

AIRPORT ZONING BOARD  
Regular Meeting  
Friday, August 15, 1952

The first regular meeting of the Airport Zoning Board was held in the office of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission, Honolulu International Airport, on Friday, August 15, 1952.

- Present: Mr. George Houghtailing, Chairman  
Mr. Olen V. Andrew, Member
- Absent: Mr. C. J. Pietsch, Jr., Member
- Attending: Mr. Mark E. Martin, Supt. A&O, H.A.C.  
Mr. George Selig, Civil Aeronautics Admin.

THE CHAIRMAN called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

QUORUM TO CONDUCT BUSINESS: It was decided that it would be permissible to conduct business and take action on minor matters with only two members of the Board in attendance at meetings. However, it will be necessary that all members vote on matters of major importance.

MEETINGS OF BOARD: It was agreed that one meeting of the Board will be held monthly; additional meetings to be called by the Chairman, when necessary.

1952-53 BUDGET: The Chairman reported that the Board's 1952-53 Budget request of \$12,515 had been increased by the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission to a round figure of \$15,000 and incorporated in the Commission's Budget. The Budget now awaits formal approval of the H.A.C.

ZONING REGULATIONS: Mr. Martin presented a draft of zoning regulations for the Board's consideration. He explained that he had attempted to present only the essential criteria in the regulations, leaving preliminary explanations to the law establishing the Airport Zoning Board.

In the course of discussion, the Chairman suggested that the Board pattern its regulations after those in general usage nationally, which first explain enforcement procedures and are followed by details of regulation. It was pointed out that the Board would by this means outline its purpose and authority in the regulation of airport zoning. The Chairman suggested also that the Board contract for the services of an attorney to draw up its rules and regulations in order to be assured of their conformance with the intents and purposes of the law creating the Airport Zoning Board. However, no definite action was taken on this.

Mr. Martin presented a proposed plan for determining obstructions to air navigation for all airports in the Territory (Instrument Approach Zone Profile). He explained that in the final determination of allowable heights in certain locations, detailed overlays would be made on photographs of all airports and surrounding areas.

Mr. George Selig of Civil Aeronautics Administration stated that the regulations as drafted by Mr. Martin not only met with CAA criteria but, in several instances, represent an increase of TSO-N18 (CAA Technical Standard Order for determining obstructions to air navigation). He expressed the opinion that Hawaii would be well in advance of most of continental U.S. in adopting these more stringent allowable heights and would probably set an example in this regard.

Mr. Andrew pointed out that in present thinking with regard to airport safety, greater consideration is being given to the size of assemblies of persons, and strongly recommended that, if the Board legally can, it attempt to control land use with this factor in mind. The Chairman explained that the Airport Zoning Board has the authority to make restrictions on land use, as does the City Planning Commission; that if these restrictions are in conflict, the more stringent restrictions take preference.

It was decided that the Board should include in its regulations the procedure for enforcement, as well as a relative description of the criteria for each airport.

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Members of the Board present tentatively approved the plan for determining obstructions to air navigation, as presented by Mr. Martin, subject to approval of the full board.

NEXT MEETING OF BOARD: The Chairman stated that the next meeting of the Board will be held within the next two weeks -- date and time to be decided shortly.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
George Houghtaling, Chairman