# SPECIAL MEETING OF JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JANUARY 4, 2016

# 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 January 4, 2016 Special Meeting in the Community Room, Main Terminal Building, Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport ("JAN"), in Jackson, Mississippi, at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, January 4, 2016 (the "Meeting"), pursuant to proper notice. A copy of the Notice is attached as an Exhibit to the January 4, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes.

Chairman Rosie L.T. Pridgen, Ph.D., presided, called the Meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and called the roll of Commissioners.

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

Rosie L.T. Pridgen, Ph.D., Commissioner and Chairman Pastor James L. Henley, Jr., Comissioner and Vice Chairman Vernon W. Hartley, Sr., Commissioner Evelyn O. Reed, Commissioner LaWanda D. Harris, Commissioner

Chairman Pridgen, Ph.D., 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 2:00 p.m. on Monday, January 4, 2015 in the Community Room, Main Terminal Building, Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport ("JAN"), in Jackson, Mississippi. The following other persons were also present at the Meeting:

Carl D. Newman, A.A.E., JMAA Chief Executive Officer Perry Miller, JMAA Chief Operating Officer John L. Walker, Esq., Walker Group, PC Attorneys at Law Kevin Bass, Esq., Walker Group, PC Attorneys at Law Regina May, Esq., The May Law Firm, PLLC Attorneys at Law John Richard May, Jr., Esq., The May Law Firm, PLLC Attorneys at Law And persons listed on <u>EXHIBIT A: Sign in Sheet for 1-4-16</u>

# II. INVOCATION

Vice Chairman Pastor Henley, gave the Invocation.

# III. ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE

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**A.** Notice of the Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners ("The Board") of the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") January 4, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

### **RESOLUTION CY-2016-1**

### APPROVAL OF THE NOTICE OF THE JANUARY 4, 2016 SPECIAL MEETING

After discussion and review, and upon the motion made by Vice Chairman Pastor Henley, seconded by Commissioner Reed, and approved by unanimous vote, the following resolution was made and entered.

**RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby approves the Notice of the January 4, 2016 Special Meeting and directs that said notice be filed in the appropriate minute book and records of the Authority.

Yeas: Hartley, Harris, Henley, Pridgen, Reed Nays: None Abstentions: None

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### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jackson City Councilman De'Keither Stamps, Ward 4, Jackson, Misissippi City Council addressed the Board.

He thanked the Board of Commissionners and JMAA's Staff Members for the diligent work in improving the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International and Hawkins Field Airports. He suggested some ideas and approaches for the Board to consider during the upcoming 2016 Mississippi Legislative Session. He then requested that the Board of Commissioners remain unified with the City of Jackson. Further, he asked that the Board work with the City in helping to unify the public as to the pertinent issues arising during the legislative session which can serve as catalyst for growth of the City and JMAA going forward.

Chairman Dr. Pridgen thanked Councilman Stamps for his attendance and his comments to the Board.

She then yielded to Mr. Carl D. Newman, A.A.E., CEO to address the Board.

# V. REPORTS

#### A. Chief Executive Officer

1. Mr. Carl D. Newman, A.A.E., CEO, then announced that on January 5, 2016, JMAA is hosting a Legislative Reception, in conjunction with the City of Jackson. He

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2. Mr. Newman then announced that Staff is completing another multi-page document that provides more detailed information about the airport and a one-page document. The documents will be available for distribution by persons at the Capitol, and other locations.

# **OPEN SESSION**

Commissioner Harris then moved that the Board enter into a Closed Session to discuss whether to go into an Executive Session to consider matters that she believed could be discussed in Executive Session, and Commissioner Reed seconded the motion.

The Board, by a vote of 5-0-0, resolved to close the session. Chairman Dr. Pridgen, asked all, except Mr. Carl D. Newman, A.A.E., CEO, and the attorneys from Walker Group, PC and The May Law Firm, to leave the room.

All present, with the exceptions noted, were directed to vacate the room and this was done.

The Board went into Closed Session at 2:12 p.m.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

Commissioner Reed then moved that the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss the three (3) potential litigation matters. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion to enter Executive Session and the Commissioners, by a vote of 5-0-0, resolved to enter Executive Session for the stated purposes.

The Closed Session ended at 2:15 p.m.

#### **OPEN SESSION**

Chairman Dr. Pridgen, invited all persons outside the room to re-enter and some did.

Chairman Dr. Pridgen stated in Open Session that the Board, during Closed Session, voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss three (3) potential litigation matters.

Chairman Dr. Pridgen asked all present, with the exception of Mr. Carl D. Newman, A.A.E. CEO, Mr. Perry Miller, JMAA Chief Operating Officer and the attorneys from Walker Group, PC and The May Law Firm, to leave the room.

The Board went into Executive Session at 2:16 p.m. Page **3** of **4** 

# **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Saleem Barrett and Mr. Jessie Pennington, Representatives of WT Consultants, were asked to enter the Executive Session at 2:44 p.m regarding one (1) potential lititation matter. After the Board secured from Mr. Barrett and Mr. Pennington the requested information, they were asked to leave the Executive Session at 3:13 p.m. They exited at that time.

Vice Chairman Pastor Henley informed the Board that an emergency occurred and asked that he be excused from the Executive Session and the Special Board Meeting. He exited at 3:58 p.m.

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed matters as to the three (3) potential litigation issues and took no action.

Upon motion by Commissioner Hartley, seconded by Commissioner Harris, and the unanimous approval of the Board Members present in the Executive Session (4-0-0), the Executive Session was ended at 5:21 p.m.

#### **OPEN SESSION**

Chairman Dr. Pridgen, invited all persons outside the room to reenter and some did.

Chairman Dr. Pridgen, stated in Open Session that the Board, during Executive Session discussed three (3) potential litigation matters and took no action regarding those matters.

# **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Thereafter, it was moved by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Harris, and unanimously resolved (4-0-0) that the Special Meeting of the Board be ADJOURNED at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosie L.T. Pridgen, Ph.D., Chairman

Pastor James L. Henley, Jr., Vice Chairman

Ms. LaWanda D. Harris, Commissioner

Mr. Vernon W. Hartley, Sr., Commissioner

Ms. Evelyn O. Reed, Commissioner

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