



**Virginia Aviation Board  
Meeting Minutes**

The Virginia Aviation Board held a meeting at 9:00 am, Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at the Doubletree Hotel-Richmond Airport, Richmond, Virginia 23150.

**ATTENDEES**

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

**OTHER ATTENDEES**

<b>Terry Page</b>	<b>FAA</b>
<b>Lori Pound</b>	<b>Counsel</b>
<b>Randall Burdette</b>	<b>Director, Virginia Department of Aviation</b>

Several DOAV Staff, Federal Government Representatives, Airport Managers and Sponsors, Consultants, Engineers, State Government Representatives, Business Owners, and City & County Representatives were also present.

Due to the absence of the Chairman and Co-Chairman, a motion was made and approved for William Kehoe to conduct the meeting.

1. Call to Order..... William Kehoe  
Temp-Chairman

A resolution was presented to Lynwood E. Wadsworth from Virginia Aviation Board for his dedication, devotion and tireless efforts to the citizens of Essex County.

2. The December 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. He discussed the budget cutbacks due the revenue shortfall from the Aircraft Sales and Use Tax. A motion was made to move the VAB meeting to a quarterly format and was approved. The remaining 2008 schedule is May 8<sup>th</sup>, August 14<sup>th</sup>, and

November 13<sup>th</sup> and the meeting will follow a one-day format starting at 9 am. The location is to be determined. Also discussed were the Minimum Licensing Criteria for Virginia Public-Use Airports. After discussion with the VAB, the following recommendations for bringing airports into compliance for licensing were accepted:

1. Require written get well plan
2. Required notification to public
3. Notification to FAA of obstructions for approach evaluation
4. A letter informing the airport/airport sponsor of the specific finding impacts of breaching obstruction clearance minimums.
5. Develop emergency process to bring non-compliant airport to the VAB for waiver
6. Require runway approach, transition, and primary surface obstructions clear for Discretionary funds

(PowerPoint presentation available upon request)

- b. FAA Report ..... Terry Page  
FAA

Mr. Page had three items he wanted to discuss.

1. He invited everyone to attend the Hershey Conference on March 18-19, 2008.
2. He notified airport engineers and planners that Change Number 12 to Advisory Circular 150/5300-13 has been issued and became effective in early January.
3. He reported on the status of the current FAA Funding Program. He noted that \$3.6 billion was available under the AIP Program.

- c. VAOC Report.....Mark Courtney  
VAOC

Mr. Courtney discussed the court case against Chesapeake Regional Airport. DOAV has asked Lori Pound with the Office of the Attorney General to assist the Department to take a proactive position because the case does have far reaching implementations.

Mr. Courtney invited everyone to attend the Spring Workshop in Staunton on April 21-22, 2008.

Mr. Courtney expressed VAOC members' disappointment with the Department's decision to suspend funding for grants under the Aviation Special Fund.

- d. Legislative Update.....Keith McCrea  
DOAV

Mr. McCrea provided information on current legislation. (View the bills attached)

4. Old Business:.....None

5. New Business:

- a. Request for wavier of VAB policy – No Reimbursement for work started prior to executing grand agreement.....Paul Howell  
Chairman  
Bath County Airport Authority

**Mr. Howell spoke on behalf of the Bath County Airport Authority to see if the Board would consider an exemption for their request for Ingalls Field. (See workshop minutes). VAB policy does not reimburse for work done prior to the execution of a grant agreement.**

**Board policy will stand on this issue.**

**b. Tentative Allocations from the Commonwealth**

**Airport Fund ..... Mike Swain  
DOAV**

**The Board approved Roanoke Regional Airport's entitlement utilization report.**

**Funding available:**

**Air Carrier/Reliever.....\$6,791,122.38**

**General Aviation.....\$28,630.57**

**All Department recommendations were approved by the Board.**

**5. Public Comments and Questions**

**Mr. Joe Love, Chesapeake Regional Airport, thanked everyone for their help concerning the lawsuit. He and Mr. Bill Kelly, New Kent County Airport, both voiced their concerns about the changes in meeting criteria, the obstruction issues, and the method the board uses to review issues.**

**7. Board Member Comments and Reports**

**Mr. Dix and Mr. Franklin both commented about Mr. Love's and Mr. Kelly's remarks. Mr. Franklin suggested that for any major policy changes proper notification be given to all concerned.**

**8. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.**