

**NEW HANOVER COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY  
AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
April 11, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The New Hanover County Airport Authority met with the General Assembly Legislative Delegation for a special meeting on Monday, April 11, 2022, at Wilmington International Airport, 1740 Airport Boulevard, Wilmington, North Carolina. Chairman Girardot called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

Airport Authority members present were Donna Girardot, Chairman; Spruill Thompson, Vice-Chairman; Tom Wolfe, W. Lee Williams, and Jason Thompson. Also present were Jeff Bourk, Airport Director; Robert Campbell, Finance Director; Granseur Dick, Planning and Development Director; Carol LeTellier, Business Development Director; Wanda Copley, County Attorney; and Rose Davis, Executive Assistant. General Assembly members present were Senator Bill Rabon; Senator Michael Lee; Representative Ted Davis; and Representative Deb Butler.

**WELCOME**

Chairman Girardot welcomed the legislators on behalf of the Airport Authority and ILM staff and introductions were made.

**PRESENTATION**

Mr. Bourk, Airport Director, provided an airport update highlighting ILM's economic impact; airport operations; expanded and new routes; as well as major gains in the ILM Business Park; ILM's financial position and the status and utilization of NC funding received to date. Mr. Bourk also shared information on ILM's need for further NC funding for future growth and economic development projects.

The Authority and ILM staff asked the legislators for their continued support of ILM by continuing the NC Airport Appropriations Fund with a one time increase to \$150M this budget year for all NC airports; and, their future support by approving a new Air Service Development Fund for NC commercial service airports.

**DISCUSSION**

There was discussion regarding the business park development and its impact on ILM revenues; ILM's new partnership with the Tourism Development Authority in support of new air service; current and potential air service; how ILM would use the state funds going forward; the resolution of the military noise issues and the status of hot refueling at ILM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 am.

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