

# **BYLAWS**

## **Southeast Florida Metropolitan Area Aviation System Plan Steering Committee**

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**Article 1.0  
Purpose, Responsibilities and Powers**

**SECTION 1.1 Purpose**

The Southeast Florida Metropolitan Area Aviation System Planning Steering Committee, hereinafter referred to as the “Steering Committee”, shall manage and give policy direction to the Continuing Florida Aviation System Planning Process (CFASPP) in the geographic area of Florida described under Section 1.4, below. The Steering Committee shall efficiently evaluate needs and appropriate actions to encourage airports to work together to effectively serve Florida’s growing air transportation demands. The Steering Committee shall address issues related to existing and proposed airport facilities, land use on and adjacent to existing and proposed airport facilities, airport access and airspace.

**SECTION 1.2 Creation and Powers**

The Steering Committee was created jointly by various governmental agencies of Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach counties, the Florida Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration to manage and give policy direction to development of the Continuing Florida Aviation System Planning Process (CFASPP). These tasks are to:

- ➔ Develop and maintain a Florida Aviation System Plan and supporting information (Chap. 332.006(1), F.S.);
- ➔ Provide coordination among local, State and Federal governments for Florida aviation system planning (Sec. 502(b), 49 U.S.C. App. 2201 et seq.; Chap. 334.044(1), (12) and (21), F.S.; Chap. 187.201(20)(b)3 and 13, F.S.); and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) Chap. 339.175 F.S.;
- ➔ Support development of the aviation component of the Florida Transportation Plan (Chap. 339.155, F.S.); and
- ➔ Develop recommendations for the State of Florida input to the Federal Aviation Administration’s National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (Sec. 504(c), 49 U.S.C. App. 2201 et seq.).

The Steering Committee consensus recommendations carry the authority of member agencies upon acceptance by those agencies. The Steering Committees may invite participation by the Federal Aviation Administration, the Florida Department of Transportation, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, national industry groups or consulting firms, but decisions and recommendations to local, State and Federal agencies are made exclusively by the Steering Committee membership. The Steering Committees can request study grants through member agencies.

The Steering Committee shall appoint sub-committees as needed to evaluate specific metropolitan area aviation needs.

### **SECTION 1.3 Responsibilities**

The Steering Committee is responsible for managing the twenty-year regional aviation system plan. This includes directing the activities of aviation consulting teams that are hired by the Florida Department of Transportation for specific regional studies. The Steering Committee shall provide a forum for evaluating aviation related issues, achieving a consensus, and recommending actions, policies and proposed aviation projects to the Federal Aviation Administration, Florida Department of Transportation and the local governmental agencies that the membership represents. At the Florida Department of Transportation State level, Steering Committee Officers will coordinate their activities through the Aviation Office, Aviation System Manager and the CFASPP Administrator. This office shall provide meeting material to include agendas, meeting minutes, aviation office updates, and other relevant items. The Aviation Office will also coordinate technical reviews of study material and work closely with "sub-committees" of the Steering Committee, as appropriate.

The Steering Committee shall produce"

- A twenty-year regional aviation system plan;
- Updates to the Florida Aviation System Database that are used by the Florida Department of Transportation district offices to develop the five-year airports work program, evaluate and review airport master planning projects;
- Regional components of the Florida Aviation System Plan (FASP) which is used by the Federal Aviation Administration as input to the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems. The National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems establishes eligibility for Florida airports to receive Federal funds;

- Current aviation issues and policy advice to the Federal Aviation Administration and Florida Department of Transportation; and
- Reviews of Florida Transportation Plan, regional policy plans, local government comprehensive plans, airport master plans, and Transportation Work Program compatibility.
- Recognizing the importance of Intermodal issues on the Florida Aviation Industry, and the coordination requirements of Florida Statute 339.175, Committees will include representatives of the local Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) on the meeting agendas and as full members.

#### **SECTION 1.4 Regional Boundaries**

The Southeast Florida Metropolitan Area Aviation System Plan Steering Committee shall manage the Continuing Florida Aviation System Planning Process within the geographic area including Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach counties.

## **Article 2.0**

### **Membership**

#### **SECTION 2.1 Eligibility**

Specific organizations are recognized as members of the Steering Committee. These are representatives of the more than 100 public airports in the State of Florida. To be eligible for membership in the Steering Committee, individuals must be representatives of an airport or airport authority, representatives of a public agency, military installations, business enterprise or special interest group located in the region or be an elected official or from the general public of the region. The Chairperson shall be a recognized representative of an airport or airport authority.

#### **SECTION 2.2 Categories of Membership**

There shall be three primary categories of Steering Committee membership: full members, technical advisors, and participants. Only the opinion of full members shall be used to form consensus recommendations to local, State and Federal officials.

Full members are those aviation professionals identified as follows:

- Manager/director or designee of each airport within the region recognized in the Florida Aviation System Plan;
- Chairperson or designee of the lawfully authorized local governing body exercising regulatory authority over the airports recognized in the Florida Aviation System Plan;
- Administrative head or designated technical staff member of each duly authorized Metropolitan Planning Organization within the region;
- Representative of a military air installation.

Full member organizations that represent more than one public-use airport are authorized one vote per airport on Committee decisions. All other full member organizations are authorized only one vote on Committee decisions regardless of the number of representatives present.

Technical advisors represent the organizations that may not meet all of the eligibility requirements for full membership, but shall be recognized in Steering Committee discussions because of their professional expertise or association with public agencies in the Region. Employees of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the Department of Defense (DoD), Florida private airports, and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) shall be recognized as permanent technical advisors. Special interest groups such as the Florida Airports Council (FAC), Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE), American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), Florida Aviation Trades Association (FATA), Florida Aviation and Aerospace Alliance (FAAA), Air Transport Association (ATA), National Business Aviation Association (NBAA), flight training providers/academies, fixed base operators (FBOs), aeronautical universities and technical schools, and others are welcome and encouraged to attend. Attendance and participation by Florida private airports is also welcomed and encouraged.

“Participant” members represent organizations that may not meet all of the eligibility requirements for full membership, or have not been approved by the Steering Committee. These members may regularly attend meetings and may participate in discussion of an issue if recognized by the Chairperson.

### **SECTION 2.3 Term and Attendance**

Terms of membership for any organization or individual shall not be limited, except and agreement by the full members. Normally, an organization or individual may be deleted from membership and a replacement sought after representation is not provided for three consecutive scheduled meetings.

Named representatives of member organizations may send alternates (proxies) to satisfy organization meeting attendance requirements. Proxies for voting members will provide notice to the Chairperson in writing prior to the commencement of the regularly scheduled meeting.

**Article 3.0  
Officers**

**SECTION 3.1 Posts and Responsibilities**

The Steering Committee shall have two officers: Chairperson and Vice-chairperson. FDOT shall provide a CFASPP Administrator for record keeping and other purposes.

The Chairperson shall preside at Steering Committee meetings. Additionally, the Chairperson is the Committee's primary representative to the Statewide Steering Committee and is expected to attend. The Chairperson shall be a recognized representative of an airport or airport authority.

The Vice-chairperson shall preside at Steering Committee meetings and shall represent the membership of the Steering Committee at Statewide Steering Committee meetings as a proxy in the absence of the Chairperson. The proxy will be presented to the Statewide Chairperson, in writing, prior to commencement of normally scheduled Statewide meetings.

The FDOT Aviation Office shall provide an Administrator for the CFASPP and support of the Regional and Statewide Steering Committees. The CFASPP Administrator shall keep meeting records that accurately present the consensus position of the Steering Committee on all issues and policies discussed at meetings. Steering Committee approved records will be used to develop the annual update to the Florida Aviation System Plan. The CFASPP Administrator will also maintain the Bylaws in an electronic format, and update as appropriate, however no more than once a year. Steering committee members shall contact one of the officers to place items on the meeting agenda. The CFASPP Program Manager or Administrator will coordinate with Committee Chairpersons or Vice-chairpersons approximately 30 days prior to each meeting concerning items for the Regional agendas.

**SECTION 3.2 Election**

All Officers shall be elected by a two-thirds majority of the full voting members present. Eligible candidates must be named representatives of organizational members on the Steering Committee.

**SECTION 3.3 Term of Office**

The term of office shall be two years with one exception. If the Regional Chairperson is also holding a Statewide CFASPP Office, their Regional term of office will coincide with the duration of their term of Statewide Office. Beyond this one exception, successive terms in Regional office may be at the discretion of the full voting members present. An election for any Office may be called by simple majority of the full voting membership present. Should a vacancy occur, an election to fill the vacancy shall be conducted at the next meeting. Nominations for officers shall be from the floor.

## **Article 4.0 Meetings and Reports**

### **SECTION 4.1 Meeting Schedule and Topics**

The Steering Committee shall meet three times annually. In addition to specific issues placed on meeting agenda by members, one meeting per year will address revisions to the Regional Aviation System Plan, and one meeting per year will address coordination of airport development, local government comprehensive planning, regional planning and State planning issues.

### **SECTION 4.2 Meeting Notice and Materials**

The meeting notice and meeting materials shall be mailed to the Chairperson and Vice-chairperson and e-mailed to all other members a minimum of two weeks prior to the meeting date by the CFASPP Administrator. The FDOT will also provide meeting location, dates, and times via the Internet.

### **SECTION 4.3 Meeting Location**

The location for each meeting will be determined at the end of the prior meeting.

### **SECTION 4.4 Meeting Quorum**

Attendance by representatives of a majority of member organizations shall constitute a quorum.

### **SECTION 4.5 Consensus Recommendations**

Only consensus Steering Committee recommendations shall be made to local, State and Federal agencies. The recommendations adopted by the Steering Committee require approval by a majority of the member organizations present. The Steering Committee, by two-thirds majority vote of member organizations can establish an item of significant importance. To be declared a consensus recommendation, a recommendation shall be

drafted to:

- Be agreeable to all interested member organizations;
- Be in compliance with all Federal, State and local laws, rules, guidelines, policies and procedures; and
- Be in compliance with professional planning and engineering practice.

#### **SECTION 4.6 Meeting Records**

Meeting records shall be clear and brief. They shall contain, at minimum, a Statement of:

- The meeting date, time and location;
- A list of attendees;
- A list of organizations not represented;
- Summary narrative of issues discussed, decisions and resulting recommendations and action items

All meeting records shall be approved by a majority vote of the organizations present.

#### **SECTION 4.7 Special Meetings**

Special meetings in addition to the regularly scheduled meetings may be called at the discretion of the Chairperson upon request of any full member.

**Article 5.0  
Bylaw Changes**

**SECTION 5.1 Adoption**

These Bylaws shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the full voting members present.

**SECTION 5.2 Amendment**

These Bylaws may be amended at any official Steering Committee meeting by agreement of two-thirds of the full voting members present. At a minimum, the Bylaws will be reviewed every two years and voted on by the full membership present.

APPROVED:

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Chairperson

Date

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*May 27, 2008*

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Vice-chairperson

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