provide preliminary conceptual design and to develop expected design and construction costs for a general aviation hangar to be located at a certain site at Jackson-Evers International Airport to be used by the State of Mississippi (the “Services”), as more particularly described in that certain memorandum dated February 21, 2008, as (i) included in the packet distributed to the Board prior to the February 25, 2008, Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board (the “Memorandum”) and (ii) incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed and considered the Memorandum, and considered the recommendation by the staff of the Authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby determines that it would be in the best interests of and in furtherance of the duties and responsibilities of the Authority to, and the Board hereby does, approve and authorize negotiation and execution of the Addendum to employ WEI to provide the Services, said Addendum to be in such form and to contain such terms and conditions consistent with the Memorandum as may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority, as evidenced by his execution thereof; provided, however, fees and out-of-pocket expenses for the Services shall not exceed $25,000.00.
Mr. Vanderleest and the Board then discussed the staff recommendation for professional services in connection with renovation/replication of the old terminal building and construction of a new hangar at Hawkins Field to be used by DPS and related personnel.

Mr. Vanderleest said that the staff recommended that the Board authorize him to negotiate an agreement with Gresham Smith & Partners for certain preliminary conceptual design and to develop expected design and construction costs for the Hawkins Field projects. Mr. Vanderleest said that the staff would require Gresham Smith & Partners to associate Environmental Management Plus, Inc. and Integrated Management Services as necessary and appropriate for this initial phase of the Hawkins Field projects.

After further discussion, upon motion duly made by Commissioner Glover, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and unanimously approved by the affirmative votes of all Commissioners present, the Board adopted the following resolution.

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH GRESHAM SMITH & PARTNERS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AT HAWKINS FIELD

WHEREAS, the staff of the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (the “Authority”) has recommended that the Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) of the Authority approve and authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement (the “Agreement”) to employ Gresham Smith & Partners (“GSP”) to provide preliminary conceptual design and to develop expected design and construction costs for renovation/replication of the old terminal building and construction of a new hangar at Hawkins Field to be used by the Mississippi Department of Public Safety (the “Services”), as more particularly described in that certain memorandum dated February 21, 2008, as (i) included in the packet distributed to the Board prior to the February 25, 2008, Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board (the “Memorandum”), and (ii) incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Authority has advised the Board that GSP will be required to associate Environmental Management Plus, Inc. and Integrated Management Services to provide certain professional services as part of the Services as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed and considered the Memorandum, and considered the recommendation by the staff of the Authority;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby determines that it would be in the best interests of and in furtherance of the duties and responsibilities of the Authority to, and the Board hereby does, approve and authorize negotiation and execution of the Agreement to employ GSP to provide the Services, said Agreement to be in such form and to contain such terms and conditions consistent with the foregoing and the Memorandum as may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority, as evidenced by his execution thereof; provided, however, fees and out-of-pocket expenses for the Services shall not exceed $75,000.00.

D. Procurements.

There was no discussion or action regarding procurements taken at the Meeting.

E. Lease and Concession Agreements.

1. OneSource Facility Services, Inc. – Ground Support Operating Agreement, JEIA: Authorize Agreement.

Mr. Vanderleest directed the Board’s attention to the memorandum in the Packet which described this matter, and discussed this matter with the Board.

After discussion, upon motion duly made by Commissioner Irvin, seconded by Commissioner Patton, and unanimously approved by the affirmative votes of all Commissioners present, the Board adopted the following resolution.

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF GROUND SUPPORT OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH ONESOURCE FACILITY SERVICES, INC.

WHEREAS, the staff of the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (the “Authority”) has recommended that the Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) of the Authority approve and authorize negotiation and execution of a certain ground support operating agreement (the “Agreement”) with OneSource Facility Services, Inc. (“OneSource”), as more particularly described in that certain memorandum dated January 31, 2008, as (i) included in the packet distributed to the Board prior to the February 25, 2008, Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board (the “Memorandum”) and (ii) incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the Memorandum and considered the recommendation by the staff of the Authority;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby determines that it would be in the best interests of and in furtherance of the duties and responsibilities of the Authority to, and the Board hereby does, approve and authorize negotiation and execution of the Agreement, said Agreement to be in such form and to contain such terms and conditions consistent with the Memorandum as may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority, as evidenced by his execution thereof.

2. Chamblee Company: Authorize Modification of Leases and Authorize Sale of Improvements.

   Mr. Vanderleest said that Rodney Chamblee of The Chamblee Company, and his attorney, Jim Tohill, met earlier in the day with Commissioner Irvin, Mr. Vanderleest, Mr. Moore and Mr. Wagner to discuss the terms and conditions by which the Authority might renegotiate certain leases of real property at JEIA to The Chamblee Company, and its affiliates (collectively, “Chamblee”).

VI. CLOSED SESSION.

   At approximately 5:00 p.m., Chair Stewart requested that the Board consider entering Closed Session to discuss whether to enter into Executive Session for the limited purpose of discussing the terms and conditions by which the Authority might renegotiate certain leases of real property at JEIA to Chamblee, which required confidential treatment in accordance with applicable law.

   After discussion, upon motion duly made by Commissioner Glover, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and unanimously approved by the affirmative votes of all Commissioners present, the Board agreed to enter into Closed Session for the limited purpose of considering whether to enter into Executive Session to discuss the terms and conditions by which the Authority might renegotiate certain leases of real property at JEIA to Chamblee, which required confidential treatment in accordance with applicable law. The Board asked Mr. Vanderleest, Ms. Wilson, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Wagner to remain during the Closed Session. All others present at the Meeting, other than the Board itself, then left the Meeting.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

   At approximately 5:02 p.m., the Board considered whether to enter into Executive Session for the limited purpose of discussing the terms and conditions by which the Authority might renegotiate certain leases of real property at JEIA to Chamblee, which required confidential treatment in accordance with applicable law.

   After discussion, upon motion duly made by Commissioner Glover, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and unanimously approved by the affirmative votes of all Commissioners present, the Board agreed to enter into Executive Session for the limited purpose of discussing the terms and conditions by which the Authority might renegotiate
certain leases of real property at JEIA to Chamblee, which required confidential treatment in accordance with applicable law. The Board asked Mr. Vanderleest, Ms. Wilson, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Wagner to remain during the Executive Session.

Mr. Wagner then stepped outside the Community Room and told those outside the Meeting that the Board had voted to go into Executive Session to discuss the terms and conditions by which the Authority might renegotiate certain leases of real property at JEIA to Chamblee, which required confidential treatment in accordance with applicable law.

The Board then met in Executive Session to discuss the terms and conditions by which the Authority might renegotiate certain leases of real property at JEIA to Chamblee which required confidential treatment in accordance with applicable law.

VIII. OPEN SESSION.

At approximately 5:25 p.m., Chair Stewart invited the staff of the Authority and the public back into the Meeting, and the Board reconvened the Meeting in Open Session.

Chair Stewart announced that, during the Executive Session, upon the affirmative votes of Commissioners Stewart, Glover, Irvin and Jones, with Commissioner Patton voting against the motion, the Board had taken the following actions:

- The Board authorized the Authority’s legal counsel and representatives to negotiate the terms and conditions by which the Authority may agree to modify certain leases of real property at JEIA to Chamblee, including the possible sale of the Authority’s reversionary interest in the improvements constructed under those leases, all for submission to the Board for further discussion and action.

- The Board authorized the staff of the Authority to employ a qualified professional real estate appraiser to appraise (i) the current fair market value of the real property at JEIA currently leased by the Authority to Chamblee, and (ii) the present value of the Authority’s reversionary interest in the improvements constructed under those leases, and to report thereon to the Authority.

F. Grants.

There was no discussion or action regarding grants taken at the Meeting.

G. Other Matters.

1. Hawkins Field Air Show.

Mr. Vanderleest reminded the Board that the original budget for this event was $75,000.00. Mr. Vanderleest asked the Board to increase
the budget for this event to $150,000.00, based on a more realistic assessment of actual expenses and fees to be incurred.

After discussion, upon motion duly made by Commissioner Patton, seconded by Commissioner Irvin, and unanimously approved by the affirmative votes of all Commissioners present, the Board adopted the following resolution.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INCREASE IN BUDGET FOR AIRSHOW AT HAWKINS FIELD AND CONTRACTS RELATING THERETO

WHEREAS, pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) of the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (the “Authority”) on December 20, 2007, the Board authorized negotiation and execution of all agreements and contracts (the “Hawkins Field Air Show Agreements”) necessary and appropriate in connection with an air show at Hawkins Field in April 2008 (the “Hawkins Field Air Show”), subject to a total budget of $75,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Authority has advised the Board that a more accurate budget for the Hawkins Field Air Show Agreements would be $150,000.00, rather than $75,000.00, and has recommended that the Board approve a budget of $150,000.00 for the Hawkins Field Air Show Agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered said recommendation by the staff of the Authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby determines that it would be in the best interests of and in furtherance of the duties and responsibilities of the Authority to, and the Board hereby does, approve and authorize negotiation and execution of the Hawkins Field Air Show Agreements, said Hawkins Field Air Show Agreements to be in such form and to contain such terms and conditions as previously authorized by the Board and as may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority, as evidenced by his execution thereof; provided, however, the total budget for the Hawkins Field Air Show Agreements shall be $150,000.00.

2. Portrait Wall Proposal, JEIA.

Mr. Vanderleest discussed with the Board a proposal for creating a “picture wall” in the Main Terminal Building at JEIA to display photographic portraits of the Governor of Mississippi, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Jackson, the Board, and the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority. During discussion, Mr. Vanderleest estimated that the cost of the proposed “picture wall” would be approximately $30,000.
During discussion, the Board considered the proposed “picture wall” and, as an alternative, purchasing two kiosks to hold the same photographic portraits, at a cost estimated by Mr. Vanderleest to be approximately $70,000 ($30,000 for the portraits and $40,000 for the kiosks).

After discussion, upon motion duly made by Commissioner Glover, seconded by Commissioner Irvin, and unanimously approved by the affirmative votes of all Commissioners present, the Board adopted the following resolution.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROCUREMENT OF PORTRAITS AND PUBLICATION OF AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR TWO KIOSKS FOR PORTRAITS

WHEREAS, the staff of the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (the “Authority”) has recommended that the Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) of the Authority approve and authorize construction of a display in the Main Terminal Building at Jackson-Evers International Airport (“JEIA”) for photographic portraits of the Governor of the State of Mississippi, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Jackson (the local government sponsor of the Authority), the Board, and the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered said recommendation by the staff of the Authority, and has discussed various alternatives for exhibiting said photographic portraits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby determines that it would be in the best interests of and in furtherance of the duties and responsibilities of the Authority to, and the Board hereby does, approve and authorize (i) the procurement of photographic portraits of the Governor of the State of Mississippi, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Jackson (the local government sponsor of the Authority), the Board, and the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority, in accordance with applicable law, and (ii) publication of an advertisement for bids for two kiosks to be located in the Main Terminal Building at JEIA to display said photographic portraits.

3. Recording of Board Minutes.

At Commissioner Irvin’s recommendation, the Board did not discuss or take action on this matter at the Meeting.


At Commissioner Irvin’s recommendation, the Board did not discuss or take action on this matter at the Meeting.
5. **DBE Ombudsman.**

Commissioner Patton asked the Board to consider employing a lawyer as an independent, outside advocate to work with disadvantaged business enterprises (“DBEs”) and the Authority on contracts and issues of importance to DBEs.

During discussion, Mr. Vanderleest said that the budget previously approved by the Board for fiscal year 2008 includes the hiring of a new Director of Community and Small Business Development, who would be responsible for managing the Authority’s overall DBE and small business development programs. Mr. Vanderleest also reminded the Board that the Authority intends to employ a professional consultant during fiscal year 2008 to conduct a new disparity study to assist the Authority in connection with its DBE and small business development programs.

Commissioner Glover suggested that the ombudsman did not have to be an attorney, and recommended that the Board defer a decision on the employment of a DBE ombudsman until after the new disparity study has been completed and the new Director of Community and Small Business Development has been employed.

Commissioner Jones requested additional information regarding the proposal to hire a DBE ombudsman, including proposed salary, duties, and relationship to staff and others, and suggested that further discussion be deferred until the March meeting of the Board.

Commissioner Patton said that her intent was to discuss these issues, but not move adoption of a specific resolution at this time.

No further discussion or action was taken on this matter at the Meeting.

**IX. DISCUSSION: STRATEGIC INITIATIVES.**

There was no further discussion or action taken regarding strategic initiatives at the Meeting.
X. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Meeting, upon motion duly made by Commissioner Glover, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and unanimously approved by the affirmative votes of all Commissioners present, the Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dr. Sylvia Stewart, Chair

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Dr. Glenda Glover, Vice Chair

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George E. Irvin, Sr.

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Earle Jones

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Johnnie P. Patton, R. Ph.