SPECIAL MEETING
OF
JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 5, 2019

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

The Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) of the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (the “Authority” and “JMAA”) convened its Special Meeting in the Terminal Building, Hawkins Field Airport (“HKS”), in Jackson, Mississippi, at 12:00 p.m. (Noon), on Friday, July 5, 2019 (the “Meeting”), pursuant to proper notice. A copy of the Notice is attached as an Exhibit to the July 5, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes.

Chairman LaWanda D. Harris, presided, called the Meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. (Noon), and called the roll of Commissioners.

The following Commissioners were present, in person, during roll call for a quorum at the Special Board Meeting:

LaWanda D. Harris, Chairman
Lee A. Bernard Jr., Vice-Chairman
LTC(R) Lucius Wright, Commissioner
Pastor James L. Henley Jr., Commissioner

The following Commissioner was present, telephonically, during roll call for a quorum at the Special Board Meeting:

Robert E. Martin, Commissioner

Chairman Harris, announced that a quorum was present at the Special Meeting, as required by the Bylaws of the Authority, and announced that the Meeting would proceed with discussion of the Agenda (the “Agenda”) for the Special Meeting of the Board scheduled for 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on Friday, July 5, 2019 in the Terminal Building, Hawkins Field Airport (“HKS”), in Jackson, Mississippi. The following other persons were also present at the Meeting:

Perry J. Miller, A.A. E., JMAA’s Interim Chief Executive Officer
Darion Warren, JMAA’s Interim Chief Operating Officer
John L. Walker, Esq., Walker Group, PC, Attorneys at Law

And persons listed on EXHIBIT A: Sign in Sheet for 7-5-19

II. INVOCATION

Commissioner Pastor Henley gave the Invocation.
III. ACCETANCE OF NOTICE

A. Notice of the Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners ("The Board") of the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") July 5, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. (Noon).

RESOLUTION CY-2019-____

APPROVAL OF THE NOTICE OF THE JULY 5, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING

After discussion and review, and upon the motion made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner LTC(R) Wright and approved by 4-1-0.

Yea$: Bernard, Harris, Martin, Wright
Nays: Henley
Abstentions: None

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IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

V. ACTION ITEMS

1. JMAA’s Public Relations, Policies, Procedures and Rules.

Chairman Harris introduced Ms. Gelilia Taylor, CEO of Brilliant Minds Consulting ("Brilliant Minds"), and Franshell Fort, Public Relations Specialist also with Brilliant Minds.

Ms. Taylor gave a presentation about the services offered by Brilliant Minds, which includes: Media Relations, Crisis Management, and Image Consulting.

Each Commissioner received from Ms. Taylor a hardcopy of a PowerPoint Presentation that provided information about Brilliant Minds and the services it provides. A copy of the PowerPoint is attached as an Exhibit to the July 5, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes.

In response to a question by Commissioner LTC(R) Wright, Ms. Taylor stated that the office of Brilliant Minds is located in Jackson, MS.

Commissioner Martin stated that JMAA is currently operating at a high level and must proceed in the manner of a multimillion-dollar operation. Therefore, he is in favor of retaining an entity to provide media relations, crisis management, communication strategy, and image consultations.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERRY MILLER, INTERIM CEO, TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT BETWEEN JMAA AND BRILLIANT MINDS CONSULTING AND AFTER REVIEW BY LEGAL COUNSEL, EXECUTE THE CONTRACT WITH BRILLIANT MINDS

Upon motion by Vice Chairman Bernard to authorize Interim CEO Miller to negotiate a contract between JMAA and Brilliant Minds for various Media Relations Services and, after review by legal counsel for JMAA, execute a contract with Brilliant Minds, seconded by Commissioner LTC(R)Wright, a motion passed majority vote 4-0-1. Afterward, the following resolution was made and entered:

WHEREAS, the Board desires to retain Brilliant Minds Consulting to perform various services as described in the PowerPoint Presentation of Brilliant Minds Consulting which is attached as Exhibit to the July 5, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes; and

WHEREAS, the Board authorizes Interim CEO Miller to negotiate a contract between JMAA and Brilliant Minds and, after review by legal counsel by JMAA, execute a contract with Brilliant Minds Consulting which is located in Jackson, MS.

IT IS, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that Interim CEO Miller shall negotiate a contract between JMAA and Brilliant Minds Consulting and, after review by legal counsel for JMAA, execute a contract with Brilliant Minds Consulting.

Yeas: Harris, Bernard, Martin, and Wright
Nays: None
Abstentions: Henley

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Next, the Commissioners and John L. Walker, Esq., Board Attorney, discussed the proposed Media Relations Compliance Policy provided to all Commissioners before the meeting.

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RESOLUTION ADOPTING MEDIA RELATIONS COMPLIANCE POLICY

After discussion and review, and upon motion by Commissioner LTC(R)Wright, seconded by to adopt the proposed Media Relations Compliance Policy, Commissioner Martin and approved by majority vote 4-1-0, the following resolution was made and entered:

WHEREAS, the majority of the Board desires to adopt the Media Relations Compliance Policy, a copy of which is attached to this resolution with an amendment which inserts the following on page 2 at the end of the last sentence of the second bullet point: "with the exception of public safety and concerns."

IT IS, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners by majority vote adopts the Media Relations Compliance Policy attached to this Resolution; and
IT IS, THEREFORE, FURTHER RESOLVED that the Media Relations Compliance Policy shall be effective upon passage.

Yea: Harris, Martin, Bernard, Wright
Nay: Henley
Abstentions: None

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Commissioner Pastor Henley stated for the record that he voted against the adoption of the Media Relations Compliance Policy because it is unconstitutional and violates the Free Speech provisions of the First and Fourteenth Amendments of the U. S. Constitution.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Thereafter, it was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner LTC(R) Wright and resolved by majority vote (yeas: Harris, Bernard, Martin, Wright and nays Henley) that the Special Meeting of the Board be ADJOURNED at 1:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. LaWanda D. Harris, Commissioner and Chairman

Mr. Lee A. Bernard, Jr., Commissioner and Vice-Chairman

Pastor James L. Henley, Jr., Commissioner

Mr. Robert E. Martin, Commissioner

LTC(R) Lucius Wright, Commissioner