

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.