

**CHARLOTTE COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING & FINAL BUDGET HEARING**  
**– SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.**

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**1. Call to Order**

**2. Invocation**

10 Chair Herston gave the invocation.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Roll Call**

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**Present:** Chair Hancik; Commissioners Herston, Andrews, Coppola, and Oliver; Attorney Carr; CEO Parish; Mrs. McLaughlin; Mr. Laroche; Mr. Duncan; Mrs. Miller; Mr. Montoya; Mrs. Cauley; Mr. Deyarmin and Ms. Alicea. **Others present:** Councilmember Kuharski; Commissioner Deutsch; Tom Ash, Steve Swank and others from the private sector, and a member of the press.

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**5. Citizen's Input**

**6. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda**

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Mr. Parish moved up items 15 and 16 to additions/deletions on the agenda as Commissioner Oliver is leaving early to catch a flight.

**15. Old Business**

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- a. State Lobbyist RFP Selection** – Mr. Parish commented that the Board requested an RFP be released for a State Lobbyist. The scoring matrix is presented as an average from each individual Board members scores. The high score was Ronald L. Book Law offices at a score of 70. **Commissioner Oliver motioned to select Ronald L. Book Law offices as our state lobbyist. Commissioner Herston seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

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**16. New Business**

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- a. Proposed 2023 Meeting Schedule** – Mr. Parish commented on our proposed 2023 meeting scheduled for next year needs to be published and a schedule has been presented. I will note that there's a meeting in December that is right before Christmas and request not to have a meeting in December unless necessary. If a meeting is needed it can be added in November. **Commissioner Oliver motioned to approve the 2023 Charlotte County Airport Authority Meeting Schedule as presented. Commissioner Andrews second. Motion passed unanimously.**

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**7. Employee Service Recognition**

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Mr. Laroche recognized Joshua Deyarmin for his completion of the AAAE Certified Member and Vanessa Alicea for Non-Federal Weather Observer. Chair Hancik awarded Mr. Parish with the 2021 Air Carrier Airport Manager of the Year award.

## 8. Consent Agenda

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## 9. Adopt Budget Resolution 2022-08

10           Chair Hancik commented the proposed budget was advertised on July 28, 2022. The budget was available on the website and on that same date, the Airport Authority held a proposed budget presentation by Mr. Parish on August 4th. An overview of the proposed budget was a subject of August 18th Sun newspaper article. There were no public comments from the workshop on August 4th. A public hearing was also held on August the 18th with a change to the capital projects expenditures, but no public comments were received. The Board will need to entertain and adopt an FY 2022-23 Budget Resolution totaling \$77,388,726 that's both an operating and capital expenditure budget. **Commissioner Oliver motioned to adopt Resolution 2022-08 as presented. Commissioner Andrews seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

## 20    10. Adopt FY 2022-23 Final Budget

**Commissioner Oliver motioned to adopt FY 2022-23 final budget as presented. Commissioner Andrews seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

## 25    11. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

30           Mr. Parish commented on the financial review. July had a positive variance in our budget of a little over \$200,000 to continue exceeding our revenue. The expenses as we try to do every month is about a \$1.7 million variance for the year of a total of \$6.5 million in revenue. July is our last good month. August and September seemed to be a little down just because of traffic in Florida and schools back in session. The accounts receivables we're working with Allegiant. They're still not completely back in the office and some of these invoices are slipping through the cracks, but they have promised us they will be paid in full for the next period. The income statement continues to exceed our revenues, and we're slightly over in expenses. The balance sheet continues to move up and is currently about \$155,000,000. Keep in mind, that was about \$50,000,00 7 years ago. The airport continues to add assets to the balance sheet. Overall, the budget looks good. We continue to collect PFCs. We're working on our new PFC application with the FAA, should have that end shortly. Over the last week, while the airport was slow, we were able to do a lot of work inside the terminal.

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## 12. Liaison Reports

45           a) **Punta Gorda City Council** – Commissioner Hancik commented that he reviewed the City of Punta Gorda's agenda and didn't see anything that effected the airport. Nothing else to report.

             b) **Board of County Commissioners** – Commissioner Andrews invited Commissioner Deutsch to give an update on the County Commissioners. Commissioner Deutsch

commented that the commissioners didn't officially meet during the month of August. The county is in a budget crisis process. The county is solid thanks in part to the fact of normal money the Feds have been giving away that they still haven't figured out how we'll ever pay for it, but the county is sound. We're holding the military and there have been some discussions, and they will be because we're looking at some ways to see if indeed, we could have a possible cut in the military. The point I made at the meeting and there was some response, we're going to have an emergency, and whether it's going to be a sinkhole in the middle of 41 or a plane bumping into the bridge or hurricane, something's going to happen, and we're concerned about the reserve. We also got into a rather lengthy discussion on Mosaic, which we've consistently brought to our attention by people in the community, but we do realize and accept that water quality is one of the foremost things that the commission is concerned about and the Peace River is probably our most valuable natural asset. The feeling on the commission is we're very supportive of DeSoto's efforts at this point to hold off on doing anything with Mosaic, realizing that when it comes down hill, it's going to go into the Peace River, it's going to go into the Gulf, and etc., and last but not least, we spent some time talking about we're concerned about highway safety, particularly on Bermot Road and 31. In that area, there's single lanes, there's no place to go off the road, and if there is, there wet and there's a lot of accidents out there. That's just one of the places that we're talking about. The county is facing the same staffing challenges and everyone else is, whether you're going to go to the neighborhood fast food restaurant or the sheriff's office, the fire department across the board, we have concerns, but we're dealing with it.

**Metropolitan Planning Organization/Economic Development** – Commissioner Herston commented I reported last month on the MPO meeting held on July 18th. My next meeting is going to be October 17<sup>th</sup>. Report on that later. MPO AC, I reported last month we had our meeting on July 28th, and the next meeting is October 20th. I'd like to mention that I've also been added to the Rail and Freight Committee as part of the MPO AC. As far as economic development goes, I am now working in four or five different countries, and it is just blistering, I think is the description I would give economic activity. I've had two projects just north of the airport, plus a third one to the east of the airport and it seems to be quite our airport properties seem to be the buzz with the developers.

c) **Community** – Commissioner Coppola commented I belong to the Women's Club of Port Charlotte, and I want you to know they do a lot of terrific things throughout the community with very little recognition. They give two scholarships a year away, one to a high school female and one to a male. Every year they wrap Christmas presents in the mall outside Victoria's Secret for any of you gentlemen that would like to get your presents wrapped for a small donation or a large donation. They rent their building for weddings, engagement parties or meetings and they really do terrific work in the community with very little recognition. I visited the veterans home a couple of times a year and bring them shaving cream, books, cookies and whatever they need, candy if they're allowed to have it. They will fly flags; if you have a flag for a deceased member of your family and you would like to fly it in remembrance, they fly that during the month of November. They charge a small fee for it, they have about 45 flags up in November. I will be attending the Chamber Dinner this month. The Backpack kids they feed lunches and they take the lunches to schools. All volunteer work, women in the kitchen, guys in the trucks, and they go to 24 schools every single day. They pack the food, and they bring it to the kids that need it or the hungry ones in the schools.

- 5           d) **State Legislation** – Commissioner Oliver commented I don't have anything to report other than to welcome Ron Book as our new lobbyist. I think he's going to do great things for us. We'll have our state legislative delegation meeting in November, and I'm sure that we'll be working closely with him up until that point and then three sessions.

### 13. Attorney's Report

10           Attorney Carr commented It's amazing to me the scope of work that we engage for all the departments, but what is more amazing is how good everybody is here and what they do. If you ever want to be really pressed to just have one of them, send you a project and not respond, they'll be right on you. Miss Miller, I must compliment her as the best of the best that's coming up. Ms. Miller took the Rosati license that we entered into has now been fully signed. We're going to make a slight modification to adjust for some build out of some adjacent property. We have row hanger two and continue to consolidate information associated with that buyout. A couple of things that have come up and I've spoken to the appraiser that has to methodologies. We've also gotten the information from what I call the airport specialist attorneys. They gave us a long memorandum, which I've studied, and I have a meeting post this one with administration to go over how we want to proceed. Any number of issues relative to the rental car RPO that was out, and we're responding to those on an almost weekly basis. However, the big gorilla that remains in front of us is the Gulf Contours matter, which is just all consuming of my time and many others associated with this matter. I've sent you lengthy the emails associated with this, but just to summarize, you're aware that his lease terminated last year on August 31st. Based upon his personal representation and a letter and a plea before this Board, this Board agreed to abate his removal for a period of one year to August 31, 2022. Recalling there's a distinction between we didn't give him a new lease. That lease is terminated. We just agreed to abate, meaning not to proceed forward with the removal action for that one year based upon his personal guarantee to leave the building by the end of that term. Of course, we're sitting here now in September. As of August 31, 2022, there has been no efforts to leave that building. We've had any number of discussions associated with this matter, special meetings, et cetera. Since the last board meeting, I sent you an update providing you accurate information relative to the presentation that he had. I got no response from anybody, so I assume that that information fulfilled whatever responses that you needed. Then earlier this week, I received a demand letter from an attorney hired by Mr. Goin, a gentleman named Mr. DaCosta an attorney out of Sanibel, making several unique presentations associated with it. I told Mr. DaCosta that I thought his letter was, quote, the astringe predicated upon erroneous and unsupported facts. I've solicited additional information from him which I have not received associated with the facts, and given him information that he didn't have, specifically that there was a written Abatement Agreement, not a verbal Abatement Agreement. I provided you that letter where there is a demand associated with what he says is slander committed by this Board for \$100,000 and then Mr. DaCosta responds he'd like to continue to enter in a dialogue. I've sent you a lengthy email associated with that dialogue. One of the things that was necessary as any proposal that they may have, I asked if he wanted to issue a formal LOI (Letter of Intent) relative to the Spec Building. Over the period of this week, I told him repeatedly that we would require to have the financial information to demonstrate that Mr. Goin would have the ability to support any type of new building. Yesterday, I received an LOI that had three failures. One, no financial information. Two, did not agree to the amount

5 that we had indicated it was going to be necessary associated with a second, a new building,  
and three, an indication that they were not going to pay the cost of the build out of that new  
building. Mr. Goin has continued to indicate that the new building would be something  
purpose built. Nobody on this Board or anywhere else would agree to build for suit structure  
for Mr. Goin and his operations. At this point, where we're at is we have a terminated  
Abatement Agreement by its time. He is now one year post termination of his prior lease,  
five years since we went into this process. At this point, I need direction from this Board as  
to how it wants to proceed relative to Gulf Contours in that property. Your options are to  
continue this discussion with Mr. Goin, or we can simply proceed, and I'd like to have a  
specific direction as to how you would like to proceed relative to this building. Remember,  
this building is necessary for the purposes of the fuel farm. That fuel farm has been under  
construction literally around him for the last three years and continues to proceed unabated  
and we note there's been a fire in the building right next to our fuel farm. I'd like the direction  
associated with how this Board would like to proceed. I would also note, just as a matter of  
course that I do consider all these leases to be administrative matters as opposed to policy  
matters by this Board. Unfortunately, this matter becomes a public spectacle every time Mr.  
Goin's lease comes up or terminates. I believe this is something that should be handled by  
administration and then direction to Legal counsel, but because this has become a public  
spectacle at Mr. Goin's assistance, I would suggest that this Board may give us accurate  
directions on how it wants to proceed. **Commissioner Andrews commented the  
abatement period is concluded, therefore, I motion CCAA Administration and Legal  
Counsel undertake all reasonable and necessary actions, including litigation, to  
remove Gulf Contours from the property. Commissioner Herston second the motion  
as indicated by Mr. Andrews.** Chair Hancik advised we have a motion and a second  
providing direction to our staff and legal counsel regarding the termination of Gulf Contours  
as stated by Commissioner Andrews. Is there any further discussion? Commissioner Oliver  
commented I would suggest that because this wasn't on the agenda that this Board should  
not proceed with the vote pursuant to our bylaws. Any matter that is voted upon should be  
included as a separate agenda item. I think this should be brought up at the next meeting, I  
don't think that it's proper to take a vote at this time. At this point, we have a motion and  
second. We've had discussion, so I believe we need to take a vote. Commissioner Coppola  
asked when that fire occurred in the building was it seven years ago or more was quite a  
long time ago. Mr. Carr responded it was 18 months ago. Commissioner Coppola asked  
whose responsibility was that too? Mr. Carr responded it's Mr. Goin's, Gulf Contours under  
the lease and if you recall that when we entered into the Abatement Agreement, he agreed  
that within 60 days that would be put back exactly like it would have been. That Abatement  
Agreement was entered and signed in September. I repeatedly asked him to cure that. As of  
the last Board meeting, we had photographs that indicated had not been completed. For  
whatever reason, he continues to argue with us that he won't put it back the way it was. I  
have no idea why. Commissioner Coppola commented to me, that's a dangerous situation  
to work in with those people there and he's giving you no financial information. Has he paid  
on time everything he's owed since we went into the special agreement with him? Mr. Carr  
responded the rent has been paid. There have been some issues associated with the rent. For  
example, checks were delivered that were unsigned. However, I believe within the scope of  
the payment period, those have been made. The primary financial default is the failure to  
pay the taxes. Recall last time he was before this Board, a month ago, he indicated that he  
had entered into an agreement. I knew that was at false at the time because I just spoken to  
the tax collector's office the day before that and confirmed in writing has not, I received, I

5 think, earlier this week and provided to you that he has now entered into an agreement to  
pay that over the next I think it's eight months. Unfortunately, that is a delinquent amount  
that is due. The new amount will also come due and you're looking at another \$9,000 or  
\$10,000 that would become due in September 1<sup>st</sup>, delinquent in April. Commissioner  
10 Herston commented Mr. Carr, thanks so much for the you mentioned emails, 23 emails that  
I thoroughly enjoyed reading, but you did mention that it's taken a lot of your time, and I  
counted them up and dated them, 23 of them. Thank you. Mr. Carr responded in the emails  
I sent out, I have five commissioners and administration that I respond to because each  
15 person will have a question and they ask me this question, then I respond to those questions.  
These lengthy emails are intended to fully document this process as we proceed forward.  
Then I write his attorney and Mr. Goin for further information and because of what I'd say,  
the public nature of this, I must stay on this every day. As a commissioner, one should also  
20 remember for the record that five years ago, when we negotiated this lease, his lease had  
terminated at that point, and he required another lease for just two years so he could sell his  
business. We gave him that lease and it had no options to extend except one, at the discretion  
of the Board. He came to the Board and pleaded up for another extension of two years,  
which we gave him because he was still going to sell the business, he failed to do that and  
25 waited until they were a crisis mode again, creating all of these public presentations, calling  
in the media, getting the televisions out here, et cetera, and then when we still were going  
to proceed, he sent that personal letter. I personally guarantee that I will remove myself  
from this building, but if you will just give me one year. Mr. Goin been put on repeated  
notice, and I have provided to you my email thread. I told him four times before March. On  
30 March 23<sup>rd</sup>, I started telling him. Again, in writing, in bold, highlighted information. It is  
time to proceed. Time is of the essence. You need to proceed. I've written him four times  
since then. The exact same language copied and duplicated each time in bolded, underline  
35 italicized. You need to proceed. Chair Hancik commented with the prerogative chair, I'm  
going to stand by my previous statement. We have a motion and a second, and we've had  
discussion continuing. Commissioner Oliver commented again, I don't know if you were  
able to hear me previously, so please stop me if you were and you address this, but I don't  
40 think that it is proper for the Board to take a vote on this matter because it was not noticed  
as a separate agenda item in our Board package. The public had no indication that we would  
be discussing and taking a vote on this matter today. Just putting it under the attorney's  
report does not indicate and give the proper indication to the public for transparency  
45 purposes that this would be discussed and voted upon today. Mr. Carr commented in  
response to that, recall that I report on this item every month. At the report last month, I  
stated specifically to this Board that this would be back to you because, again, the  
Abatement Agreement had not ended at that time. Didn't want to presumptive that Mr. Goin  
may do something before the end of August. I specifically stated at the last Board meeting  
that I would be back before this board at this meeting for direction associated with how to  
50 proceed. Commissioner Oliver commented I understand that Mr. Carr. The problem is that  
it was not noted as a separate agenda item, while we might know as commissioners, because  
we attended the Board meeting, the public does not know that this was going to be voted  
upon at this meeting because it was not noticed as a separate agenda item and because our  
55 bylaws required that. I do not think that it is proper for us to vote on it at this time unless  
you suggest that we should be violating our bylaws. Mr. Carr commented do you know  
what paragraph the bylaws you're referring to? Commissioner Oliver responded it is in  
section five, I believe it is paragraph D, E, or F. Chair Hancik responded we're looking at  
a copy of the bylaws. At this point I'm still in the opinion that we have the motion, we have

5 a second. If we are in error, we can correct at the next Board meeting. Mr. Carr responded I'm looking at B. It deals with notice associated with how they're going to have a commissioner meeting, how you give notice to the Commissioners. E, deals with no approval of the annual budget she'll be given at an emergency meeting, and F deals with  
10 any commissioners unable to tend how that commissioner can attend the meeting and what they should do. Again, I see nothing in this that says an item must be specified on the agenda for the purposes of having a motion associated with it. If there's another provision you would like me to look at? Commissioner Oliver commented was that provision F that you read? Is there a G? Mr. Carr responded I'm looking at five, procedure for authority meetings? Commissioner Oliver responded it's towards the end. I don't remember how many separate subsections are under section five. It goes through J, two pages. Mr. Carr responded I'm looking at sub paragraph G. It says, when the authority meeting is held, the authority may only take action upon any matter, proposal or item of business which is listed on the official agenda. Commissioner Oliver commented that is correct. Mr. Carr commented I believe my report is issued is on the agenda. Commissioner Oliver commented I understand, However, Gulf Contours are separately listed under Old Business, and we are being requested to take action on this matter. I'm not allowed to call a question during my legislative reporting. A report is a report. Chair Hancik commented I'm going back to my original statement. We have a motion; we have a second. We've had a discussion on the issue. All those in favor of  
15 the motion presented by Commissioner Andrews. **Motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Oliver opposed.**  
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#### 14. CEO's Report

25 a) **Development Update** – Mr. Parish reported the airport is moving forward with the extension of Challenger and the removal of Golf Course Blvd that interferes with the RPZ. We worked with every group in the county and the city to make sure we're not interfering or changing any response times with the sheriff, with the fire department and they have all indicated that there's no major impacts. We continue looking for funding sources from the  
30 state for economic development monies. The terminal planning study is complete. It is up on our website. Working on some flight tracks and updating our flight track data that we have on the website. We're getting some information from the FAA as well as from our flight tracking software. Working with AECOM, modifying a few of the drawings and we'll have a final to present to potential tenants. The RFP is out for a new rental car agreement and will be back to us in January. Terminal seating will be happening soon. The maintenance and operations bldg. are underway and had 30% plan reviews, trying to get the cost down. It came in about 2 million over budget. The industrial facility has 15% plans and we're working with a few real estate people to see how we're going to market that. The nine box hangars will be under construction as soon as we get permits from the county. That  
35 is both the T hangar and the box hangars. Inline baggage system 70% review with the designer. Sending all that to the TSA for further review and then looking for funding from the FAA, from TSA and the infrastructure bill to proceed with development. Working with contractor for some pricing on the new FBO hangar. Kicked off the taxiway G pre-design meeting. Taxiway Delta reconstruction project is waiting on a grant from the FAA. The building 101 ramp repair is completed. The roadway network improvements are currently  
40 being worked on. The areas in front of the terminal with adding a new crosswalk out of baggage claim. Runway 422 is underway and is almost complete. The ten box hangars are working out permitting issues but should start that as well as the 606 T hangars. Everything  
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is complete at the General Aviation and is open for business.

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- b) **Marketing Update** – Mrs. Miller commented on the marketing report which really highlighted the Air Center opening and the launch of the new website. Thank you all for attending and being involved. At the terminal is the new mother's room. It's an area where mothers can nurse, feed, lactate, pump, et cetera, and change their baby. It's near gate 2. I'd like to touch on that we're going to be embarking on an annual campaign to benefit the United Way of Charlotte County. The airport authority employees have been volunteering and had several opportunities where we did food distributions. United Way Executive Director, Angie Matheson came and spoke to you about what United Way does, and she's back today to give you an update after I'm done here. Our management would like to take it to the next level with an aviation gives back theme. The idea is to incorporate the employees, the airport employees, but also the larger airport community. Our tenants and our partners here at the airport could be consultants, engineers, some of them are here and really try to get everybody involved. On September 27<sup>th</sup>, we're going to do a campaign kickoff and have ice cream. United Way staff is going to come and present to our employees and let them know what the United Way does, how they can help, and how they can get help. It's about spreading the word how the United Way can help our own employees that may be in need or have family members in need as well.
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- c) **United Way at Work** – Ms. Matthiessen presented the Aviation Gives Back to United Way of Charlotte County (see attached presentation).
- d) **Aviation Report** – Mr. Duncan reported on passenger counts, fuel sales and gallons pumped, aircraft ops, and hangar vacancies.
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### 17. Public Comments – Punta Gorda Airport:

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- Tom Ash** - I'm the more recent manager for the row hangar 2 LLC. Row hangar 2 LLC owns the building 207 and we have a ground lease that is good for approximately another 24 years. My goal is we're very supportive of the airport and everything that they're trying to accomplish. We would like to explore every option, solution that may be available to us to obtain the most optimal outcome from all parties concerned. I have learned as early back in 2017 or 2018 there could be some realignment in the airport and some expansion and with rental car parking, that may affect our hangar bldg. But through that process we were always informed, and we could see it published in the master plan, that our building was going to be replaced. In fact, if you look at the master plan diagrams that's still posted in the badging office and up on the website, it shows building 19 on the north side of the airport. It shows on the legend, building 207 replacements. If I'm replacing something, we own the building, we have the ground lease. If they're replacing our building and what we were informed during those periods of time and again, some of this was through Mr. Morris, which was a previous manager. We have the building, we have insulated walls, high bay lighting, 200-amp electrical services, we have bathrooms in each one of them, most epoxy floor. It was all supported in the master plans that we could see in building 19 as being the replacement for 207. However, we expected to move from one building to another building and continue with our lease in a new location on the airport, not standing the way of progress. We had a conversation with Mr. Carr and in that conversation, he informed us of
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5 things that we were quite surprised. One of the intentions of the Board is to terminate our  
lease, constructively or the ground lease, and then take our building and demolish it. We  
could become a tenant and lease individually in the other building. Now, that building,  
which was Building 19, we thought was a six-unit building, same as ours, and that's what  
10 we would obtain. But now it was going to become more of a tenant-based solution. I wanted  
to get in front of the Board and have a discussion, is that truly the intention or is this the  
only option. Is there an option to build a new building and we move into that building  
versus going through a termination of our lease. Things are quite different from our  
15 perspective. We own the building. In 24 years from now, it reverts to the airport just like it  
does in the present lease. I was able to find on the website a progress report and it looks  
like it now shows a black line. It doesn't appear on any of the master plan maps, but it shows  
in the project report that there's an area, it looks like it's a ten-row hangar. I came to the  
Board asking is this being taking of our building, somehow terminating the lease. Mr. Carr  
20 is an attorney. He's here for those to understand every legality and options that are available  
to them to try to terminate it. I know that there are some things that could be written to the  
lease and things still an option. But we want to understand, is this the intention of the Board?  
I ask a request that we be able to be on the agenda for such discussion? Mr. Carr and I will  
continue conversations, of course, but I just like to know if any of those options are  
25 available. Chair Hancik commented I think that our position would generally be that we're  
going to protect your investment. That's a general statement I'm making and where it's going  
administratively, we don't have any of those details at this point. is not aware of in the staff's  
hands at this point. I would think that the policy would be to protect your investment and  
that you are maintained whole.

25 **Steven Schwank** - Owner in Row Hangar 2. I used to rent a hangar here, and I was just  
thrilled to be able to buy into a hangar. I love this airport. I love this facility. Everybody on  
this airport is great. Whenever we have a problem, an emergency, the fire department's  
there, the airport, everybody takes care of us. We're all family here. I don't want anything  
30 to change. There's progress and you may have to move us, but I would like to try and keep  
the same agreement we have. We've been here long before Allegiant and the rental car  
people. I understand progress when you are putting up the fuel purchases. All the airplanes  
in our hangars, we've got corporate airplanes, we've got warbirds, we've got helicopters,  
experimental aircraft, we buy a lot of fuel, we use all the services. Sarasota Aviation, APG,  
35 they do all my maintenance. We just love the facility, and we don't want to be damaged  
financially. But anyway, just like your consideration on it, everybody, and thank you very  
much. You guys do a great job around this airport. We're very happy here and we just like  
to stay.

### 18. Commissioner's Comments

40 Commissioner Coppola - I'm going to say the same thing about Sandy. It's been a pleasure.  
You're so professional, you're so smart and you always come with an answer when I have a  
question. I'm going to miss you and I'm sure the person that replaces you has been specially  
picked also. Enjoy your retirement. Thank you, Attorney Carr, for all your hard work on these  
45 different situations.

Commissioner Hancik - I'd like to echo the Board's comments on Sandy leaving us and maybe  
I can now figure out her creative accounting. We will have an opportunity to have a more

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informal goodbye for you. I would like to mention to the Board members, if they haven't seen it, on October 4th, the Charlotte County Fire Department will be displaying and opening the new fire training facility. It's interesting and if you haven't seen one and I think it's a great addition to our community because they're going to make it available for training other crash fire rescue, I should say our aircraft fire rescue and fighting people from around the state as a school.

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Commissioner Andrews - I'd like to thank everyone for coming and I'd like to mention Sandy, this is her last meeting, and she has done a great job. Appreciate everything you've done and we're going to miss you. As I told you earlier, I only have one specification when you leave, enjoy retirement. Have a good time.

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Commissioner Herston - I always like to start out by thanking our staff. You guys are just amazing. Every time I stop by to check on you guys or to take care of a little bit of business, it's just amazing. It's good to see David from Charlotte County. I see we have Commissioner Deutsche is in the back. Sandy, thanks for all your service. Enjoyed it.

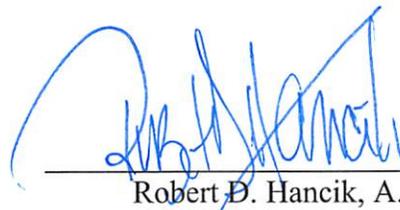
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**19. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

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Kathleen Coppola, Secretary/Treasurer

  
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Robert D. Hancik, A.A.E., Chair