

THE CITY OF WARWICK
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

H 7069

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

NO..... R-24-20..... DATE 3-5-24.....

APPROVED .....MAYOR

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT
LEGISLATION AMENDING STATE LAW TO PROVIDE THE MAYOR OF THE
CITY OF WARWICK WITH AN APPOINTMENT TO THE RHODE ISLAND
AIRPORT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Resolved that,

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Warwick are matters of paramount importance to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport is situated on approximately 1,100 acres in the geographic center of the City of Warwick; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport provides substantial benefits to the people of the state beyond the City of Warwick as well as within the City of Warwick; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport imposes a significant burden on the City of Warwick not borne by inhabitants of the state beyond the City of Warwick; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport is managed by the Rhode Island Airport Corporation, a semi-autonomous subsidiary of the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation, responsible for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the six state-owned airports and the supervision of all civil airports, landing areas, navigation facilities, air schools and flying clubs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rhode Island general laws, the powers of the Rhode Island Airport Corporation are vested in its seven-member board of directors who are appointed by the Governor of the State of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, from 1992 until 2011, the City of Warwick was represented on the Rhode Island Airport Corporation Board of Directors by an appointee of the Mayor of the City of Warwick; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Warwick are deserving of a representative on the Rhode Island Airport Corporation Board of Directors who can give voice to the significant burden imposed by the presence of Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport; and

WHEREAS, legislation is currently pending before the Rhode Island General Assembly to require that one of the seven directors of the Rhode Island Airport Corporation be appointed by the Mayor of the City of Warwick; and

WHEREAS, the Warwick City Council desires that State laws be amended to provide the City of Warwick representation on the Rhode Island Airport Corporation Board of Directors through a Mayoral appointment, and hereby endorses H 7069 and the companion legislation anticipated to be introduced in the Senate.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Warwick City Council hereby respectfully requests the General Assembly to enact legislation amending Rhode Island General Laws §42-64-7.1(h) as follows:

§ 42-64-7.1. Subsidiaries.

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(h) The Rhode Island airport corporation — appointment of directors:

The board of directors of the Rhode Island airport corporation shall consist of seven (7) members: The board of directors shall have extensive experience in the fields of finance, business, construction and/or organized labor.

The governor of the State of Rhode Island shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the senate when nominated to serve, ~~the seven (7)~~ six (6) members of the board of directors and the mayor of Warwick shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the senate when nominated to serve, one member of the board of directors. One director shall be appointed for a term of one year; two (2) directors one of whom is an appointment of the governor and one of whom is an appointment by the mayor of Warwick, shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years; three (3) directors shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years; and one director shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years. Appointments made thereafter shall be for four (4) year terms.

Any vacancy occurring in the board of directors shall be filled by ~~the governor of the State of Rhode Island~~ their appointing authority in the same manner prescribed for the original appointments.

A director appointed to fill a vacancy of a director appointed by ~~the governor of the State of Rhode Island~~ their appointing authority shall be appointed for the unexpired portion of the term of office of the director whose vacancy is to be filled.

All members of the board of directors of the Rhode Island airport corporation shall serve without compensation.

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The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Representatives and Senators from the City of Warwick, and the Chairpersons and Clerks of the House Committee on State Government & Elections and the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCALLISTER
ON BEHALF OF MAYOR PICOZZI
COUNCILMAN HOWE
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