



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Agenda Date: 12/17/2024

Subject:

Resolution superseding and replacing Resolution 02-151 regarding the Aircraft Noise Abatement Task Force for the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.

Recommended Action:

Adopt a resolution replacing the Airport Noise Abatement Task Force (NATF) and replacing it with an Airport Noise Abatement Working Group (Working Group) at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (PIE).

- Replace the NATF with a Working Group.
- Continue to maintain an open forum of communication with surrounding communities affected by aircraft noise.
- Continue to inform the public on existing noise management policies and measures established to reduce aircraft noise and encourage air carrier compliance with existing Noise Abatement Procedures (NAP), as well as promote the Voluntary Quiet Window.
- Although some aircraft noise is inevitable, PIE management has put NAPs in place to reduce noise effects on Pinellas County residents.
- This resolution, by itself, has no fiscal impact. Funding for the noise abatement related costs is included in the Fiscal Year 2025 Adopted Budget in the Airport Revenue and Operating Fund.

Strategic Plan:

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality

4.5 Provide safe and effective transportation systems to support the efficient flow of motorist, commerce, and regional connectivity

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.4 Strive to serve the needs of all Pinellas County residents and customers

Summary:

Approval of the Resolution creating an Airport Noise Abatement Working Group will continue efforts to address aircraft noise issues and make aircraft noise issue recommendations to the County Administrator.

The Working Group will consist of nine local citizen/members as deemed appropriate by the County Administrator and seven non-elected advisory members consisting of aviation industry and military representatives. The Working Group shall meet twice per year and be staffed by a member of the Airport Director's Office. The County Administrator will submit meeting minutes to the Board of County Commissioners (Board) detailing the Working Group's activities.

The Working Group's mission will be to continually strive toward a successful working relationship with parties affected by or concerned with airport noise related issues.

Background Information:

On August 20, 2002, the Board instructed the County Administrator to create an Aircraft NATF to assess concerns and educate the community on air traffic patterns, flight routes and arrival/departure procedures, and to explore alternative methods of reducing aircraft noise and impacts on residential neighborhoods surrounding PIE.

The Task Force has been instrumental in helping Airport staff and the County Administrator develop the Fly Friendly program and alternative approaches to PIE that have reduced noise.

However, due to the requirements put in place in 2002 regarding the large number of members required (17 to 22 members), logistics of the meetings, and attendance, PIE has determined it would be advantageous to replace the Task Force with a Working Group, which will allow more effective and focused recommendations to the County Administrator.

Fiscal Impact:

This resolution, by itself, has no fiscal impact. Funding for noise abatement related costs is included in the FY25 Adopted Budget in the Airport Revenue and Operating Fund.

The annual amount expected to be spent on the Resolution is approximately the same as has been spent in most recent years.

Staff Member Responsible:

Thomas R. Jewsbury, Airport Director, St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport
Mark E. Sprague, Deputy Director of Operations and Facilities, St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport

Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

New Resolution superseding and replacing Resolution 02-151
Resolution 02-151

RESOLUTION NO. 24- 95

**RESOLUTION SUPERSEDING AND REPLACING
RESOLUTION 02-151 REGARDING THE AIRCRAFT
NOISE ABATEMENT TASK FORCE FOR THE ST. PETE-
CLEARWATER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

WHEREAS, there remains aircraft noise inquiries and concerns in Pinellas County arising from departing and arriving flights at St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (“Airport”); and

WHEREAS, federal law prohibits noise and access restrictions by the Federal Aviation Act of 1958; and

WHEREAS, the responsible federal agency, the Federal Aviation Administration, continues to work with airports to improve its means of understanding and reducing the effects of aircraft noise exposure; and

WHEREAS, it is advantageous to receive input from the communities impacted by aircraft noise as well as input from representatives of the aviation industry and government; and

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2002, the Board of County Commissioners instructed the County Administrator to develop an Aircraft Noise Abatement Task Force (“Task Force”) to assess concerns and educate the community on traffic patterns, flight routes and arrival/departure procedures, and to explore alternative methods of reducing aircraft noise and impacts on residential neighborhoods surrounding the airport; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has been instrumental in helping Airport staff and the County Administrator develop the Fly Friendly program and alternative

approaches to Airport operation that have ameliorated noise issues; and

WHEREAS, given the numerosity of members, logistics and attendance of meetings, replacing the task force with a smaller, but similarly representative working group will allow more effective and more focused recommendations to the County Administrator.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County Florida, that:

Section 1. Scope.

The Airport noise Task Force is hereby dissolved and replaced with an airport noise abatement working group (“Working Group”) which is hereby created as set forth herein to continue efforts to address aircraft noise issues and make aircraft noise issue recommendations to the County Administrator.

Section 2. Membership.

The Working Group will consist of nine (9) members, be appointed by the County Administrator, and will consist of a mix of aviation industry representatives, government officials, and local citizens as deemed appropriate by the County Administrator.

Section 3. Scheduled Meetings.

The Working Group will meet twice per year and shall be staffed by a member of the Airport Director's Office.

Section 4. Meeting Minutes.

The County Administrator will submit the meeting minutes to the Board of County Commissioners detailing the working group's activities and recommendations.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption and shall supersede and replace Resolution 02-151.

In a regular meeting duly assembled on the 17th day of December, 2024, Commissioner Scott offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Flowers, and upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Peters, Scott, Eggers, Flowers, Latvala, Nowicki, and Scherer.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: None.