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State Affairs Committee virtual fly-in planned

The Board of Directors has set the date for the 2021 FAC virtual fly-in - Tuesday February 23rd - Wednesday Feb. 24th. FAC guest speakers will include FDOT Secretary of Transportation Kevin Thibault, Enterprise Florida and Visit Florida, and more. Save the date!

Education Committee announces 2021 scholarship awards

The FAC Education Committee has announced the recipients of 2021 scholarships.

Candidate	College/University
Andre Williams	ERAU
Cherrise Ficke	FIT
Christian Wood	ERAU
Jack Bergsman	ERAU
Jordan Ripley	Miami Dade College
Rosseana Morales	ERAU



The scholarship application period opened on August 17, 2020 and closed on October 4, 2020. Due to travel restrictions imposed as a result of COVID-19, the Education Committee held virtual scholarship interviews with the finalists on November 6, 2020. The committee used an online application form this year, which made it easier for students to complete the application and for the interview panel to review the applications.

A total of 54 applications were received of which 40 satisfied the program's qualifications. There were 17 applications from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, 11 from the Florida Institute of Technology, 10 from Miami Dade College, and one each from the University of South Florida and Polk State. A twelve-member panel reviewed the 40 applications and selected six candidates and two alternatives for interview via Zoom. The interviews were conducted by Lisa Waters, Ramon Senorans, Derek Faulkner, Dr. David Byers, and Ethan Croop.

The table above summarizes the 2021 scholarship awards recommendations made by the Education Committee based on accomplishment, potential, and financial need.

The Board of Directors approved the distribution of \$7,500 among these students. The Foundation has awarded \$375,600 to 155 students since the program began in 1990.



2020 VIRTUAL FUN RUN CHALLENGE

held August 19 & September 16 – October 26

WINNERS

First Place: Naples Airport Authority
Second Place: Lee County Port Authority
Third Place: Broward County Aviation Department

The 2020 Virtual Fun Run Challenge was launched on August 19, 2020 during the General Membership meeting. A total of **\$1,770** was raised. On September 16, 2020, the 2020 Virtual Fun Run Challenge was re-opened and promoted during the Education & Training Summit. The event closed on October 26, 2020 and raised an additional **\$1,970**. In total there were **62** participants generating a total of **\$3,740**.

Congrats to all the winners! And Thank You to your staff and Board members for your support.

AROUND THE STATE

American Airlines announces nonstop Saturday flights to DFW

American Airlines has announced seasonal Saturday service between Orlando Melbourne International Airport (MLB) and Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) beginning on February 13, 2021 through April 3, 2021.

The weekly flights depart DFW on Saturdays at 12:40 p.m. (CST) and arrive to MLB at 4:16 p.m. (EST), and then depart MLB at 5:00 p.m. (EST) and arrive back to DFW at 7:10 p.m. (CST). The flights will be operated on American's 76-seat dual class CRJ-900 aircraft. As American Airlines' largest hub airport, DFW will provide a west coast connection for business and leisure travelers flying from MLB.

The new flights are also introduced as an additional option to access Florida's beaches during the Spring Break season.

"MLB is an excellent option for families, couples and more looking to travel to Central Florida's beaches," said Brian Znotins, American's Vice President of Network Planning. "DFW is our largest hub and this new service will provide countless communities and passengers with another great option during the peak Spring Break season."

"This is the first west coast connection service our airport has seen in decades and we are grateful American Airlines has recognized the long awaited need. These introductory flights are a huge opportunity for our community's business and leisure travelers to prove to our airline partner that this service is desired, will be used, and can grow."

– Greg Donovan, MLB Executive Director

MLB added to US Navy Blue Angels 2021 show schedule

The U.S. Navy Blue Angels have announced the addition of The Great Florida Air Show at Orlando Melbourne International Airport (MLB) to its 2021 show schedule, set to take place on Saturday, May 15 and Sunday, May 16.

"We are thrilled that the U.S. Navy Blue Angels have added Orlando Melbourne International Airport to their 2021 schedule," said MLB Executive Director Greg Donovan.

"After six incredible air shows in just five years, we decided to take this last year off to strategize improving what we've already accomplished. By issuing a Request for Proposals last December, we were able to find and partner with one of the best air show production teams in the world."

"Planning for The Great Florida Air Show featuring the Blue Angels is already underway," Donovan continued. "We

look forward to bringing this opportunity to our Melbourne Airport Authority board for approval and presenting our community and area visitors with the best air show yet at MLB."

To learn more about U.S. Navy Blue Angels coming to MLB, [click here](#).



Click here
to visit
The Great Florida
Air Show website!

Tampa International Airport, BayCare extend COVID-19 testing program



Tampa International Airport and BayCare Health System announced the COVID-19 passenger testing

The testing site is located in the airport's main terminal, near the entrance to Airside F. The cost of a PCR test is \$150. A rapid antigen test is \$60. Testing is voluntary and open to all arriving and departing passengers who can prove they have traveled.

program will expand in to 2021. "Both the airport and BayCare anticipate operating the site for several more months," a press release on the airport's website states, but a set date of when the testing site will close was not given.

The program launched October 1 and has processed more than 12,000 COVID-19 tests. According to TPA, an average of around 133 tests are processed a day, peaking at more than 280 a day, and PCR and antigen tests are about even.

AROUND THE NATION

President Trump signs omnibus package

On December 27th, the President signed into law a \$1.4 trillion FY 2021 omnibus appropriations package that includes \$3.35 billion for the traditional AIP account, \$400 million in supplemental AIP funding; a \$2.8 million increase for contract towers; and funding for law enforcement officers and exit lane staffing. Also included in the Omnibus bill is a short-term \$900 billion coronavirus relief package. The coronavirus relief sections includes \$2 billion for airports and concessionaires including:

- ⇒ \$1.75 billion for primary airports and certain cargo airports "for costs related to operations, cleaning, sanitization, janitorial services, combating the spread of pathogens at the airport, and debt service payments," distributed via the Airport Improvement Program formulas;
- ⇒ \$45 million for general aviation and commercial service airports, \$5 million of which is reserved for non-primary airports that participate in the FAA Contract Tower Program to cover "lawful expenses" to support FAA contract tower operations;
- ⇒ \$200 million for sponsors of primary airports to provide rent and minimum annual guarantee relief to airport car rental, on-airport parking, and in terminal airport concessions at the airports, which will be allocated based on enplanements; and
- ⇒ \$5 million for the Small Community Air Service Development Program.



Here's the initial page on the program. More to come.

<https://www.faa.gov/airports/crrsaa/>

DATES TO REMEMBER		(New ←)
	Location	Date
2021 FAC State Legislative Affairs <i>VIRTUAL</i> Fly-In	Virtual	February 23-24, 2021 (1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.) ←
FAA 2020 Southern Regional Airports Conference	Atlanta, GA Click here for additional information	April 5-8, 2021
2021 FAC <i>VIRTUAL</i> Education & Training Summit	Virtual	April 13-15, 2021
2021 FAC Annual Conference & Exposition	Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront	July 18-21, 2021

Please email lisa@floridaairports.org with calendar updates.

Semi-Annual Airport Law Digest 2020 Year in Review

From FAC Corporate Member Kaplan Kirsch Rockwell



(Source: 2020 Year in Review, KKR)

As indisputably the biggest topic of the year, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a tremendous effect on airports in almost every conceivable way. Changes to – and new interpretations of – the law, guidance, and policy governing airports presented unique challenges to sponsors across the country, some of which we reviewed in a May Airport Law Alert.

Although it obviously has been important, the pandemic has also overshadowed other significant developments in airport law and policy in 2020. While this list is not intended to be exhaustive, airport lawyers should be aware of many non-COVID developments from 2020 and moving in to 2021:

- ◇ A new Biden administration, which will come with a slate of new political appointees and policy preferences, including a new FAA Associate Administrator for Airports and a new Secretary of Transportation;
- ◇ Changes to NEPA regulations and environmental review procedures, both from the Council on Environmental Quality (finalized, but under challenge in several lawsuits), and the Department of Transportation (not yet finalized, but expected soon);
- ◇ New FAA policy on implementing a new federal law that limits FAA regulation of airport property, which provides important information to airport operators seeking to develop (especially) non-aeronautical property with minimal FAA involvement;

◇ Continued development of the law around regulation of drones, as several guidance documents from federal agencies, plus a recent case from the Western District of Texas, provide additional framework and boundaries for local control of unmanned aerial systems;

◇ Airport sponsor regulation of ride and car-sharing services, with courts in three separate states granting victories for sponsors in their efforts to regulate disruptive technologies; and

◇ Potential developments in the regulation of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), an emerging contaminant, key component of AFFF, and a policy target of the incoming administration.

On these and other topics, this **Airport Law Digest** includes a list of principal cases decided over the last year; new DOT and FAA rules, policies, and guidance; and reports, studies, and articles of interest to airport legal professionals. We have attempted to provide links to publicly available documents, and most other documents are available via subscription services such as Westlaw or LexisNexis. Given its special status as a new and important topic this year, we have consolidated all COVID materials at the end of this Digest. We hope you find this Digest useful in your efforts to remain current in the always-evolving legal and regulatory framework that governs airports. If you have questions about any of the materials in this Digest, please contact editor Nicholas M. Clabbers or any other Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell attorney who normally represents you.

TSA screened more than 1.3 million people Sunday, the most since the pandemic began *(Source: washingtonpost.com)*

More than 1.3 million people moved through U.S. airport security checkpoints Sunday — the most since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic, the Transportation Security Administration announced Monday.

The number was far below what it was on the same day in 2019, when more than 2.4 million people were screened. Still, the increase came despite recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and local health officials that people not travel during the holiday season. During the first three days of January, the TSA screened more than 3.3 million people. Roughly 1.2 million people moved through TSA checkpoints Saturday before the record the next day.

December also saw an increase in airport traffic, with the number of people screened surpassing 1 million on nine days. The agency recorded similar upticks in November. On the Sunday after Thanksgiving — traditionally one of the busiest travel days of the year — more than 1.1 million people were screened, compared with 2.8 million in 2019. In November, screening volumes exceeded 1 million on four days during the Thanksgiving travel period.

[Canada to require air travelers to test negative for COVID-19](#)

(Source: Reuters.com)

Canada will require air travelers aged 5 and up to test negative for COVID-19 before arrival, starting January 7, Transport Minister Marc Garneau said on Thursday, as the country tightens travel restrictions amid soaring cases of the novel coronavirus.

Passengers will need to have a negative polymerase chain reaction (PCR) COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours prior to their scheduled departure to Canada, the country said on Wednesday, after social media images of maskless Canadian tourists abroad prompted calls for stricter measures to curb the virus.

Documentation showing a negative result must be shown to the airline prior to boarding a flight to Canada, Garneau said in a statement that offers additional details about the requirement, like the starting date.

Pre-departure testing will not eliminate a mandatory 14-day quarantine for arrivals, in a blow to Canada's battered airlines which had been pushing for a negative result to be accepted as an alternative to such restrictions. "The announcement only addresses one element of the path forward – the utilization of testing to help further protect public health," said Mike McNaney, president of National Airlines

Council of Canada, which represents large carriers like Air Canada.

The new measures add to Canada's existing restrictions, which normally deny non-essential foreigners entry and where citizens returning from abroad are required to quarantine. Canada will also increase surveillance to ensure travellers entering Canada complete their quarantine, Garneau said. Canada reported on Thursday a total of 572,982 cases of COVID-19, as new cases surged in its most populous provinces, Ontario and Quebec.

This issue is evolving...

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[U.S. airlines' 2020 losses expected to top \\$35 billion as pandemic threatens another difficult year](#)

The Covid-19 pandemic has been brutal for U.S. airlines and significant relief isn't expected until the second half of 2021.

U.S. carriers' 2020 net losses likely topped \$35 billion, according to analyst estimates provided by FactSet. That includes what's expected to be Southwest Airlines' first annual loss in more than four decades.

The pandemic ended a decade of profits that the historically boom-and-bust industry enjoyed until 2020, a stretch during which they hired tens of thousands of workers, bought new planes and expanded their networks.

Airline stocks in 2020 dropped the most in years. American Airlines' share price lost 45%, its biggest percentage decline since before the carrier's 2013 merger with US Airways. Delta Air Lines' stock lost 31%, while United Airlines fell 51% over the last 12 months, its biggest drop since 2008. Southwest shed 14%. The S&P 500, meanwhile, rose by more than 16% in 2020.

The pandemic forced carriers to quickly shrink, cut routes and park hundreds of jets. U.S. carriers' increased their total debt by \$67 billion in 2020 to more than \$172 billion to weather the crisis, according to trade group Airlines for America. Paying that down will be a headwind over the next several years.

The good news is air travel demand has recovered a lot of ground compared with the volumes hit early in the pandemic. On April 16, the Transportation Security Administration screened 95,085 people at U.S. airports, less than 4% of the 2.6 million people that had passed through those checkpoints a year earlier. TSA airport screenings, fueled in part by the yearend holidays, surpassed 1 million people a day in the last five days through Wednesday, though that's still down about 45% from a year earlier.

With lucrative business and international travel largely sidelined, leisure travel became the most important market.

Airlines are expected to trim their losses and in some cases - including Southwest, Delta, Alaska - turn profitable next year, according to analysts' estimates. Authorization of coronavirus vaccines has helped boost optimism about future travel demand though it isn't yet clear when more of the public will resume flying.

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FAA to allow small drones to fly at night, over people in step toward broader deliveries

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is slated to issue new guidance allowing operators of drones to fly them at night and over human beings who are not operating them, the department said Monday.

The new rules, which will be written into the Federal Register in January and will take effect 60 days later, will address security concerns regarding identification of the flying systems remotely from the ground, Reuters reported, calling the move a major step toward expanded commercial deliveries.

"The new rules make way for the further integration of drones into our airspace by addressing safety and security concerns," FAA Administrator Steve Dickson said. "They get us closer to the day when we will more routinely see drone operations such as the delivery of packages."

Reuters reported that manufacturers of drones will have 18 months to begin making drones with remote ID systems and that operators will have an additional year to acquire them.

Drone operators are currently required to obtain a waiver if they want to fly one at night or over people not involved in the operation of the drone.

There are currently an estimated 1.7 million drones registered with the federal government.

Several major companies such as Amazon have already tested delivery service using unmanned aerial vehicles.

**Business & Employment
Opportunities**



GREATER ORLANDO AVIATION AUTHORITY NOTICE OF CONTINUING ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES (W424) ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL AND EXECUTIVE AIRPORTS

Pursuant to Section 287.057, Florida Statutes and the policies and procedures of the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority (the "Authority"), notice is hereby given that Letters of Interest are invited from firms and individuals ("Proposers") to render **Continuing Environmental Consulting Services (W424)** (the "Services") to the Authority at the Orlando International Airport, Orlando Executive Airport and other facilities operated by the Authority (the "Airport").

The Services include the performance of Environmental Consulting and related professional services, including but not limited to, evaluation and assessment of wildlife issues, uplands and wetlands evaluation, habitat analysis, threatened and endangered species issues, jurisdictional wetland determinations, water quality analysis land management, and monitoring of wetlands mitigation on facilities operated or purchased by the Authority and all other related services including coordination with the Authority, its Consultants, the City of Orlando and all agencies having jurisdiction over the Airport. The Services may also include preparation of required notices and reports, coordination and providing assistance with requirements of authorities having jurisdiction over various mitigation sites, documentation of existing environmental conditions, preparation of environmental studies, technical support, and assistance with permitting activities which may be required where the Authority elects not to solicit letters of interest by means of public advertisement.

A Pre-Submittal Conference will be held at **10:00 a.m. on January 21, 2021, in the Conference Room Alpha, Greater Orlando Aviation Authority, Orlando International Airport, 11344 Terminal C Service Road, Orlando, FL 32824**. The Services Scope, the Submission Requirements, the Minority and Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) Participation, Local Developing Business/Veteran Business Enterprise (LDB/VBE) Participation and Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) Participation Program for the Letters of Interest and questions regarding the Services will be reviewed at the Pre-Submittal Conference. The Advertisement, Submission Requirements, Responses to inquiries and Pre-Submittal Conference minutes, will be made available under Construction Opportunities on the Authority's website at: <http://www.orlandoairports.net/airport-business/#business-opportunities>

The Services referenced in this Advertisement are subject to approval by the Authority prior to any work or services being performed.

GREATER ORLANDO AVIATION AUTHORITY

Position: Airports Parking Contract Coordinator
Salary: \$51,007 Annually
Closes: January 15, 2021



Supervises daily Parking Contractor operations at PBI to ensure compliance with contract documents, plans and projects. Provides highly responsible and direct customer service to parking customers. Prepares budgetary forecasts and supplemental documentation for yearly budgeting/planning; provides daily oversight of all projects involving the parking facilities and shuttle bus operations. Determines new/revised procedures in response to issues/changes in the parking system to ensure maximum parking revenue collection. Ensures that the parking system operates efficiently with 24/7 coverage; works under the direction of the Director of Operations.

The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners provides an excellent benefits package, including medical, dental and life insurance as well as vacation and sick leave, paid parental leave, tuition reimbursement and participation in the Florida Retirement System.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Graduation from high school or an equivalent recognized certification; minimum of five (5) years of experience in airport parking, operations, or maintenance at a medium or large hub airport.

PREFERENCE FOR EXPERIENCE: Providing customer service/responding to customer inquiries; researching/evaluating data (**must specify on application**); preparing fiscal reports/documents (**must specify on application**); reconciling daily monetary transactions/deposits (**must specify on application**). Also desirable: Knowledge of contracts, to include making contract recommendations/changes (**must specify on application**); Bachelor's Degree in Airport Management/Business Administration/Accounting.

Visit www.pbcgov.jobs for job description and to apply online. May upload any Veteran's Preference documentation to online application (No e-mail applications/resumes accepted). **Online Applications are accepted no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 15, 2021. EO/AA M/F/D/V, Drug Free Work Place; All employees of Palm Beach County may be required to work before, during and/or after a natural or man-made disaster or hurricane.**

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Position: Business Manager
Salary: \$73,424 - \$125,500 Annually
Closes: January 25, 2021



MAJOR FUNCTIONS

The County of Volusia is seeking a Business Manager – Working Title: Director of Administration & Properties for the Airport division. This position is located in Daytona Beach, Florida at the Daytona Beach International Airport and will be responsible for property management/development (property accounting, contract negotiations, contract management, and revenue maximization), tenant relations, finance, and administration and business strategy planning and implementation activities.

Incumbent assigned to this classification is at-will and serves at the discretion of the County Manager.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Finance, Public Administration, Airline/Airport Management or related field and a minimum of seven (7) years Finance/Airport/Airline Management experience.

Must possess a valid driver's license at time of appointment.

A comparable amount of education, training, or experience may be substituted for the minimum educational qualifications.

The **preferred candidate** will have a Master's Degree in Business Administration, Finance, Public Administration, Airline/Airport Management or related field and have received their A.A.E through the American Association of Airport Executive.

A valid pilot's license, financial certifications or real estate license is a plus.

APPLICATIONS MAY BE FILED ONLINE AT: <http://www.volusia.org/humanresources>