



**Virginia Aviation Board  
Meeting Minutes**

The Virginia Aviation Board held a meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2008 at the Wyndham Hotel-Richmond, 4700 S. Laburnum Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23231.

**MEMBERS**

Roger L. Oberndorf, Chairman	Present
Richard C. Franklin, Jr.	Present
Bittle Porterfield	Present
Larry Omps	Present
Robert S. Dix	Present
William J. Kehoe	Absent
Marianne M. Radcliff	Absent
Alan L. Wagner	Present

**OTHER ATTENDEES**

Kyle Allison	FAA Washington Area District Office
Lori Pound	Office of the Attorney General
Randall Burdette	Director, Virginia Department of Aviation

DOAV staff, state government representatives, federal government representatives, airport sponsors and managers, consultants, engineers, business owners, and city and county representatives were also present.

1. Call to Order ..... Roger Oberndorf, Chairman

The chairman called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. Review and approve minutes

The August minutes were approved with no changes.

3. Reports/Announcements:

- a. DOAV Report ..... Randall Burdette, DOAV

Mr. Burdette updated the board and attendees on aviation issues and activities across the Commonwealth. The presentation topics included ISO 9000 certification, air taxi service in Virginia, Virginia Airport Owners Association (VAOA), Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on a large aircraft security program, DOAV's statewide economic impact study, and DOAV's budget. (Copy of presentation available upon request.)

**b. FAA Report . . . . . Kyle Allison, FAA**

**Mr. Allison gave a summary of the FAA Airport Improvement Program in Virginia for Fiscal Year 2008 and the Fiscal Year 2009 grant schedule.**

**c. VAOC Report . . . . . Juan Rivera, VAOC**

**Mr. Rivera reported that \$5,363.00 was raised during the spring golf outing for the John Lillard Scholarship Fund. The VAOC Maintenance Workshop held in October in Roanoke had an attendance of 60. The 2009 Spring Workshop will be held in Staunton on April 21-22. The next VAOC meeting will be held in Richmond on February 18 at 2 p.m.**

**4. Old Business:**

**a. Eligibility of Maintenance Projects at Blackstone. . . . .Rusty Harrington, DOAV**

**Mr. Harrington provided background information on the airport in Blackstone. This is a joint use facility owned by Ft. Picket and the Town of Blackstone, but the airfield itself is owned by Ft. Picket (DOD) and leased by the Virginia National Guard. The Town of Blackstone operates its airport on the facility in a 31-acre site. At present the airfield markings are very faded, and the pavement and markings are not in good condition and are in need of repair. The state is not able to participate in maintenance activities because of the ownership of the property. DOAV will continue to work with all parties to improve the situation at the airport. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Burdette suggested that DOAV send a letter highlighting the findings of recent inspections and asking, at the request of the board, that Mr. Franklin host a meeting on site with all parties involved to discuss various alternatives to address the maintenance needs. From that meeting, decisions can be made regarding what additional actions need to take place. Mr. Franklin and the board agreed. Mr. Burdette asked DOAV's Airport Services Division to draft the letter, and Mr. Franklin agreed to help.**

**5. New Business:**

**a. Virginia Aviation Board Review Tentative Allocations from the Commonwealth Airport Fund . . . . . Mike Swain, DOAV**

**Mr. Swain presented applications from the Virginia Resource Authority and staff recommendations. The board endorsed the following four project applications from the Virginia Resources Authority:**

- Accomack County Airport - Hangar Construction**
- Accomack County Airport - NASA Wallops Flight Facility**
- Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport - Hangar Construction**
- Virginia Highlands Airport - Hangar Construction**

**Mr. Swain presented project requests and staff recommendations. Prior to action by the board, the following amounts were available in state discretionary funds:**

<b>Air Carrier/Reliever Discretionary</b>	<b>\$4,308,799.21</b>
<b>General Aviation Discretionary</b>	<b>\$ 815,446.20</b>

**The board voted on the allocation of capital funds. The results are available at [www.doav.virginia.gov](http://www.doav.virginia.gov).**

**6. Public Comments and Questions. . . . . Roger Oberndorf, Chairman**

**Mr. Mark Courtney, Lynchburg Regional Airport, updated the board on the impact of high fares at the airport. Due to his hard work with the airlines, a decrease in ticket costs and an increase in tickets sales have come about.**

**7. Board Member Comments and Reports**

**Dr. Wagner commended Randall Burdette for his proactive support during these tough times. Dr. Wagner also mentioned the loss of Jean Waltrip, Williamsburg/Jamestown Airport. A draft letter of commendation recognizing Mrs. Waltrip's life-long efforts supporting aviation in Virginia was circulated to board members for review. The board will present the commendation to the Waltrip family at the February meeting.**

**8. Adjourn Meeting**

**The chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.**