RESOLUTION OF THE SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION ESTABLISHING POLICY FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS AT SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the Savannah Airport Commission conducts regular public meetings in accordance with its Charter and the Georgia Open Meetings Law; and

WHEREAS, the Commission values the ideas and insights of citizens who may wish to address the Commission on matters affecting Airport policy, and wishes to establish a procedure whereby persons wishing to address the Commission may do so;

NOW THEREFORE, the Savannah Airport Commission hereby adopts the following procedure for this purpose:

Procedure for Public Speakers Wishing to Address the Savannah Airport Commission:

The Savannah Airport Commission encourages and allows members of the public to provide input to the Commission on matters of Airport policy at its public meetings, subject to the following procedures:

- Requests to speak must be made in advance of the meeting by contacting the Airport Administrative Offices, and the scheduling is subject to availability of time at the upcoming meeting. Requests made within 20 days of the meeting may be deferred to a future meeting.
- Public comments concerning agenda items will be made upon recognition of the Chair at the conclusion of the staff presentation concerning the agenda item. Public comments offering ideas and insights to the Board concerning items which are not on the agenda will be made upon recognition of the Chair at the conclusion of the regular agenda.
- Each person offering comments will be limited to three minutes of speaking time unless the time is extended by the Chair. In the event there are several members of the public who wish to comment on any item, and the comments present conflicting views on the issue, the Chair may limit presentations to ten minutes for all speakers on each side of the issue.
- Speakers, members of the audience and Commissioners shall remember that the meeting is an official business meeting. All participants at the meeting are to show proper respect to each other and shall always maintain proper decorum. No personal

attacks on Commissioners, other members of the audience or staff will be tolerated. Persons who fail to observe the rules or to maintain proper decorum shall not be permitted to speak and may be removed from the meeting.

- Objections or appeals of personnel actions are not appropriate subjects for public debate at a Commission meeting and will be referred to staff for handling in accordance with Commission personnel policies.
- Objections or questions concerning Airport policies, procedures, or any pending action may be referred by the Chair to the Executive Director for investigation and a report at a future meeting.
- Time allocated for public comments provides an opportunity for community members to share ideas, insights, and concerns with the Commissioners; it is not, however, intended to be a time for discussion between Commissioners and the speaker. Answers to questions raised or responses to requests made by the speaker may be referred to staff for response later, after Commissioners and/or staff have had time to consider and deliberate on them.

Adopted by the Savannah Airport Commission at a meeting of the members of the Savannah Airport Commission held on the ______ day of _______2024.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

Stephen S. Green, Chairman

Attest:

Gregory B. Kelly, Secretary