



MSP NOISE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
FINAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 20, 2023, at 10:30 AM
MAC General Offices
6040 28th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450



Call to Order

A special meeting of the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP) Noise Oversight Committee, (NOC) having been duly called, was held Wednesday, June 20, 2023, at the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC), General Offices, Lindbergh conference room, a Teams teleconference option was also provided.

Chair Hart called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. The following participated in the meeting:

Representatives: S. Alig, C. Jacobson, P. Martin, L. Olson, S. Crosby, C. Swanson
A. Moos, C. Potter, J. Hart, T. Cossalter, J. Klinger, J. Bergman

Staff: J. Lewis, K. Martin, D. Nelson, M. Ross, J. Egan, N. Pesky, E. Valencia, B. Juffer

Others: S. Doyle – FAA, N. Rao – FAA, H. Rand - Inver Grove Heights, D. O’Leary - Sun Fish Lake, K. Gallatin – St. Paul, L. Moore - Bloomington, M. Brindle - Edina, and a member of the community, Fred

A quorum of at least four Community and four Industry Representatives was established.

Community Representatives: Alig, Jacobson, Crosby, Martin, Olson, Swanson

Industry Representatives: Bergman, Moos, Potter, Klinger, Cossalter, Hart

1. Consent

1.1. Approval of May 17, 2023, Meeting Minutes

There were no questions or revisions to the May 17, 2023, meeting minutes.

Member Bergman made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda and **Member Crosby** seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

3. Business

3.1. FAA Noise Policy Review Michele Ross, Technical Advisor to the NOC

During the May 2023 NOC meeting, Don Scata, FAA Noise Manager for the office of Environment and Energy, provided an informative update on the FAA’s [Noise Policy Review](#) efforts. On May 1, the FAA published a [Federal Register Notice](#) (FRN) that marked the start of a 90-day public comment period which runs through July 31, 2023. The FRN included a background on FAA Noise Policy Review efforts, requesting public feedback on eleven specific questions, and links to a companion [framing paper](#) that explains the previous foundational elements of the FAA’s Civil Aircraft Noise Policy. Anyone may submit comments to the FAA on [Docket FAA-2023-0855](#) at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov).

The NOC is holding this special meeting today, June 20, 2023, to discuss the letter that they would like to submit to the Metropolitan Airports Commission Board for consideration. The letter has been prepared and is included in today's meeting packet. In summary, the letter first requests that the FAA consider the outcomes from the ongoing research it is conducting to inform its decision making in the process. Next, the letter requests that the FAA consider the impact of frequent revisions to noise metrics. The MAC and surrounding communities have implemented corrective and preventative land use management strategies around the airport that require a stable metric. Thirdly, the letter notes that the revision to the policy would not reduce actual noise exposure. The letter asks the FAA to continue to explore and accelerate research on source noise reduction technology and incentivize operators to employ it. Finally, the letter notes that the use of companion metrics is an asset in decision making and communicating decisions and noise impacts to the public.

Ms. Ross concluded her comments and offered to take questions. **Chair Hart** thanked **Ms. Ross** and asked if there were any questions from the Committee Members in the room, or online via Teams or via phone. There were no questions.

Action requested: Approve the attached letter and request the MAC Planning Development and Environment Committee endorse and file it on the Federal Docket number #FAA2023-0855 "Request for comments on the Federal Aviation Administration's review of Civil Aviation Noise Policy".

Chair Hart read the requested action item to the Committee then asked if any Committee Members would like to make a motion to approve it. **Member Bergman** made the motion to approve, and **Member Crosby** seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Next steps:

July 10, the letter will go to the PD&E Committee for approval. If approved at that meeting, it will be moved to the full Commission meeting on July 24th for their approval.

4. Information

There were no information agenda items.

5. Announcements

July NOC Meeting

Wednesday, July 19, 2023 @ 1:30 p.m.

Location: MAC General Offices + Teams

NOC Summer Listening Session

Wednesday, July 26, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

Location: MAC General Offices + Teams

Experience MSP Event #4

Tuesday, July 11, 2023 @ 4:30 p.m.

Location: Sabathani Community Center, 310 E 38th St, Minneapolis MN 55409

Member Brindle, At Large Representative, City of Edina, announced that she would be retiring from the NOC June 30. Julie Risser will be stepping into the position on July 1. Member Brindle stated that she has enjoyed her time on the NOC and that it has been a great learning experience. She said that she is proud of the airport and that the NOC's data collection progress over the past ten years has been impressive. She added that the information available to residents is considerable if they want to learn about the airport or they want to understand what is it they're seeing in the sky, that data is available, and she very much appreciates that. She thanked the Committee for the experience and wished the Committee good luck going forward. She said that she would be keeping an eye on what's going on.

Chair Hart said on behalf of the Noise Oversight Committee, that it has been a pleasure serving with Member Brindle. That she had certainly been an additive component to the whole process and has appreciated her contributions over the years.

Ms. Ross and **Member Olson** also thanked Member Brindle for her service on the NOC.

Member Bergman thanked Member Brindle, on behalf of the At Large Group, for a job well done. He went on to say that he appreciated that Member Brindle has always been fair in representing the City of Edina's interests. He wished her well in her next endeavors.

Adjourn

Chair Hart thanked the members of the Committee, NOC staff, and residents in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.