

SPECIAL MEETING
OF
JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 4, 2011

The Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) of the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (the “Authority” or “JMAA”) met in the Community Room, Main Terminal Building, Jackson-Evers International Airport (“JEIA”), Jackson, Mississippi, at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 (the “Meeting”), pursuant to proper notice, a copy of which is attached as an exhibit to the minutes of the Meeting.

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

Dr. Glenda Glover, Board Chair, presided, called the Meeting to order, and called the roll of Commissioners.

The following Commissioners were present in person at the Meeting.

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

Chair Glover noted that a quorum was present in person as required by the Bylaws, and announced that the Meeting would proceed in accordance with the notice.

The following other persons were also present at the Meeting.

Dirk Vanderleest, JMAA Chief Executive Officer
Bonnie Wilson, JMAA Chief Operating Officer
Woody Wilson, JMAA Senior Director of Capital Planning
Joyce Tillman, JMAA Facilities Engineer
Alan Moore, Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz
Jeff Wagner, Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz
John Baggs, Hatch Mott MacDonald
Heath Jenkins, Hatch Mott MacDonald
Curtis Wright, Hatch Mott MacDonald
Randy Ahlrich, Burns Cooley Dennis, Inc.
Kevin Williams, Burns Cooley Dennis, Inc.

II. STATUS REPORT REGARDING JMAA CONTRACT NO. 007-09-359, EAST PARALLEL RUNWAY 16L/34R PAVEMENT REHABILITATION, JEIA.

At Chair Glover's request, Mr. Moore said that this matter was on the agenda in order for the project professionals and consultants to brief the Board on the current status of Contract No. 007-09-359, East Parallel Runway 16L/34R Pavement Rehabilitation at JEIA (the "Pavement Project"). Mr. Moore said that the contractor recently threatened in writing to sue Burns Cooley Dennis ("BCD"), a subcontractor to Hatch Mott MacDonald ("HMM"), the Authority's professional engineer for the Pavement Project. Mr. Moore said if the contractor sued BCD, it was highly likely that the contractor would also sue the Authority. Mr. Moore also said that unless the contractor returns to work in accordance with the project contract, JMAA would have to consider terminating the contractor, which would likely lead to litigation. Mr. Moore then discussed the grounds allowed under Mississippi law for going into Executive Session, which include discussion and action regarding litigation strategy. Accordingly, Mr. Moore suggested that the Board consider going into Closed Session for the limited purpose of discussing whether to enter Executive Session for the limited purpose of discussing the status of the Pavement Project, including possible litigation strategy.

A. Closed Session.

At approximately 7:35 a.m., 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 a resolution authorizing the Board to enter Closed Session for the limited purpose of considering whether to enter Executive Session for the limited purpose of discussing the status of the Pavement Project, including possible litigation strategy.

The Board asked everyone present at the Meeting to remain during the Closed Session.

B. Executive Session.

At approximately 7:36 a.m., upon motion duly made by Commissioner Irvin, seconded by Commissioner Patton, and unanimously approved by the affirmative votes of all Commissioners present, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session for the limited purpose of discussing the status of the Pavement Project, including possible litigation strategy.

The Board asked everyone present during the Closed Session to remain for the Executive Session.

Mr. Wagner then informed those outside the Meeting that the Board had voted to enter Executive Session for the limited purpose of discussing the status of the Pavement Project, including possible litigation strategy.

The Board then met in Executive Session.

C. Open Session.

At approximately 8:10 a.m., the Board reconvened the Meeting in Open Session. Chair Glover invited the staff of the Authority and the general public back into the Meeting, but no one joined the Meeting who was not already present.

Chair Glover announced that, during the Executive Session, the Board had received a briefing on the status of the Pavement Project from HMM and BCD, including action recommendations. Chair Glover said that after discussion, the Board unanimously adopted a resolution approving and authorizing HMM, BCD and the Authority's legal counsel to accomplish certain recommended actions with respect to the Pavement Project.

III. PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE NAME OF JACKSON-EVERS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

Chair Glover and Vice Chair Patton reported to the Board on a meeting they attended the previous day of the Jackson City Council Planning Committee (the "Planning Committee Meeting"). City Council members present at the Planning Committee Meeting were Tony Yarber (Committee Chair), Frank Bluntson (Council President) and Charles Tillman. JMAA representatives present at the Planning Committee Meeting were Chair Glover, Vice Chair Patton, Mr. Vanderleest and Mr. Moore.

Chair Glover said that at the outset of the Planning Committee Meeting, a letter from the Jackson City Attorney's Office was read, which set forth the history of the name change from Jackson International Airport to Jackson-Evers International Airport.

Chair Glover and Vice Chair Patton said that the Planning Committee Meeting was very friendly and cordial, and that the three City Council members who were present asked JMAA to consider changing the name of Jackson-Evers International Airport to clarify that the airport is named for Medgar Wiley Evers.

Chair Glover said that she responded by saying that she appreciated the positive and cooperative tone expressed by Councilmen Yarber, Bluntson and Tillman; that she personally supported clarifying for whom the airport was named, so long as "Jackson" remained the first word in the airport name; and that the Board had scheduled this Meeting to discuss the matter.

Commissioner Stewart concurred with the importance of maintaining "Jackson" in the airport name.

Chair Glover then expressed her personal commitment to making sure that everyone knows that the airport is named for Medgar Evers, citing her father's friendship with Mr. Evers and Mr. Evers's remarkable leadership in the Civil Rights movement in Mississippi.

Each of the other Commissioners agreed and expressed their support for clarifying that the airport is named for Medgar Evers.

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

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CHANGING THE NAME OF JACKSON – EVERS
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO JACKSON – MEDGAR WILEY EVERS AIRPORT**

WHEREAS, after considerable discussion with the Evers family, the Jackson City Council (the "Council"), Ms. Ineva Pittman and other community leaders and representatives, on December 14, 2004, the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA" and/or the "Authority") changed the name of Jackson International Airport (the "Airport") to Jackson-Evers International Airport to honor Medgar Wiley Evers; and

WHEREAS, concurrent with its decision to rename the Airport, the Board committed to developing a first-class pavilion in the main terminal building at the Airport to honor the life and achievements of Medgar Wiley Evers and the achievements of other African Americans in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Medgar Wiley Evers Pavilion at the Airport was dedicated on June 4, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Council members recently asked the Board to consider changing the name of the Airport again to make clear that the Airport is named for one individual, Medgar Wiley Evers; and

WHEREAS, the Board agrees that it is important to ensure that everyone knows that the Airport is named for Medgar Wiley Evers, and the Board continues to believe that retaining the name of the City of Jackson (the "City") in the Airport name is necessary to properly promote the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby (i) expresses its appreciation to the Council members for suggesting that the name of the Airport be changed to clarify that it is named in honor of Medgar Wiley Evers; (ii) pledges to collaborate with the City Council on this matter; (iii) states that it is receptive to changing the name of the Airport and recommends that the Airport be renamed "Jackson - Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport; and (iv) directs the Authority's staff to identify steps required and costs to be incurred in connection with changing the name of the Airport to Jackson - Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport.

IV. OTHER MATTERS.

A. American Airlines.

Commissioner Stewart advised the Board that she recently heard that American Airlines is considering filing for bankruptcy.

B. 2011 Hawkins Field Air Show.

Commissioners Irvin and Stewart commended the JMAA staff on a well-organized, non-controversial and well attended air show at Hawkins Field on October 1-2, 2011.

V. DISCUSSION: STRATEGIC INITIATIVES.

There was no discussion of strategic initiatives at the Meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Glenda Glover, Chair

Johnnie P. Patton, R. Ph., Vice Chair

George E. Irvin, Sr.

Earle Jones

Dr. Sylvia Stewart