

# **Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority**



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# **BOARD WORKSHOP AGENDA**

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  - A. Review proposed Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority Bylaw Changes
- IV. Discussion
- V. Adjournment

# Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority Amended Bylaws

Section	Heading	Change	Comment
Multiple		Changed "Directors" to "Commissioners"; changed "Airport Manager" to "Executive Director"	Comport with current practice
1.2	Creation and Legal Status	Added statement that Authority created under Colorado Public Airport Authority Act and constitutes a political subdivision	No mention in the current Bylaws that the Authority derives its powers from the Airport Authority Act
2.1	Purpose and Powers of the Board	Maintained with editorial changes	
2.2	Selection and Qualification of Commissioners	Changed language on qualifications to comport with Act and changed procedures for selection of At-Large Commissioner	Procedures for selecting At- Large Commissioner did not comply with Colorado law and are unnecessarily prescriptive
2.3	Term	Added provision that, in the event of a vacancy, new Commissioner coming in with more than 2 years left in term will only be able to fill one additional term	Under current Bylaws, Commissioner could serve for close to 12 years if a vacancy occurs early in a term
2.5	Compensation	Added provision to comport with the Act	
3.2	Executive Sessions	Added citation to Colorado Open Meetings Law	
3.7	Quorum	Clarified that quorum must be maintained during meeting to transact business and simplified statement about number of	While current Bylaws track the Act, it is possible to simplify approval requirements in light of the

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		Commissioners required to approve formal action	fact that the Authority has 7 Commissioners
3.8	Method of Attendance and Attendance Requirement	Clarified that attendance requirement (75% over 6 month period) applies only to regular and special meetings	Current Bylaws include workshops as part of attendance requirement, which may be unfair considering no formal action is taken at workshops
3.9	Removal	Maintained with editorial changes	Revision intended to clarify that removal of At-Large Commissioner requires action by City and County
3.10	Minutes and Records	Limited the recorded minutes to formal actions by the Board	Current Bylaws do not define or limit the scope of recorded minutes; change is consistent with the Act
3.11	Procedure	Added detail on how the Board takes formal action and votes are taken	Addition is consistent with the Act but not previously included in the Bylaws
4.1	Officers	Removed references to Deputy Treasurer and Deputy Clerk	Authority has not historically needed formal designation of deputies
4.5	Committees	Added Executive Committee and Finance and Audit Committee as the only Standing Committees	Amendment comports with current practice; Compliance Committee reverts to Ad Hoc Committee
5.1	Employees	Clarified that the Board selects the Executive Director, and the Executive Director hires staff	Current Bylaws are more detailed than necessary
5.2	Relationship Between Board and Staff	Clarified the roles and responsibilities of Board and Executive Director	Removed provision on contracts, which information is contained in the Purchasing and Procurement Policy

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5.3	Delegation	Added explicit reference to Board's power to delegate authority to the Executive Director (now in Resolution 2021-003)	Removed provision on bonding, which information is contained in the Purchasing and Procurement Policy
6.3	Amendment	Changed posting requirement to notice required under the Act	No compelling reason to require different notice for amending Bylaws than any other Board meeting or action
6.4	No Liability for Debts and Indemnification	Changed circumstances under which Authority would not indemnify Commissioner	Current Bylaws provide that Authority will not indemnify where there is no insurance coverage, which unnecessarily limits the scope of indemnification

# AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS OF THE GRAND JUNCTION REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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