

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Syracuse Regional Airport Authority

Friday, April 19 2019

Pursuant to notice duly given and posted, the special board meeting of the Syracuse Regional Airport Authority was called to order on Friday, April 19, 2019 at 9:05 a.m. in the Syracuse Regional Airport Authority Board Room located in the Syracuse Hancock International Airport by Vice Chair, Mr. William P. Fisher.

Members Present:

Mr. William Fisher (Vice-Chair)
Councilor Latoya Allen
Dr. Shiu-Kai Chin
Mr. Kenneth Kinsey
Mr. Michael Lazar
Mr. Robert Simpson
Mr. Michael Quill
Mr. Damian Ulatowski

Members Absent:

Ms. Jo Anne Chiarenza Gagliano – Chair
Dr. Donna DeSiato
Mr. John B. Johnson, Jr.

Also Present:

Mr. John Carni
Mr. Trent Amond
Ms. Joanne Clancy
Mr. Dennis Greco
Ms. Cheryl Herzog
Ms. Linda Ryan
Ms. Jennifer Sweetland
Mr. R. John Clark, Hancock Estabrook, LLP
Mr. Steven Baldwin, Steven Baldwin Associates
Mr. Jason Terreri, Executive Director candidate
Mrs. Cara Terreri, Executive Director candidate's spouse

Roll Call

As noted, all Board members were present, except Ms. Jo Anne Chiarenza Gagliano, Dr. Donna DeSiato and Mr. John B. Johnson, Jr.

Mr. William P. Fisher, Vice Chair

Vice Chair Fisher presided over the meeting in Chair Chiarenza Gagliano's absence and started by welcoming everyone to the scheduled Special Meeting of the Board at 9:05 a.m. Mr. Fisher

welcomed new board member Councilor Latoya Allen to the Syracuse Regional Airport Authority Board.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes

Having no objections or additions to the minutes from the March 12, 2019 Regular Board Meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Lazar and seconded by Mr. Quill and the minutes were unanimously approved.

The motion was approved: 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain

Executive Session

Vice Chair Fisher stated that there is only one item to be deliberated during this special meeting of the board, which is considering the hiring of a new Executive Director after the previous, very esteemed, Director Callahan has left the Authority to go to work at LaGuardia airport. After a rapid, but careful process, the board is ready to go forward with a discussion and vote for the preferred candidate. Vice Chair Fisher suggested a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters pertaining to the employment of particular persons or corporations by the Authority.

The motion was approved by Mr. Ulatowski and seconded by Mr. Lazar. Board members went into executive session at 9:10 a.m.

The motion was approved: 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain

Executive session ended at 10:02 a.m. No action was taken.

New Business

Resolution approving the hiring of Executive Director for the Syracuse Regional Airport Authority

A detailed discussion regarding the application and interview process was held during the Executive Session with the search firm CEO Steve Baldwin, six of the seven person Search Committee and two additional members of the board who were not members of the ad-hoc Search Committee created for this specific purpose. Vice Chair Fisher thanked Mr. Lazar, Chair of the Search Committee for all of his hard work and also the CEO of Steven Baldwin Associates for their planning, aggressive schedule and for providing the board with excellent candidate results from this national search for a new Executive Director. Vice Chair Fisher summarized the contents of the resolution (attached to these minutes) before the board and recommended a motion to approve the hiring of Mr. Jason Terreri as the new Executive Director of the Syracuse Regional Airport Authority effective May 13, 2019. This vote was processed via paper ballot as is the process outlined in the SRAA Bylaws.

There was no further discussion regarding the resolution.

After unanimous approval, the board hereby authorizes the Chair of the Authority and in her absence, Vice Chair William Fisher, that Mr. Fisher is authorized to sign the 5 year employment agreement for Mr. Jason Terreri. Mr. Lazar added that he wanted to thank all of the members of the Search Committee for all of their efforts.

A motion was made by Mr. Lazar and seconded by Mr. Simpson to approve this resolution.

The resolution was adopted: 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain

Committee Reports

No committee reports were given.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Fisher welcomed Jason and his wife, Cara Terreri to Syracuse.

Having no other topics brought to the special board meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Lazar and seconded by Mr. Kinsey to adjourn the meeting.

The resolution was adopted: 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.