

**CLERK'S SUMMARY OF AGENDA ACTION
AND OFFICIAL MINUTES
MIAMI-DADE AVIATION AD HOC COMMITTEE
MAY 7, 2003**

The Miami-Dade Aviation Ad Hoc Committee convened in the Conference Rooms E and F, Concourse E, Miami International Airport Executive Conference Center, at 4:20 p.m., on May 7, 2003, there being present Vice Chairperson Raymond Cain; and members Mr. Mario Artecona, Ms. Michelle Austin, Ms. Dorothy Baker, Village of Pinecrest Councilman Leslie Bowe, Ms. Terry A. Coble, Ms. Charlotte Gallogly, Mr. Allan Harper, and City of Coral Gables Mayor Don Slesnick; (Chairperson Neisen O. Kasdin, Mr. William Alexander, Mr. D. Wayne Darnell, Mr. Gene Prescott, and Mr. George Siggins, were absent); Ms. Angela Gittens, Director, Miami-Dade Aviation Department; Assistant County Attorney Abigail Price-Williams; and Deputy Clerk Linda Derleth.

I Roll Call

In the absence of Chairperson Neisen O. Kasdin, Vice-chairman Raymond Cain chaired today's meeting. Mr. Cain noted a quorum was not present, but Aviation Department Director Angela Gittens would make a presentation.

II General Overview of U. S. Airport System

Ms. Angela Gittens, Director, Aviation Department, presented a Power Point Presentation entitled, "Miami-Dade Aviation Ad Hoc Committee - Aviation Industry and Miami-Dade System of Airports Briefing." She explained the following categories of airport operations:

- role of the federal government
- role of the airlines
- finances
- governance
- current issues

Ms. Gittens also summarized the following issues:

- economic conditions
- market demand
- airline industry restructures and cutback of flights
- homeland security

Ms. Gittens explained how MIA calculated its fees to the airlines, and she noted after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, MIA had reduced its fees. She stated the magnetometers and screening equipment at MIA were provided by the federal government, and the County paid for all other MIA security expenses.

Ms. Gittens summarized her four cornerstone principles as follows:

- safety and security
- economic vitality
- customer service
- environmental responsibility

Ms. Gittens listed the following as MIA key market strengths:

- tourism
- origin and destination passenger base
- natural international gateway
- international gateway for premier alliance

Ms. Gittens stated the Federal Aviation Administration audited airports, and it alleged the County had engaged in revenue diversion. For example, during the November 2002 elections MIA staff worked the polls, and the FAA ruled the County had to pay MIA for that service because it was not an airport function.

Ms. Gittens summarized the proposed changes in connection with the Intermodal Center, and she indicated the need for this complex was predicated on a much higher number of passengers. She noted this facility would not be needed as soon as had been expected.

Ms. Gittens explained the Table of Organization in connection with the Aviation Department, and she explained the responsibilities of the Aviation Department staff.

III. Miami-Dade Airport System - County Organization

IV. Current Issues

(See report under Agenda Item II.)

V. Other Business

Mr. Cain stated the Committee needed to schedule future meetings. He suggested the next meeting be scheduled for May 21, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers, and at that time the Committee Chairperson would determine future meetings.

Mayor Slesnick requested that at a future meeting someone explain the positive aspects of an airport authority.

Ms. Gallogly requested that Ms. Gittens at a future meeting present her point of view in connection with an airport authority.

Mr. Cain expressed his appreciation to staff members for their assistance at today's Committee meeting.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

VII. Tour (Optional) - The Committee members did not tour the airport.

/S/ RAYMOND CAIN,
VICE CHAIRPERSON*

*These minutes were archived without the Chairman's signature because the structure of the County Commission changed before they were completed and submitted to the Committee for approval.