

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
ONCC AD HOC GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2019
CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
10510 W. ZEMKE ROAD, CHICAGO, IL**

Committee Chair Karyn Robles called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Attendance

The following members were present:

Evan Summers, Village of Bensenville

Ernie Kosower, City of Park Ridge

Brian Gaseor, Village of Norridge

Karyn Robles, Village of Schaumburg

The following guest was present:

Joe Annunzio, Village of Niles

Others present:

Jeanette Camacho, ONCC Executive Director

Aaron Frame, Deputy Commissioner, Chicago Department of Aviation

Maura El Metennani, ONCC Consultant

Approval of December 2, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Summers made a motion to approve the December 2, 2019 Ad Hoc Governance Committee Meeting minutes; Mr. Gaseor seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Bylaws Suggested Revisions

The Committee reviewed suggested bylaws revisions from the previous meeting. Language regarding designee, member and participant was clarified. Participant was changed to member, and member was defined as the organization or entity, not the individual. The designee is the chief elected official for the member entity.

The committee discussed if county participation should be clarified. It was determined that the existing language is acceptable for purposes of the bylaws.

In all cases, the designee is determined by the member with the exception of the City of Chicago, in which case the ward designees are appointed by the Mayor of Chicago and they do not have alternates.

The committee discussed including a clarifying statement in the bylaws that the Ward designees will be appointed based on the language in the IGA.

Mr. Frame noted that the City of Chicago will clean up the language in the IGA to match the bylaws. Need to change the term "participant" in the IGA.

Mr. Summers asked if the census would impact the City of Chicago Ward boundaries and potentially impact the wards closest to O'Hare.

Mr. Frame replied that if there were changes, the IGA would be amended as needed. The IGA specifies which wards are members of the Commission.

Mr. Kosower asked how it was determined which Chicago Wards would be included in the IGA.

Mr. Frame explained the City Council decided that the ONCC should have the same number of wards represented as the Midway Commission. A sixth ward, Ward 40, was added later. Selection was based on the wards closest to O'Hare.

The committee discussed at length whether one individual could serve as an alternate for more than one organization. The committee members concurred that it would be the committee's recommendation that an individual can be appointed as a designee/alternate for one Commission member. Ms. Camacho keeps track of the designees and alternates and members must notify her if someone other than a regular attendee is attending on the member's behalf.

Article III

Section 3. Executive Director.

Existing language: Section 3. Executive Director and Other Staff, Professional Advisors and Consultants. The O'Hare Commission also shall appoint, retain and employ an Executive Director and such other staff, professional advisors and consultants as may be needed to carry out its powers and duties. Except as otherwise provided in the Intergovernmental Agreement, the appointment of any staff and the selection of professional advisors and consultants must be approved by the majority of the members of the O'Hare Commission.

Revise to read: Except as otherwise provided in the Intergovernmental Agreement, the appointment of the Executive Director shall be recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the majority of the members of the O'Hare Commission.

This line should be moved to the Executive Committee Duties (Section 10) The selection of other staff, professional advisors and consultants shall be appointed by the Executive Director with approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Other Officers.

Existing language:

The O'Hare Commission may, but need not, elect other officers, as it deems necessary, including but not limited to a Treasurer and a Secretary who may but need not be Commission members.

Ms. Robles asked if the intent that the officer could be designee but not alternate? Which officers can be designees, which can be alternates? Do all officers have to be designees? The Committee discussed and agreed to the following language:

Proposed language: The O'Hare Commission may elect other officers, as it deems necessary, including but not limited to a Treasurer and a Secretary from among designees or alternates.

Ms. Robles moved on to Section 1 and 2 – chair and vice chair. The Committee discussed if these roles should only be filled by the designee, or is the committee open to alternates serving? Does it have to be chief elected official? Should the language include that it's the preference that they be the designee?

Ms. Robles said she was in favor of allowing alternates to serve since fewer mayors and elected officials are participating in the Commission.

Mr. Frame suggested that the incumbent declare their intent within 30-60 days in order to give the Commission time to solicit someone else to serve.

For chair and vice chair language should read “from among designees and alternates.”

Section 5 – should language be carried over to Section 5?

Committees – tighten committee membership

Ms. Robles stated that Technical, Residential and Sound and school sound committees have open membership. She asked if Residential and Sound Committees should be limited to members who qualify for those committees.

Mr. Frame replied that was how it was previously.

Ms. Robles said that since they were recommending committees, they should be composed of those affected.

Mr. Summers asked if there was a problem currently with membership of residential. He suggested that members interested serving on technical should let the Executive Director know of their intent so she could keep track of the committee membership.

Mr. Kosower stated the Commission should be consistent with how members are appointed to committees. He still wondered why is Fly Quiet committee restricted when other committee aren't.

Mr. Frame suggested that the School committee status should go to ad hoc. The Committee has not met in five years.

Ms. Robles stated that Fly Quiet Committee is a special case. The topic is technically advanced and the task is time sensitive.

Mr. Summers stated that the Technical Committee is more of a caucus, its role is to advise and learn. Mr. Kosower asked once Phase 19 is complete will the need for the Residential Sound Committee still exist?

Mr. Frame replied that when OMP is complete, there will be a new noise contour. The FAA mandates additional homes, must continue noise mitigation. At some point, noise program will come to an end. Theoretically the committee will go away.

The discussion on Committees was tabled for future discussion.

IGA Review

The Committee will provide CDA a list of proposed changes to the IGA. Based on the discussion at the December 2, 2019 meeting, the following changes will be submitted:

- Change PARTICIPANT to MEMBER
- Add Language regarding designees/alternates not serving for more than one member
 - An individual may only serve as a designee/alternate to one Commission member.
- Language regarding unincorporated areas – Cook County and DuPage County represent all of the county.
- Specify geographic boundaries of O'Hare Commission Area – (to be discussed)

CDA provided maps displaying the geographic boundaries of O'Hare Commission Area. One map displayed concentric rings in a 20 mile circumference around the airport. The Committee discussed using the Tracon boundary as a basis for membership. Class B airspace was another option for consideration.

Existing members can be grandfathered in. Quorum is a concern. It was suggested that no new members be permitted outside of a certain geographic boundary. It was suggested that the easiest way was by mileage. Options included:

- Limit based on Tracon (minus Indiana)
- Limit based on mileage
- Limit based on county
- Consensus – need limit
- Limit to Illinois
- Go with block rounding – if portion is in, all in
- Grandfather current members as long as they are active participants
- Prominence to 15 miles

The committee discussed if the Tracon boundary was too large. Mr. Frame suggested other options could be counties or congressional districts.

Mr. Kosower suggested Class B airspace be used as the guideline. The impact and altitude of the planes should be taken into consideration with respect to the boundary. Should think about it 2-dimensionally.

If membership is limited to a geographic area, existing members could be grandfathered in, even if they are outside the boundary.

Mr. Gaseor suggested that the mileage boundary is the simplest way to do it.

Mr. Summers said that some residents farther out may be bothered just by seeing the plane. Mr. Frame said that the visual of the plane causes a reaction.

Mr. Frame reviewed 4 options:

No limit

Limit based on Tracon

Limit based on number of miles from O'Hare

Limit based on counties

Mr. Summers asked if the Committee would agree that no limit was not an option. The Committee concurred.

Mr. Gaseor suggested that membership be limited to Illinois. The Committee concurred.

The Committee agreed that even if a small portion of a community was within the boundary, the community would be eligible for membership.

Mr. Kosower asked about including an overlay of the arrival pattern on final approach or downwind.

Ms. Robles said that being member is an investment, communities have to have a reason to join. She suggested caution on over-limiting membership. The airfield is not at full OMP buildout, changes to flight patterns as a result are yet unknown.

Mr. Gaseor suggested the matter could always be revisited down the road.

Mr. Frame said the CDA will do additional graphics for the next meeting.

Committee members agreed to continue this discussion at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the ad hoc Governance Committee will be held January 16, 2020 at 9:30am at the CDA.

Comments from the Audience

Dan Dwyer of Medinah addressed geographic quorum issues. He stated this could be solved through an attendance policy. After missing 2 consecutive meetings, members would receive a warning; after missing the 3rd, there would be repercussions – lose vote or lose membership.

Mr. Dwyer also spoke to the issue of unincorporated residents, stating that they are not represented. The township government represents these residents, townships should allowed to be members. County representation is not sufficient and not proportional representation for the number of residents

Adjournment

Mr. Summers moved, seconded by Mr. Gaseor to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m. The motion carried.