

**CITY OF MERCED
REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY MINUTES**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MERCED CIVIC CENTER
678 W. 18TH STREET
MERCED, CA**

**TUESDAY
JANUARY 24, 2018**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Desmond Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Members present: Alvin Osborn, Travis Colby, Desmond Johnston and Rafael Velarde

Members absent: Michael Bodine, Bill Rudd One vacancy.

Staff Present: Martin Pehl, Frank Quintero, and Jessika Musquiz

C. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATION

None.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

M/S/C – Osborn/Colby motion to approve and file the minutes of December 18, 2018, as submitted.

F. REPORTS

1. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

Authority Member Travis Colby voiced his concerns about the improvements to the Airports website. Airport Manager Martin Pehl stated that improvements to the website have been taking place and the website would be up and running in the near future.

Mr. Pehl spoke about final numbers for enplanements for the calendar year 2018 year, 7354. He stated that there is a decline because of the reduction in flights that are taking place.

Department of transportation had a discussion and the topic was them moving to Sacramento.

Mr. Pehl doesn't anticipate losing the funding program because of this.

Authority member Desmond Johnston questioned if Las Vegas flights would come back to the Merced Airport.

Economic Development Director Frank Quintero addressed the Las Vegas topic. He stated that council wanted to hit the 10,000 mark on enplanements so they can get the 1 million dollar grant to start more improvements on the Merced Airport field.

Mr. Pehl stated he is working on some lease issues.

G. AUTHORITY BUSINESS

1. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION

Economic Development Director Frank Quintero presented the Authority Members with a presentation regarding the improvements that are taking place in downtown Merced.

Mr. Quintero presented on The Tioga Hotel project, El Capitan Hotel project, and The Merced Mainzer Theatre project.

Mr. Quintero gave a brief speech about State of the City that happens once a year from the Mayor. He invited the Authority Members and handed out flyers.

2. DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING CHANGING THE MEETING SCHEDULE FROM MONTHLY TO QUARTERLY

Authority Members spoke about changing the meeting to quarterly. Mr. Quintero advised the members that they cannot motion and second for the change. He explained the process that needed to take place to change the meetings to quarterly.

There is an ordinance amendment code that needs to be revised. He advised the members that they needed to go before the council and it takes thirty to sixty days for a change to take place.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Desmond Johnston adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m. until the next Regional Airport Authority meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 678 W. 18th Street, in the Civic Center.

M/S/C – Travis/Alvin motion to approve the meeting adjournment until the next scheduled meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael O. Bodine", written over a horizontal line.

Michael Bodine, Chair
Regional Airport Authority