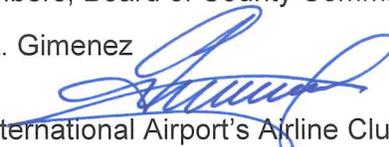


Memorandum



Date: September 17, 2013

To: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor 

Subject: Miami International Airport's Airline Clubs

This memorandum is to inform you that the Miami-Dade Aviation Department (MDAD) intends to move forward on signing an agreement with LAN/TAM (LATAM) for the airline to assume the operation of Club J in the South Terminal.

At the February 5, 2013, Board of County Commissioners meeting, the Board deferred MDAD's Request to Advertise (RTA) the Club Management Agreement to no date certain. In accordance with the Board's Rules of Procedure, Rule 7.01(m) Expiration of Postponed Items:

Once an item before the Board is postponed indefinitely, and no action is taken by the Board on such item for a period of six (6) months following the latest postponement, such item shall be deemed withdrawn. Consideration of the matter covered under the item shall require the introduction of a new item.

Because six months have passed since the deferral to no date certain, the RTA is considered withdrawn per operation of Board rules.

As was reported at the August 28, 2013 meeting of the Transportation and Aviation Committee, MDAD will pursue the agreement with LATAM rather than issue another solicitation. MDAD has informed the current operator, International Airport Management, Inc., that staff is negotiating terms to turn Club J over to LATAM with a target date of November 1, 2013.

LATAM has indicated it plans to operate the club under a lease agreement, provide health insurance to employees, and make every effort to retain the current 14 Club J employees and hire an additional 10 new employees. If LATAM signs an agreement to operate the club, they will pay full rent for the space to MDAD.

Please do not hesitate to contact MDAD Director Emilio Gonzalez should you have any further questions regarding this matter.

c: Jack Osterholt, Deputy Mayor