

ERIE REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

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December 16, 2020

James Winarski President, Erie City Council 626 State Street Room 104 Erie, PA 16501

Dear Mr. Winarski:

On behalf of the Erie Regional Airport Authority Board of Directors, I, Board President Christopher Parker, present Resolution 2020-57 as passed by the Erie Regional Airport Authority Board of Directors on December 16, 2020 concerning Appointees to the Erie Regional Airport Authority Board of Directors. In conjunction with our legal counsel and auditing firm and as stated in the Resolution, the Erie Regional Airport Authority Board of Directors believes that the position of a Board Members of the Authority is incompatible with that of a current employee of the Authority and also with individuals who were employed by the Authority within the last five years.

As a matter of public policy, the Erie Regional Airport Authority Board requests that City Council refrain from appointing any current Authority employee or former Authority employee from the past five years to the position of Authority Board Member. We feel this is a conflict of interest and will impede the orderly and productive operation of the Authority Board.

Regards,

Christopher Parker, President Erie Regional Airport Authority

Cc: Michael Keys, Airport Authority Liaison

Erie City Council members

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APPOINTEES TO ERAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, Erie County Council and Erie City Council both make appointments to the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Erie Regional Airport Authority ("ERAA" or "Authority"); and

WHEREAS, while it is the jurisdiction of the Councils to make the appointments to the ERAA Board, the Board feels, as a matter of public policy, it is important for any individual appointed to the Board to be able to make decisions in the best interest of the Authority, free from biases and conflicts of interest; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes current and former employees of the Authority are likely to have inherent biases and conflicts which would be detrimental to the orderly operation of the Authority.

AND NOW, THEREFORE, on this 16th day of December 2020, it is hereby RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Eric Regional Airport Authority, the following:

- 1. That the Board declares, as a matter of public policy, that the position of Board member of the Authority is incompatible with that of current employee of the Authority and also with individuals who were employed by the Authority within the last five years.
- 2. The Board respectfully requests that County Council and City Council refrain from appointing any current Authority employee or former Authority employee (employed within the last five years) to the position of Director on the Board of the ERAA to allow for the orderly and productive operation of the Authority.

On the motion of <u>Daniel Grannelli</u>, seconded by <u>David Hallman</u> Jr., this resolution was passed and approved on this 16th day of December, 2020 by a vote of <u>OS</u>.

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Christopher Parker, President

Marybeth Smialek Secretary

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