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> C.A. No. 1:15-CV-13647-RGS

BOSTON EXECUTIVE HELICOPTERS, LLC,

Plaintiff,

vs.

FRANCIS T. MAGUIRE, ET AL.,

Defendant.

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1	148. Have you seen this before?	1	Q. You haven't spoken to Mr. Ryan about his
2	A. Yes.	2	deposition?
3	Q. So is it your understanding that you're	3	A. I'm not even aware when his deposition
4	here today to give deposition testimony in	4	is.
5	connection with a matter pending in the Federal	5	Q. Okay. Can you tell me a little bit about
6	District Court entitled Boston Executive	6	your background? Where did you go to school?
7	Helicopters versus Russ Maguire, et al.?	7	A. I went to Northeastern University. I
8	A. Yes.	8	finished in the late '80s. It was an electrical
9	Q. Okay. And just I'm sorry. Before we	9	engineering power systems option.
10	get going, I should introduce myself. I'm	10	I went to work for the Norwood Light
11	Michael Fee. I represent Boston Executive	11	Department as a co-op student in 1984, and I've
12	Helicopters in that case.	12	been there ever since.
13	I'm going to ask a series of questions.	13	Q. Okay.
14	If you have any lack of understanding about the	14	A. I went to school right around the corner
15	question, if you don't get what I'm asking you,	15	here for graduate school.
16	if you need me to rephrase it at any time, just	16	Q. Suffolk?
17	let me know and I will stop and rephrase the	17	A. Yes. And that was late '90 maybe '97
18	question so that you can answer in a way that you	18	or so I got out of there.
19	understand.	19	Q. What degree did you get?
20	If you want a break at any time to talk	20	A. MBA.
21	to counsel or for any reason, let me know and we	21	Q. So what's your current position at the
22	can do that. Okay?	22	Norwood Light Department?
23	A. Um-hum.	23	A. I'm assistant superintendant.
24	Q. You have to answer	24	Q. And who is the superintendant?
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1	A. Yes.	1	A. James Collins.
2	Q. What have you done to prepare for your	2	Q. And how long have you been assistant
3	deposition today?	3	superintendant?
4	A. I met with our attorney.	4	A. About two years.
5	Q. And when did you do that?	5	Q. Okay. And briefly, can you tell me what
6	A. A few days ago.	_	
1 7		6	your duties and responsibilities are?
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1	MR. SIMMS: Objection to the scope. You	1	Q. So the 47 employees that you mentioned
2	can answer the question.	2	earlier that are in Norwood Light operations, do
3	A. I guess you'd have to rephrase that.	3	they include broadband employees?
4	What do you mean by the relationship?	4	A. No. The 47 would be all total. I don't
5	BY MR. FEE:	5	know I mean, take management out of that.
6	Q. Is the Norwood broadband a subdivision of	6	Maybe the broadband is maybe eight or nine
7	the Norwood Light Department?	7	people.
8	A. We started our broadband division roughly	8	Q. Okay.
9	in 2001. If you really do you want to know?	9	A. We would take some of the customer
10	I can give you the whole background if that's	10	service people would be assigned to that group
11	it will take a few minutes.	11	for accounting purposes.
12	Q. No. I'm just curious as to what the	12	Q. Okay.
13	relationship is between the two entities.	13	A. So maybe ten or so all together.
14	A. So we started	14	Q. How long have you lived in Norwood?
15	MR. SIMMS: Wait one second. Is this	15	A. 14 years.
16	going to be a lengthy line	16	Q. And when did you become a member of the
17	MR. FEE: No.	17	Norwood Airport Commission?
18	MR. SIMMS: so I can just have a	18	A. I think about 10 years ago.
19	standard objection?	19	Q. So in or about 2007?
20	MR. FEE: I just want a little background	20	A. That's yeah, about. I'd say that's
21	on this. That's all.	21	roughly the time frame. 2007 or so.
22	MR. SIMMS: Go ahead.	22	Q. What were the circumstances under which
23	A. So we started our broadband division in	23	you became appointed to the Norwood Airport
24	early 2000. Mostly because the existing	24	A. I
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	providers weren't willing to provide high speed	1	Q Commission?
2	internet and digital cable for the town. So we	2	MR. SIMMS: Just a reminder, let Mr. Fee
3	put together a business plan and we decided that	3	finish his question, take a moment, and then
4	it was feasible for us to do it.	4	answer the question. Okay?
5	So we went into competition with it	5	THE WITNESS: Okay. Sure.
6	wasn't Comcast at the time. It was, like,	6	A. Can you ask the question again because I
7	MediaOne. It was an offshoot. It was Adams	7	forget.
8	Russell originally in Norwood. Then several	8	BY MR. FEE:
9	entities purchased it. I think it was MediaOne	9	Q. So do I.
10	at the time.	10	MR. SIMMS: What were the circumstances
11	So we built our infrastructure. We built	11	of your becoming a member of the Norwood Airport
12	the head in. We decided that we would keep it	12	Commission?
13	all in our existing building. We looked around,	13	A. I don't know. I guess you'd have to
14	but we kept it. And then we hired staff. We	14	rephrase that. I don't know what you mean.
15 16	hired people to run it. Technicians. You know,	15	BY MR. FEE:
	headings, engineers, operation people that were	16	Q. Were you appointed?
17	management level.	17	A. I was yeah. The way I was appointed by the board of selectmen.
18	BY MR. FEE:	18	
19	Q. Okay.	19	Q. And did they solicit you? Did they ask
20	A. And we started it and we've been pretty successful.	20	you if you were interested in becoming a member
22			of the Norwood Airport Commission or did they
	If your question is: Do I supervise	22	just appoint you?
23	them? The head of broadband is under me. So I	23	A. No. I sent a letter to John Carroll

24 don't know if that's what you're getting at.

24 expressing interest in -- I'm going to say I

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- don't recall the specifics, but I did send a
- letter expressing interest in serving the town.
- Q. Okay. And did you express an interest inserving the town on the airport commission or on
- 5 any board?

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- A. I don't remember.
- 7 Q. Have you previously spoken to any current
- 8 member of the board of -- I'm sorry -- the
- 9 Norwood Airport Commission about serving on the
- 10 commission?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. And did you -- so about 2007 you joined
- 13 the board. And what, if anything, did you do to
- 14 familiarize yourself with the work of the
- 15 commission at that time?
- 16 A. Russ Maguire gave me a binder with, you
- 17 know, different information. I also received
- 18 information from the town Clerk's Office on
- 19 general -- people that are on different boards in
- 20 the town. You know, rules, regulations, how the
- 21 meetings are run.
- 22 Q. Did you receive training on open meeting
- 23 law?

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24 A. I don't recall.

- operation of the airport?
- A. We have rules and regulations and there are grant assurances that apply to the operation
 - of the airport.
 - Q. And how familiar are you with those?

was part of it, I think, when -- the last time we

- 6 A. I would say that I don't -- you know, I
- 8 approved rules and regulations. I review them
- 9 when it's necessary. If something comes up, I'll
- 10 look at them. I expect the manager and our
- 11 counsel to be more familiar than I am.
- 12 Q. Okay. I'm going to show you a few
- 13 documents. The first one is marked as Exhibit 2
- 14 to the LeBlanc deposition, and it appears to be a
- 15 document entitled "Norwood Memorial Airport
- 16 General Regulations revised October 2008." Is
- 17 that what you're referring to when you said the
- 18 rules and regulations?
- 19 A. Yes. I think that's it.20 Q. And you said you thought you were part of
- 21 this when these were revised last; is that fair
- 22 to say?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. So you were talking about October

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- 1 Q. Do you, as a member of the commission, 2 receive annual training of any kind regarding
 - your service on the commission?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. So you do not take an annual course or 6 certification regarding compliance with open
- 7 meeting law; is that correct?
 - A. Yes, that's correct.
 - Q. And you don't take a course or get
- 10 certification on an annual basis regarding
- 11 conflict of interest; is that correct?
- 12 A. We are required to -- there's an
- ethics -- it's an online requirement to do it for my job.
- 15 Q. Right.
- 16 A. And also it's applied to the airport
- 17 commission as well.
- 18 Q. And do you do that annually?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Okay. When was the last time you did
- 21 that online certification for ethics?
 - A. I don't recall.
- 23 Q. Do you have an understanding of what
- 24 documents or rules and regulations apply to the

1 2008?

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- A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. So fair to assume you were on the
- 4 commission in October 2008 when these rules were
- 5 promulgated. Do you recall what role, if any,
- you played in the creation of this document?
 - A. No.
- Q. Did you play any role?
 - A. I don't recall.
- 10 Q. Okay. And you say that you rely on the
- 11 airport manager and town counsel to have a
- .2 greater familiarity with them than you do; is
- 13 that fair to say?
 - A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Okay. Turning your attention now to page
- 16 30 of Exhibit 2. It's entitled "Attachment A,
 - Norwood Airport Minimum Standards." Have you
- 18 seen this before?
 - A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And do you believe that the Norwood
- 21 Airport minimum standards are something that's
- 22 binding on the commission?
 - A. I think we try to follow the minimum
- 24 standards.

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- Q. Right. But do you believe that these regulations and the minimum standards are rules
- 3 that the commission must adhere to?
 - A. They're minimum standards.
 - Q. Right. But my question is: Do you
- believe that these are rules and minimum 6
- 7 standards that the commission must adhere to?
 - MR. SIMMS: Objection. Go ahead.
- 9 A. They're minimum standards. The minimum
- standards that we would expect. 10
- 11 BY MR. FEE:

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- 12 Q. And so your interpretation of the minimum
- 13 standards are that in certain circumstances you
- 14 can exceed what these rules say in evaluating
- 15 requests for permits at the airport; is that fair
- 16 to say?

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- 17 A. Follow the minimum standards.
 - Q. Understood. But you said that you
- 19 believe them to be the minimum standards. And my
- 20 question is: By that, do you mean that the
- 21 commission is entitled to go beyond the minimum
- 22 standards in making requests of applicants for
- 23 permits at the airport?
- 24 A. We follow the minimum standards. I

- enterprises from operating at the airport
 - therefore protecting established aeronautic
 - 2 activities and airport patrons."
 - I would intend that to mean we would want
 - to know who we're dealing with when they apply
 - 6 for a permit.
 - 7 Q. Right. And do you believe that the --
 - there's some discretionary authority on the part
 - of the commission to be able to inquire beyond
 - the specific requirements set forth in the 10 11 minimum standards?
 - 12 MR. SIMMS: Objection. Asked and answered. Go ahead. 13
 - 14 A. Yes.
 - 15 BY MR. FEE:
 - 16 Q. So do you believe this current version
 - 17 which I've shown you, and has been marked as
 - Exhibit 2, is the current version of the minimum 18
 - 19 standards that are used by the commission today?
 - A. The only ones we have, yes.
 - Q. Do you know -- and you said that you were 21
 - 22 involved in the putting together of these
 - regulations in October of 2008. Do you know if
 - they've ever been revised?

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- don't -- I guess I'm not following what you're 1
- 2 saying.

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- 3 Q. Well, the minimum standards set forth
- certain things that the commission can request of
- 5 permit applicants. Correct?
 - A. I believe so.
- 7 Q. And is it your understanding that the
- 8 minimum standards are the ceiling or the floor of
- 9 what might be requested from a prospective permit 10 applicant?
- 11 A. I'd say -- certainly wouldn't be the
- 12 maximum.
- 13 Q. Okay. So you think -- so if you'll buy
- 14 into my metaphor that it's a ceiling or a floor,
- 15 you're saying that the minimum standards
- 16 represent the floor and that the commission is
- 17 entitled to ask for additional things above and
- beyond the minimum standards, in your opinion. 18
- 19 Is that fair to say?
- 20 A. Yes.

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- 21 Q. And what is the basis for that opinion?
 - A. That we're trying to do what's best for
- the airport. If you read them -- "The minimum 23
- standards also discourage substandard would-be

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- A. I think I said I don't recall if I was involved. I said I was on the commission when
- they were enacted.
- Q. Sorry. I don't mean to mischaracterize your testimony in any way.
- A. Ask the question again.
- 7 Q. Sure. Do you know if these regulations
- have ever been revised? 8
- A. I don't recall. 10 Q. Okay. I'm going to show you a document
- 11 that's been marked as Exhibit 97, and I want you
- 12 to compare and contrast a little bit. So we can 13 keep them close together.
 - I want to point some things out to you.
- 16 97 and this is -- I would represent to you that
 - this is the version of the minimum standards that

This is a document that's been marked as Exhibit

- 18 appears currently on the commission's website.
- And it's slightly different from the one 19 20 that was marked as Exhibit 2 and appears to be in
- 21 effect as of October 2008. And the reason that
- 22 it's slightly different -- and I'll point this
 - out to you because it's language that you just
 - read to me.

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1	You said, in the second paragraph, "For	1	something very similar to this.
2	the public interest, the application of minimum	2	Q. And do you believe that the FAA
3	standards also discourages substandard would-be	3	assurances are binding on the commission?
4	enterprises from operating on the airport thereby	4	A. Yes.
5	protecting established aeronautical activities	5	Q. Okay. And why?
6	and the airport patrons."	6	A. If we don't follow the grant assurances,
7	That's from Exhibit 2. And now on	7	I don't think we can apply for grants and so
8	Exhibit 97, I just know that that language is	8	forth.
9	different; is it not?	9	Q. So these are sort of the rules of getting
10	A. It is different. Is that what I just	10	federal funding. Is that fair to say?
11	read?	11	A. I believe so.
12	Q. You just read to me the second the	12	Q. So I want to turn your attention to
13	last sentence in the second paragraph of	13	paragraph 22 that appears first on page 10 of
14	Exhibit 2. And I'm just trying to understand why	14	Exhibit 3. It's entitled "Economic
15	the version of the minimum standards that's	15	nondiscrimination." Have you seen this paragraph
16	published on the commission's website, and has	16	before?
17	been marked as Exhibit 97, doesn't have that	17	A. I don't recall.
18	language?	18	Q. Have you ever discussed provisions in the
19	A. I don't know.	19	grant assurances with your fellow commissioners
20	Q. Do you have any recollection at all of	20	as they apply to BEH, Boston Executive
21	the minimum standards being revised at any time?	21	Helicopters?
22	A. I know that they've been discussed.	22	A. No.
23	Q. Okay. By whom?	23	Q. Have you ever discussed in public session
24	A. I think it seems to me they've been	24	the FAA grant assurances as they apply to Boston
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1	it's been brought up at meetings. I don't recall	1	Executive Helicopters?
2	changing them or voting to change them.	2	A. I don't recall.
3	Q. Okay. Would the airport manager be	3	Q. Have you ever discussed with town
4	authorized to change these minimum standards	4	counsel and I'm referring specifically to
5	without a vote of the commission?	5	Mr. Moss the application of federal grant
6	A. No.	6	assurances, similar to those that are marked as
7	Q. Okay. So it's your understanding that if	7	Exhibit 3, as they apply to Boston Executive
8	the minimum standards were to be revised, that	8	Helicopters?
9	would require a vote of the commissioners?	9	MR. SIMMS: Just answer that a yes, no,
10	A. I believe so.	10	or I don't remember.
11	Q. Okay. Other than the Norwood regulations	11	A. I don't recall.
12	and minimum standards, are there other well,	12	BY MR. FEE:
13	you mentioned that you thought the grant	13	Q. Okay. Do you believe I believe you
14	assurances were also applicable to your work as a	14	stated that you thought the grant assurances were
15	commissioner; is that accurate?	15	binding on the commission. Correct?
16	A. Yes.	16	A. Yes.
17	Q. So I'm going to show you what's been	17	Q. And so you would agree that paragraph 22
18	marked as Exhibit 3. It appears to be grant	18	regarding economic nondiscrimination is binding
19	assurances issued by the FAA. Can you tell me if	19	on the commission. Correct?
20	you've seen those before?	20	A. Yes.
21	A. I've seen I can't be sure that it's	21	Q. Okay. Now, turning your attention now to
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22 paragraph 23 of the same document -- it starts on

23 page 12 -- regarding exclusive rights. Have you

seen that before?

22 the specific -- you know, it's dated 3/2014. So

23 that would be March. But I've seen something

24 similar. If it's not exactly this, I've seen

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1	A. I don't recall.	1	Q. Okay?
2	Q. Did you ever have any discussion	2	A. Okay.
3	regarding this portion of the FAA grant	3	Q. Let me ask you again in a different way.
4	assurances regarding exclusive rights as it	4	Never mind.
5	applied to Boston Executive Helicopters or	5	Do you believe there are any other
6	FlightLevel?	6	documents that are binding on the commission?
7	A. I don't recall.	7	A. You'd have to be more specific.
8	Q. Did you ever have do you ever recall	8	Q. Showing you a document that's been marked
9	discussing in commission hearings the application	9	as Exhibit 16. It appears to be Mass. DOT grant
10	of paragraph 23 regarding exclusive rights as it	10	assurances. Have you ever seen those before?
11	might apply to Boston Executive Helicopters or	11	A. I'm not sure of these specific ones, but
12	FlightLevel?	12	I've seen Mass. DOT grant assurances.
13	A. I don't remember.	13	Q. Do you believe that Mass. DOT grant
14	Q. Same question with respect to Brandon	14	assurances apply to the work of the Norwood
15	Moss.	15	Airport Commission?
16	A. No.	16	A. Yes.
17	MR. SIMMS: Same instruction.	17	O. And is that because there are state funds
18	BY MR. FEE:	18	that are advanced to the Norwood Airport?
19	Q. So at some point did you develop an	19	A. Yes.
20	opinion as to whether or not it was advisable for	20	Q. And there are rules regarding what
21	the airport to have more than one FBO?	21	conduct the airport has to undertake in order to
22	A. No.	22	be eligible for those grants. Correct?
23	Q. You've never developed an opinion in that	23	A. Yes.
24	regard?	24	
2 1	regaru:	24	Q. And I'd represent to you that the DOT
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1	A. I've kept an open mind.	1	grant assurances contain similar language
2	Q. Okay. Have you ever expressed in open	2	regarding economic nondiscrimination and
3	meeting or otherwise your belief that	3	exclusive use. And I'll just ask you those
4	FlightLevel's investment in the airport entitles	4	questions again.
5	it to preferential treatment with respect to	5	Do you recall at any time discussing the
6	leases?	6	Mass. DOT grant assurances with respect to their
7	A. I don't recall.	7	application to BEH or FlightLevel?
8	Q. So you may have but you just don't	8	A. No.
9	recall?	9	Q. Okay. Do you recall at any time
10	MR. SIMMS: Objection. Go ahead.	10	1' ' ' 1 ** pom ' ' ' 1
11	int. Billib. Objection. Go allead.	10	discussing the Mass. DOT grant assurances with
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12 13	A. Seriously? BY MR. FEE: Q. Seriously.	11 12 13	Brandon Moss? A. No. Q. How often do you talk to Brandon Moss?
12 13 14	A. Seriously? BY MR. FEE: Q. Seriously. MR. SIMMS: Same objection.	11 12 13 14	Brandon Moss? A. No. Q. How often do you talk to Brandon Moss? A. Usually just at meetings. I think the
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1	commission meetings?	1	says I'm sorry next page. Page 4 of this
2	A. I suppose, yes.	2	document, top of the page, first bullet.
3	Q. And do you speak to him in the context of	3	It talks about whether the Town of
4	executive session at commission meetings?	4	Norwood granted an exclusive right to Eastern Air
5	A. Yes.	5	Center to operate a fueling facility and sell
6	Q. And do you speak to him outside the	6	general aviation and jet fuel to the public and,
	context of meetings? A. Yes.	7	in the process, ceding control of the only power
8		8	source to operate a fueling facility on the airport ramps to Eastern Air Center and Boston
10	Q. Okay. And is that discussion that you have with him in the form of e-mail or telephone	10	Metropolitan Airport, Inc. Do you see that?
11	calls?	11	A. In context it says Boston Air Charter
12	A. Both.	12	versus the Norwood Airport Commission?
13	Q. Okay. And do you confer with Mr. Moss	13	Q. Correct.
14	for the purposes of discussing issues relevant to	14	A. What was the question again?
15	BEH?	15	Q. Does this refresh your recollection as to
16	A. The e-mails would be when they were	16	the substance of the FAA determination regarding
17	looking for e-mails. I would have to say yes.	17	Boston Air Charter's Part 16 Complaint?
18	Q. Okay. Does Mr. Moss attend all of the	18	A. No.
19	Norwood Airport Commission meetings?	19	Q. So you still don't have any recollection
20	A. No.	20	about the substance of that Part 16 Complaint?
21	Q. Does he attend most of them?	21	A. No.
22	A. I'd say I don't know.	22	Q. Do you know what the result of that Part
23	Q. Between 2014 and 2015, when consideration	23	16 Complaint was?
24	of BEH's Part 13 and Part 16 Complaint were	24	A. The one that's still ongoing?
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1	Page 31 predominant, would you say that Mr. Moss attended	1	Q. No. I'm talking right now about Boston
2	most NAC meetings?	2	Air Charter's 2008 Part 16 Complaint.
3	A. I really don't remember.	3	A. I don't remember.
4	Q. Do you know if Mr. Moss was an active	4	Q. Okay. Do you recall whether the FAA
5	participant in the commission's deliberations	5	issued a determination or rulings regarding
6	regarding BEH in 2014 and 2015?	6	Boston Air Charter's Part 16 Complaint?
7	A. Yes.	7	A. No.
8	Q. You were on the board, were you not, when	8	Q. Okay. Do you recall participating in any
9	the I'm sorry the commission when Boston	9	way in the drafting of a corrective action plan
10	Air Charters filed a Part 16 Complaint with the	10	as a result of the Boston Air Charter Part 16
11	FAA; were you not?	11	Complaint?
12	A. Yes.	12	A. Nope.
13	Q. Okay. And what do you remember about	13	Q. Is your answer no?
14	that? Do you remember anything about the	14	A. I would say in any way I recall that
15	substance of it?	15	there was a complaint, but I recall that we had
16	A. No.	16	to respond to it. I don't remember the
17	Q. I'll show you a document that's been	17	specifics.
18	marked as Exhibit 4. Have you ever seen that	18	Q. Okay. I'll show you a document that's
19	before?	19	been marked Exhibit 36. Tell me if you've seen
20	A. I don't remember.	20	that before.
21	Q. Okay. So if I just turn your attention	21	Exhibit 36 appears to be a letter from
22	to the third page of it. Down the bottom of the	22	Mr. Maguire to the FAA dated January 27, 2010.
23	first page which I'm sorry the third page	23	Have you ever seen this before?
24	which is entitled "Directors Determination," it	24	A. I'm reading it now. I don't remember.

- Q. Okay. Drawing your attention to the third bullet point where it says -- and it's
- 3 talking about steps that the Norwood Airport
- 4 Commission has taken in response to the Part 16
- 5 Complaint.

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- 6 And the third bullet point says "End the 7 practice of awarding long-term leases of
- 8 federally funded ramps that have the effect of
- 9 granting one party control over the majority of
- 10 the ramps on the airport."
- 11 Did I read that correctly?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Is it your belief or your understanding
- that after the issuance of the Part 16 ruling in
- 15 2010 and the FAA's subsequent direction to the
- 16 NAC that the commission was required to end the 17 practice of awarding long-term leases that would
- 18 have the effect of granting one party exclusive
- 19 control over a majority of the federally funded
- 20 ramps at the airport?
- 21 MR. SIMMS: Objection. Go ahead.
- 22 A. You'd have to ask that again.
- 23 BY MR. FEE:

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Q. Well, I just read you bullet three --

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- A. I remember that.
- 2 Q. -- which appears to be a directive from
- 3 the FAA. Would you agree with me on that?
- 4 A. I heard that. I just want you to ask the 5 question again.
- 5 quescion again.
- 6 Q. Okay. Well, I'm trying to break it down
- 7 because it was long and I understand that it was
- 8 convoluted. So I'm going to break it down a
- 9 little bit.
- 10 I read you bullet three.
- 11 A. Um-hum.
 - Q. And my question is: Do you believe that
- 13 this directive from the FAA was binding on the
- 14 commission?
 - A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Okay. And what, if anything, did the
- 17 commission do to effectuate this directive from
- 18 the FAA?
 - A. I don't recall.
 - Q. Did it do anything?
- 21 A. I don't remember.
 - Q. Okay. Do you know who -- would you agree
- 23 with me that FlightLevel has control over a
- 24 majority of the ramps at the airport?

- A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And that's been for quite some
- 3 time. Correct?
 - A. I don't know.
- Q. Well, for the entire time that you've
- 6 been a member of the commission, FlightLevel has
- 7 been in control over a majority of the federally
- 8 funded ramps at the airport. Is that fair to
- 9 say?

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- A. I think so.
- 11 Q. Is there any reason to doubt that in your 12 mind?
 - MR. SIMMS: Objection. You can answer.
- 14 A. I don't -- in my mind, I know that there 15 were two entities and -- so I'm not quite sure
- 16 when it split up. When they took over some of
- the other ramps. Eastern Wiggins and Eastern Air Charter. I'm not sure when that all took place.
- 19 One went out of business. And then, I
- 20 think, it would be FlightLevel's company that
- 21 took over --
- 22 Q. Right. So --
 - A. -- spaces.
- Q. So FlightLevel took over --

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- A. And I'm not sure about lease times and, you know, effectual -- when they would expire.
- 3 Because some of the leases are long term.
- 4 Q. Right. But since you've been at the
- 5 airport, FlightLevel has been the only FBO.
 - Correct?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And FlightLevel or Papa Whisky have
 - leasehold interests over a majority of the
- 10 federally funded ramps at the airport. Correct?
 - A. I believe so.
 - O. And that's been the case since
- 13 FlightLevel arrived at the airport. Correct?
 - Because it came -- it assumed all of the leases of its predecessor, Wiggins.
- 16 A. What I'm saying is that I think
 - FlightLevel came roughly about the same time as me.
- 19 Q. Okay. Fair enough.

leasing space at the airport?

- 20 At some point did you become aware of the 21 fact that Boston Air Charters was interested in
- 23 A. Yes.
 - O. And Boston Air Charters began as -- with

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1	a small operation and later applied to rebuild a	1	A. I don't remember this.
2	hanger that was destroyed by weather; is that	2	Q. Okay. I'm going to show you the next
3	correct?	3	document that's been marked as Exhibit 7. It
4	A. I think maybe you're mixing Boston Air	4	appears to be an e-mail to Mr. Maguire from
5	Charter with	5	Mr. Donovan dated March 12, 2014.
6	Q. No. I'm talking about did I say	6	I'm looking at Exhibit 7 now.
7	Boston Air Charter? I'm sorry. I meant Boston	7	A. Okay.
8	Executive	8	Q. Have you seen this before?
9	MR. SIMMS: I was kind of wondering.	9	A. I don't know.
10	BY MR. FEE:	10	Q. At any point did Mr. Maguire communicate
11	Q. My apologize. Boston Executive	11	to you or any member of the commission regarding
12	Helicopters.	12	BEH's desire stated desire to lease additional
13	A. Do you want to ask the other question?	13	ramp space at the airport?
14	Q. Sure. Let me ask you again. So is it	14	MR. SIMMS: Can you read that one back,
15	your understanding that at some point Boston	15	please.
16	Executive Helicopters began its operations at the	16	(Whereupon the prior question was read
17	airport and then sought to expand by rebuilding a	17	back.)
18	hanger that had been destroyed by weather? Is	18	A. At any point at all? Ever?
19	that your recollection?	19	BY MR. FEE:
20	A. I honestly, I don't know. I know that	20	Q. Yes.
21	they bought the or they negotiated with Swift	21	A. Well, we've been having ongoing
22	Aviation to rebuild the hanger.	22	negotiations with them for years on space on the
23	Q. And do you know when this was?	23	west apron.
24	A. I don't remember.	24	Q. When was the first time that Mr. Maguire
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1	Q. Okay. At some point thereafter, did you	1	informed you or any member of the commission that
2	become aware of the fact that FlightLevel was	2	BEH desired to lease additional space at the
3	interested in leasing additional ramp space at	3	airport?
4	the airport?	4	A. I don't remember.
5	A. Yes.	5	Q. You don't have any recollection of when
6	Q. And when was that?	6	it first came up as an issue?
7	A. I don't remember.	7	A. It's been years.
8	Q. Okay. Showing you a document that's been	8	Q. Okay. I'm going to show you a document
9	marked as Exhibit 6. It appears to be a letter	9	that's been marked as Exhibit 8. This appears to
10	dated September 1, 2010, to the members of the	10	be it's a two-page document. It appears to be
11	Norwood Airport Commission of which you are	11	the agenda for the March 12, 2014, meeting, and
12	listed as one. Have you seen that before?	12	then the second page is the executive session
13	A. I don't remember.	13	meeting minutes. Have you seen this before?
14	Q. Well, does looking at this document	14	A. I don't remember it, but I'm sure I have.
15	refresh your recollection as to when Boston	15	Q. Okay. Is it one of the documents
16	Executive Helicopters first expressed its	16	A. We would have
17	interest to the Norwood Airport Commission in	17	Q. I'm sorry. Go ahead.
18	leasing space or additional space at the airport?	18	A. We would have approved these minutes.
19	A. It's dated September 1, 2010, so I don't	19	Q. Is this one of the documents that you
20	remember it.	20	reviewed with your counsel prior to the
21	Q. Is it consistent with your understanding	21	deposition?
22	or your recollection that as far back as 2010	22	A. I don't remember.
44	of your reconfection that as far back as 2010	"	71. I GOIL C TOMOMOCE.

Q. Okay. On the first page of Exhibit 8 it

24 sets forth the agenda and it doesn't mention --

23 Boston Executive Helicopters was seeking to lease 23

24 ramp space at the airport?

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1	Page 42 I'm sorry. Let me show you the first page.	1	Page 44 responsibility to prepare meeting minutes or
2	It doesn't mention anything about any	2	agendas?
3	FlightLevel leases; does it?	3	A. Russ is required to store the minutes.
4	A. The tentative agenda items?	4	My understanding is I read the minutes and then
5	O. Correct.	5	Russ archives the minutes. That's really what
6	A. What doesn't it mention?	6	I
7	Q. Anything about FlightLevel leases.	7	Q. Who prepares the minutes?
8	A. Correct. This particular thing does not	8	A. The we call her a secretary. She's
9	mention anything about FlightLevel leases.	9	the clerk. The person who takes the minutes when
10	Q. Okay. And on the second page in the	10	we're at the meetings.
11	executive session meeting minutes, it states that	11	O. And what's her name?
12	"On a motion made by Mr. Shaughnessy and seconded	12	A. Sorry. I don't know.
13	by Mr. Odstrchel, the commission voted 3 to 0 to	13	Q. That's okay. Has it been the same person
14	extend leases on Lot 5, 6, 7, A, B, and C in	14	for years?
15	favor of FlightLevel." Correct?	15	A. No.
16	A. In favor of FlightLevel?	16	Q. And who was it in 2014?
17	Q. To lease to FlightLevel those lots.	17	A. I don't remember.
18	A. Yes.	18	Q. Is it the same person that it is now?
19	Q. Okay. And at this point in time were you	19	A. No.
20	clerk of the commission?	20	Q. Do you know when it changed?
21	A. I don't remember.	21	A. No.
22	Q. At what point do you know when you	22	Q. When that transcriber changed?
23	became clerk?	23	A. No.
24	A. I don't remember.	24	Q. So I take it from the minutes that you
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1	Q. Okay. So	1	Page 45
		1	were present at this meeting on March 12, 2014;
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letter of intent from the airport commission

indicating the mutual desire to extend our leases

such that we have the necessary term to amortize

Page 46 Page 48 A. I don't understand that. Why we did it? our upcoming airport investments." Did I read 2 Q. Yes. Do you have any understanding of 2 that correctly? 3 why the commission took this vote in May of 2014? 3 A. Yes. A. To confirm the lease with FlightLevel. 4 Q. So does this refresh your recollection as Q. Okay. And it was in response to to the reason why the commission voted as it did 5 6 FlightLevel's request? 6 on March 12, 2014, to extend the six leases for 7 A. Yes. 7 FlightLevel? 8 A. No. 8 Q. And was it made with -- was there any 9 discussion regarding the application of the FAA Q. Showing you an exhibit that's been marked ruling issued in 2010 regarding the commission's 10 as Exhibit 44. It appears to be a letter from 10 11 obligation to refrain from granting long-term 11 Mr. Maguire to Mr. Eichleay dated April 15, 2014, 12 leases to entities that would have control over a confirming the commission's decision to extend 12 majority of space on the federally funded ramps? 13 the leases on Lots 5, 6, 7, A, B, and C. Have 13 you ever seen this before? 14 A. I don't recall. 14 15 Q. You don't recall discussing at all the 15 A. I don't remember. 16 FAA --16 Q. Does it refresh your recollection in any 17 A. I don't recall discussing it. I don't way regarding the reason that the commission took 17 18 recall the terms of the lease. the March 12, 2014, vote to extend the 18 19 Q. Okay. Do you recall any discussions that 19 FlightLevel leases on the six lots? 20 you may have had with Mr. Eichleay regarding his 20 A. No. 21 desire for the commission to extend his leases on 21 Q. At this point in time -- and I'm talking 22 the six lots in May of 2014? 22 specifically between March and April 2014 -- did 23 A. Who? you have an opinion regarding the economic 23 viability of FlightLevel? 24 Q. Eichleay. Peter Eichleay. Page 47 Page 49 1 A. No. 1 A. I don't remember. Q. Am I saying that incorrectly? Q. Did you consider in any way the economic 2 3 A. I just didn't catch -situation at the airport and whether or not it 4 Q. Okay. was a good thing for the airport to extend 5 A. Sorry. FlightLevel's leases for a long-term basis? 6 Q. That's okay. Showing you a document 6 A. I don't remember. 7 that's been marked as Exhibit 40. It appears to 7 Q. You don't remember doing any kind of be a letter dated January 22, 2014, to the analysis regarding the economic impact of 8 9 Norwood Airport Commission from Mr. Eichleay. 9 extending FlightLevel's leases on the airport? 10 Have you ever seen that before? 10 A. I don't remember. 11 A. I don't recall. 11 Q. Okay. The meeting minutes you said are 12 Q. Does it refresh your recollection in any prepared by a stenographer and then reviewed by 13 way regarding the reason that the commission took 13 the commissioners; is that correct? the vote on May -- I'm sorry -- on March 12, 14 A. Yes. 15 2014, that we've been discussing? 15 Q. Okay. And what level of detail do you 16 A. No. 16 believe is appropriate for minutes of meetings? 17 17 Q. I'm going to turn your attention to MR. SIMMS: Objection. Beyond the scope 18 Exhibit 41. It appears to be an e-mail from Mr. 18 and beyond a layperson's testimony. Go ahead. Eichleay to Mr. Maguire. And it says -- and it's MR. FEE: It's a fair question. 19 19 20 dated March 5, 2014. 20 BY MR. FEE: It says "We are requesting a simple $\,$ 21 21 Q. Go ahead.

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objections.

MR. SIMMS: I'm just making the

A. I can say I believe the detail we've been

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1	doing is sufficient.	1	ask you
2	BY MR. FEE:	2	I'm aware there's an instance where the
3	Q. And do you recall that the detail that's	3	recording failed. I'm not sure if it was
4	included in the minutes accurately reflects the	4	specifically that date, but there was one time
5	discussions that take place at the meetings?	5	when the the woman didn't have the recording
6	A. Yes.	6	and it's it just kind of is that the
7	Q. And do you think that was the case in	7	instance you're talking about?
8	2014 and 2015?	8	Q. I'm talking about September 30, 2015.
9	A. I don't remember.	9	A. I couldn't recall that specifically.
10	Q. Okay. Well, I'm just trying to	10	Q. So the one instance that you can recall,
11	understand if there are things that are discussed	11	though, is an instance where the recording device
12	in the meetings that aren't necessarily reflected	12	failed. Is that your testimony?
13	in the minutes. Does that occur?	13	A. Yes.
14	A. We in general, we we're given the	14	Q. And do you know when that was?
15	minutes before the the minutes of the	15	A. I'm I don't.
16	meeting say we had a meeting last month.	16	Q. Do you recall what happened at that
17	Before the next meeting, we'd be given the	17	meeting?
18	minutes to review. We look at them and if we	18	A. I don't remember specifically when the
19	have any issues with them or problems, we bring	19	meeting was.
20	it up at the meeting and we ask for corrections.	20	Q. Just so I understand your testimony. The
21	And then we table it until the next meeting.	21	minutes are transcribed by the stenographer,
22	Q. Okay. And is it generally your practice	22	given to Russ. Russ gives them to the members of
23	to approve meeting minutes within several months	23	the commission prior to the next meeting. A
24	of the meeting actually the meeting that the	24	discussion ensues and either they're voted on or
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1	minutes are for?	1	tabled and generally approved within a couple of
2	A. Typically.	2	months. Is that the usual practice?
3	Q. Okay. And are there any instances where	3	A. Yes.
4	you can think that meeting minutes are not	4	Q. Okay. At some point did you become aware
5	approved within a prompt timely basis?	5	of the fact that Boston Executive Helicopters had
6	A. Yes.	6	filed a Part 13 Complaint with the FAA?
7	MR. SIMMS: Objection. Go ahead. You	7	A. Yes.
8	can answer.	8	Q. When was that?
9	BY MR. FEE:	9	A. I don't remember.
10	Q. What example can you think of?	10	Q. What's your understanding of what a Part
11	A. Sometimes there will be corrections.	11	13 Complaint is?
12	Sometimes members who were there for the minutes	12	A. I honestly don't remember when it was.
13	aren't at the next meeting, and we'll typically	13	Q. What's your understanding of what a Part
14	wait for them to be there to approve.	14	13 Complaint is?
15	Q. Are you aware of any instances where	15	A. I don't know.
16	meeting minutes have remained unapproved for an	16	Q. You don't know what a Part 13 Complaint
17	extended period of time?	17	is?
18	A. Can you describe "extended"?	18	A. He went to the
19	Q. More than a year.	19	Q. I'm sorry. I'm not asking specifically
20	A. I'm not aware of that.	20	about the BEH complaint. I'm asking in general
21	Q. Do you know why there's never been any	21	what you understand a Part 13 Complaint to be.
22	approved minutes for the September 30, 2015,	22	A. He filed the complaint with the FAA. I
23	meeting?	23	believe that particular one was being treated
24	A. This would have to be I think can I	24	unfairly or something like that.

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1	Q. Okay. Let me show you Exhibit 10. It	1
2	appears to be a letter dated June 5, 2014, to Mr.	2
3	Maguire from the FAA.	3
4	A. Um-hum.	4
5	Q. Have you ever seen that before?	5
6	A. You know, I don't remember.	6
7	Q. Does looking I'm sorry.	7
8	A. My guess would be I'm not going to	8
9	guess.	9
10	MR. SIMMS: Go ahead.	10
11	A. I would guess that this is something I	11
12	would have seen, but I don't recall it	12
13	specifically.	13
14	BY MR. FEE:	14
15	Q. Okay.	15
16	MR. FEE: Do you want to break?	16
17	MR. SIMMS: You might want to look at	17
18	your cell phone. We can go off the record.	18
19	MR. FEE: Why don't we take five minutes.	19
20	(Recess taken at 11:11 a.m.)	20
21	(Deposition resumed at 11:23 a.m.)	21
22	(Whereupon the prior question was read	22
23	back.)	23
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to advise us.
    Q. Okay. I'll show you an exhibit that's
been marked as Exhibit 12. It appears to be a
letter dated July 10, 2014, from the Norwood
Airport Commission to the FAA. It's a multi-page
document signed by Mr. Wynne. Have you ever seen
this before?
   A. I don't recall.
    Q. Did you play any role in the preparation
of this document?
    A. I don't remember.
    Q. Do you know if this document was prepared
by town counsel?
    A. They would have had a role.
    Q. Do you know if you read this document
prior to its being submitted to the FAA?
    A. I don't remember.
    Q. Do you recall that previously we were
discussing the votes taken in March of 2014
regarding the commission's decision to extend the
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Page 55 BY MR. FEE: Q. So having looked at Exhibit 10, is your recollection that sometime in or about May or June 2014 you became aware of the fact that a Part 13 Complaint had been filed with the FAA by BEH? 6 7 A. Yes. 8 Q. Okay. And what, if anything, did the commission do in response to the filing of the 9 10 Part 13 Complaint by BEH? 11 A. I don't remember. 12 Q. Did you discuss it? 13 A. I just don't remember. 14 Q. Okay. You testified earlier that your understanding of a Part 13 Complaint is that it's a complaint filed with the FAA. Correct? 16 17 A. Yes. Q. And did you seek guidance from town 18 counsel regarding the impact of the filing of a 19 20 Part 13 Complaint? 21 A. It would seem logical that we would. 22 You're asking me as a commission member?

A. We would expect the manager and counsel

Q. Correct.

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20	regarding the commission's decision to extend the
21	leases for FlightLevel on six lots at the
22	airport; right?
23	A. I recall you asking me questions.
24	Q. Okay. Do you recall that?
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1	A. Did you just ask me questions earlier?
2	Yes.
3	Q. Okay. And do you recall also in March of
4	2014 any discussion amongst the commission
5	regarding BEH's request to lease the west ramp or
6	the west apron?
7	A. Could you ask that again?
8	Q. Sure. Do you recall any discussions in
9	or about March of 2014 regarding BEH's request to
10	lease the west ramp or the west apron?
11	A. I don't recall anything specific.
12	Q. I'm going to turn your attention to page
13	11 of this document. It says "Airport commission
14	lease offer." Do you see that?
15	A. Where on the page is that?
16	Q. It's right in the middle.
17	A. The heading?
18	Q. Yes.
19	A. I see that.
20	Q. Okay. And first paragraph. It says
21	in the second sentence, first paragraph under
22	that heading, it says "On March 17, 2014, the NAC
23	offered such a lease to BEH with square footage

actually exceeding that which BEH had asserted it

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1	had available on FlightLevel's Lot G."	1	never really finalized. There's been different
2	Did I read that correctly.	2	pieces of that offered over the years. There's
3	A. "On March 17, 2014, the NAC, Norwood	3	been a lot of back and forth lease negotiations
4	Airport Commission, offered such a lease to BEH,	4	that never finalized.
5	Boston Executive Helicopter (Attachment Z) with	5	Q. Why not?
6	square footage actually exceeding that which BEH	6	A. I don't know.
7	had asserted it had available on FlightLevel's	7	Q. You don't know?
8	Lot G prior to FlightLevel's challenge to the	8	A. Like, there's no agreement.
9	attempted use of the same by BEH."	9	Q. Do you have an opinion as to why that is?
10	Q. Right. So I will acknowledge that you	10	A. Couldn't come to an agreement.
11	read that sentence in its entirety and correctly.	11	Q. And do you have an opinion as to why the
12	A. Okay.	12	parties were unable to come to an agreement?
13	Q. So my question is: Does that refresh	13	A. No.
14	your recollection regarding whether or not the	14	Q. You have no opinion or you just don't
15	commission had discussion in March 2014 regarding	15	want to share it with me?
16	leasing space to BEH on the west apron?	16	MR. SIMMS: Objection. Go ahead.
17	A. I don't recall anything specific.	17	A. I don't know what I don't specifically
18	Q. Okay. You see the next sentence where it	18	know why we didn't come to an agreement.
19	says "At the NAC's April 9, 2014, meeting BEH	19	BY MR. FEE:
20	refused the west apron lease offer." Do you see	20	Q. Well, you've been on the commission for
21	that?	21	10 years; right?
22	A. The first sentence of the second	22	A. Yes.
23	paragraph?	23	Q. And you've been dealing with this dispute
24	Q. It's actually the third paragraph under	24	with BEH for almost as long. Correct?
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1	requests for information. Simple things like	1	the reason that
2	financial statements or some kind of personal	2	offered to BEH.
3	guarantee was another reason.	3	A. It's
4	BY MR. FEE:	4	of the few place
5	Q. Anything else?	5	controls. The a
6	A. I you know, I'm sure if you remind me,	6	controls tie-do
7	I might	7	Q. Because
8	Q. Well, let's break it down. Let's talk	8	FlightLevel. Co
9	about the "not enough space component." Is it	9	A. That is
10	your understanding that in or about March of 2014	10	airport controls
11	the apron west apron offer was for a roughly	11	if there aren't
12	6,000-square-foot portion of the west apron?	12	controls, but the
13	A. It's a I'm not specific about the	13	the Town of Norv
14	footage, but that sounds about right.	14	Q. And what
15	Q. Roughly 83-by-83. Correct?	15	that space to?
16	A. Okay.	16	MR. SIM
17	Q. And that would be about 10 percent of the	17	MR. FEE
18	total square footage of the west apron. Correct?	18	A. I believ
19	A. I think that's I think that's correct.	19	BY MR. FEE:
20	Q. And did you recall any discussion or	20	Q. How abou
21	deliberation amongst the commissioners as to the	21	A. I don't
22	reason that it was appropriate to offer 10	22	Q. Okay. A
23	percent of the west apron space?	23	recollection of
24	A. I think it had to do with space for	24	that the offered
1	Page 63	1	on EDO2
1 2	planes while they waited to be fueled or something like that. So there was enough	1 2	an FBO? A. I believ
2	sometiming time that, so there was enough	4	A. I Delle

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1	the reason that a smaller percentage was being			
2	offered to BEH. Is that fair to say?			
3	A. It's I believe the west apron is one			
4	of the few places that the airport still			
5	controls. The airport being the town. It still			
6	controls tie-downs and so forth.			
7	Q. Because every other ramp is leased to			
8	FlightLevel. Correct?			
9	A. That is one of the few places that the			
10	airport controls. I couldn't be I'm not sure			
11	if there aren't other places that the airport			
12	controls, but that's significant space there for			
13	the Town of Norwood.			
14	Q. And what use does the Town of Norwood put			
15	that space to?			
16	MR. SIMMS: Currently?			
17	MR. FEE: Currently.			
18	A. I believe it's tie-down space.			
19	BY MR. FEE:			
20	Q. How about in 2014?			
21	A. I don't know.			
22	Q. Okay. And so did do you have any			
23	recollection of BEH stating to the commission			
24	that the offered space was too small to conduct			
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space -- someone drew up a section where they said if there was -- these are the size planes 5 that come into the airport. 6 If there were several of them lined up, 7 they could wait here to be fueled. 8 Q. Okay. Just so I understand. Your 9 testimony is that you think the west apron is put 10 to other uses in addition to the proposed use for 11 BEH. Is that what you're saying? 12 MR. SIMMS: Objection. Go ahead. 13 A. You'd have to ask that again. BY MR. FEE: 14 15 Q. So the BEH lease offer in March of 2014 16 is for roughly 6,000 square feet. Correct? 17 A. Yes. 18 Q. And that's a little bit less than the entire square footage of the west apron. 19 20 Correct? 21 A. It's considerably less. 22 Q. Considerably less. And your understanding was that there were other uses to 23

which the west apron was being put, and that's

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eve that was the reason for not accepting. 4 Q. Okay. Do you recall that BEH communicated that to the commission? 6 A. I don't know the specifics. 7 Q. Do you recall that the commission did anything to evaluate BEH's statement that a 6,000 8 9 square-foot portion of the west apron was not sufficient to conduct FBO operations? 10 11 A. I don't. 12 Q. Do you recall the commission doing any 13 analysis or evaluating any criteria in order to independently determine whether or what amount of 15 space was required to conduct an FBO operation? 16 A. I don't think that this was specific to FBO. I think it was -- it had to do with space 17 to fuel aircraft. 18 19 Q. Right. 20 A. So I don't know what -- my belief is that 21 one of the reasons was that it needed space so 22 that if there were planes that needed to be

fueled, transient aircraft -- in other words,

craft that doesn't normally have a tie-down or

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- is, you know, kept at Norwood Airport -- they
- would have a place to wait to be fueled.
- 3 Q. What's your understandings of what an FBO 4
- 5 A. It's a fixed-base operator.
- 6 Q. What does that mean?
- 7 A. For instance, FlightLevel has a terminal.
- They not only operate aircraft. In that case, 8
- 9 fixed wing. They also repair facilities. They
- 10 have a staff. They provide fueling. They
- 11 maintain people to do that. That type of thing.
- 12 Q. And was it your understanding that the
- difference between being a standard commercial 13
- 14 operator at the airport and being an FBO is the
- 15 ability to sell fuel to other people. Is that a
- 16 fair statement?

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- 17 A. Could you repeat that?
 - Q. Yes. Is it your understanding that the
- 19 difference between a -- being a commercial
- 20 operator at the airport and an FBO operator is
- 21 that an FBO operator has the ability to sell fuel
- 22 to third parties. Correct?
- 23 A. That's one of the differences.
- 24 Q. And the other difference is that it can

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- purpose of Mr. Donovan's request was that -- so
- 2 that he could conduct FBO operations at -- in
- 3 that space. Correct?
 - A. I just -- I don't know what else to say.
 - Q. You can answer yes or no or I don't
- understand the question. 6
 - A. I just answered the question.
 - Q. Well, I'm asking it a different way.
- A. I understood that the space needed on
- that ramp was for transient aircraft to park to 10
- 11 wait while they were presumably going to be
- fueled remotely, I guess, by BEH when they were 12
 - able to do that.
- Q. When they're able to do that pursuant to 14
- 15 an FBO license?
- 16 A. Pursuant to them getting, you know, a
- permit for their tanks and getting all that done 17
- and providing the information that was requested 19 so they could become an FBO.
- 20 Q. Right. So just so we're clear. I'm not
- 21 trying to beat a dead horse here. But the space
- 22 on the west ramp that was offered in March of
- 23 2014, you understood that it was in connection
 - with BEH's effort to become an FBO and fuel

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- do aircraft maintenance?
- 2 A. That's one of the things that an existing 3 FBO does.
- 4 Q. Anything else?
 - A. I just said what they do.
- Q. Okay. I'm trying to understand -- we're 6
- 7 talking about space needs; right? And I asked
- 8 you whether there was any criteria or evaluation
- 9 that the commission went through in determining
- 10 whether or not the 6,000 square-foot parcel on
- 11 the west apron that was offered to BEH was
- 12 sufficient; right? Do you recall me asking you
- 13 that question?
- 14 A. Do you recall me stating that the reason
- 15 that we said X amount of square feet is because
- 16 we were under the impression, through Mr.
- 17 Donovan, that he needed space to line up for
- 18 fueling? And that was -- and I said that we
- 19 looked at $\operatorname{--}$ it would be two or three aircraft
- would be able to park in that roughly 6,000 20
- 21 square feet --
- 22 Q. Right.
- 23 A. -- waiting to be fueled.
- 24 Q. And the purpose -- you understood the

- transient aircraft on the west apron; right?
- A. You asked me in general terms what I 2
- remember. Now, you're making it specific. I
- don't remember when it was. In general terms,
- that the smaller -- the 6,000 -- my recollection
- is that it was for transient aircraft to park or,
 - you know, to wait while they were fueled.
 - Q. By BEH?
 - A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Okay.
 - A. Presumably by BEH.
- 12 Q. And at some point the amount of space
- 13 that was being offered to BEH increased from
- 6,000 to 11,000 square feet of the west apron.
- 15 Correct? Approximately. Do you have any
- 16 recollection of that?
- A. I know it increased. I don't know the 17 18 specifics of the numbers. That sounds reasonable
- 19 to me.
- 20 Q. Okay. And do you know when that
- 21 occurred? The increase in offer from 6,000 to
- 22 11,000.
 - A. No.
 - Q. Do you recall why the increase offer

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A. I don't recall.

Airport Commission?

A. I don't.

Q. Okay. Do you recall that at some point

A. I don't know if there's a specific FBO

commercial permit they listed FBO as -- in their

BEH submitted an FBO application to the Norwood

application. I know that in their yearly

Q. Do you know when that was?

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1	Page 70	1	O Province this between the con-
1	occurred or was made?	1	Q. Do you think it was at or
2	A. I think that I think it had to do with	2	we're talking about in March of 2
3	the size of potential transient aircraft that	3	A. I don't know.
4	if you took the largest aircraft that could	4	Q. Okay. Is it okay.
5	possibly be there because of the runway size and	5	Showing you a document th
6	if you lined several of them up, that would be,	6	as Exhibit 123. I want to direct
7	you know, suitable for that. That's my	7	to a couple of things. This is
8	recollection.	8	minutes taken on June 11, 2014.
9	Q. Okay. And is it your recollection that	9	bottom of the page, it talks abou
10	Mr. Donovan communicated concerns regarding the	10	interest. Do you see that?
11	size of aircraft that he was intending to fuel	11	A. BEH lease/FBO interest.
12	required a larger amount of the west apron or was	12	Q. Can you read that section
13	that just a conclusion that the commission came	13	some questions about it.
14	to on its own?	14	A. Next to that it says "Jos
15	A. I don't remember.	15	MR. SIMMS: Not out loud
16	Q. Okay. Do you recall at any time after	16	section to yourself and when you
17	the offer of the 11,000 square foot of space on	17	Mr. Fee know.
18	the west apron that the commission increased that	18	A. I've read it.
19	number again?	19	BY MR. FEE:
20	A. I believe that we authorized the	20	Q. Okay. So the heading at
21	chairman, and probably Mr. Maguire or someone	21	indicates that you were in attend
22	else, to kind of negotiate without our without	22	meeting. Do you recall being at
23	us being there.	23	A. I do.
24	Q. Okay.	24	Q. Okay. And so
1	Page 71 A. So I do believe there was an increase in	1	A. I should say I had to hav
2	the size of that.	2	It says "On a motion by Mr. Sheeh
3	Q. With respect to these three or the two	3	Mr. K. Shaughnessy"
4	offers that you've described and perhaps this	4	Q. Right. That's you; right
5	third that was communicated by Mr. Maguire and	5	A. Yeah, I must have been the
6	Mr. Ryan, was it the commission's practice to	6	Q. So that section that you
7	take votes in connection with these lease offers	7	motion by Mr. Sheehan and seconder
8	or was it something that was just negotiated	8	Shaughnessy, the commission voted
9	informally?	9	verbal acknowledgement to table t
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10	A. You're talking about the third one?	10	Did I read that correctly
11	Q. I'm talking about all three of them. Do	11	A. Yes.
12	you know if there were votes taken with respect	12	Q. Does that refer to the di
13	to each of those lease offers or was it just	13	regarding BEH's FBO?
14	something that was communicated informally?	14	A. I don't remember.
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or about this time 2014? that's been marked ct your attention regular meeting And down the out BEH lease/FBO on. I'll ask you osh --" d. Just read this u're done, let t the top ndance at this t this meeting? Page 73 ave been there. ehan, seconded by ht? there. u read said "On a ded by Mr. K. ed 6 to 2 by the discussion." ly? discussion Q. What does it refer to? As you sit here today, can you tell me what you think it refers 16 17 A. What we were speaking about? 18 19 Q. Yes. 20 A. I don't remember. Q. The heading says "BEH Lease/FBO 21 Interest." And then it talks about Mr. Sheehan

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- not yet read and discussed." Do you see that?
 - A. Yes.

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- 3 Q. Do you think that that complaint letter refers to the Part 13 Complaint that had been
- previously filed by BEH?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And so the next thing that happens,
- according to these minutes, is that Mr. Sheehan 8
- 9 makes a motion, and you second, to table further
- 10 discussion. And my question is: Is that
- 11 regarding both the lease and the FBO request?
 - A. I don't remember what we were discussing.
 - Q. Well, it cites at the top BEH lease/FBO
- 14 interest; right?
- 15 A. Yes.
- O. So would it be fair to infer that's the 16
- topic that is being tabled? 17
- 18 A. I would guess that's -- we're talking
- 19 about something -- one of those two things. But
- 20 once again, I don't recall so I can't
- 21 specifically say.
- 22 Q. I'm just asking as you sit here today and you read these minutes -- and they're minutes of 23
- 24 your meeting that were approved, and a meeting at

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- which you were present, and a meeting at which 1 you participated and voted -- as you sit here
- 3 today, is it your understanding that in June of
- 2014 the commission voted to table discussion
- 5 regarding BEH's lease and FBO application?
- 6 MR. SIMMS: Objection. Asked and
- 7 answered. Go ahead.
- 8 A. I don't know how much clearer I can be.
- 9 This was over three years ago. I believe I was
- 10 at the meeting. I don't specifically remember
- 11 what we were speaking about. I do believe it was
- 12 tabled because of the Part 16 Complaint.
- 13 BY MR. FEE:
- Q. Okay. And the next sentence in that 14
- 15 section says "There was additional discussion
- 16 between NAC, Mr. Donovan, Mr. Fox regarding the
- 17 west apron lease, and all were reminded that the
- issue have been tabled." Did I read that 18
- 19 correctly?

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- A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And is that sentence referring to the
- 22 immediately preceding sentence in which a vote
- was taken to table all discussion regarding FBO 23
- and lease issues with respect to BEH?

- A. Can you ask that again?
- Q. Yes. I'm asking you if the third
- sentence in this section where it says "All were
- reminded that the issue had been tabled" -- I'm
- asking you whether that refers to the immediately
- preceding vote in which the commission voted 6 to 7
 - 2 to table all discussion?
- A. I'm not sure how to answer that. If 8
- you're asking me to guess what we were talking
- about, I mean, you could -- would it make sense 10
- 11 that it was about the lease or -- yeah. But I
- 12 don't specifically remember what we were speaking 13 about.
- 14 Q. I appreciate that you don't remember 15 specifically what was being discussed at this
- 16 time. You can -- anyone can read this language
- and interpret it in a variety of different ways. 17
- My reason for asking you this question is that 18
- 19 you're a member of the commission.
- 20 When you read this, what does it mean to 21 you? That's what I'm asking.
- 22 A. What -- again, I will just kind of -- as
- a way of explanation, in my mind when we receive 23
 - the complaint -- and I don't believe that I had

- read this complaint -- we would have tabled any discussion simply to ask the manager and counsel

 - to look at the complaint or allow us to read it
 - before we continue in case it had anything to do
 - with what we were discussing with BEH.
 - Q. Right.
 - 7 A. That's in general terms. I don't
 - 8 specifically remember.
 - 9 Q. That's fair enough. And so after some
 - point in time, the members read and discussed the 10
 - 11 Part 13 Complaint. And Mr. Wynne, with aid of
 - 12 counsel, submitted a response letter to the FAA.

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- A. You showed me that. Yes.
- 15 Q. Right. And so that document that we
- 16 talked about was dated July 2014; is that
 - correct? If you recall.
 - A. I --
 - Q. I can show it to you.
 - A. I take your word for it. It seems like
- 21 it would be after this meeting.
- 22 Q. Is it fair to say that sometime
- between -- I'm going to show you Exhibit 12 just 23 to refresh your recollection regarding

Page 78 Mr. Wynne's response letter and the date of it. 2 A. July 10, 2014. 3 Q. So between June and July of 2014, is it 3 O. Okay. fair to infer that all of the members of the commission had read the complaint and that the commission had responded to the FAA regarding the 6 6 7 allegations in the Part 13 Complaint? 7 MR. SIMMS: Objection. 8 8 9 A. I -- I believe that I would have read it. BY MR. FEE: BY MR. FEE: 10 10 11 Q. Okay. And so after the commission had an 11 12 opportunity to read the complaint and had 12 13 responded to the complaint, what, if anything, 13 14 did it do with respect to BEH's continued 14 15 interest in leasing space on the west apron and 15 16 acquiring an FBO permit? 17 A. I don't believe it had -- in my personal 17 18 opinion, from my -- you're asking me what I --18 is that right? 19 what the commission thought or what I thought? 19 A. One of the -- there were requests for a 20 Q. No. I'm asking you what you thought. 20

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2 made by BEH? 3 A. I don't remember anything specific. 4 Q. Okay. You know that in June 2014 there was a vote taken for all discussion to be tabled regarding the FBO and lease interest of BEH; 6 7 right? 8 A. Yes.

A. I don't think it had any bearing on --

Q. This is my question. After July, when

the commission has responded to the FAA Part 13

Complaint, what, if anything, did it do next in

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9 Q. And at some point thereafter did that 10 discussion become untabled?

A. Yes.

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A. I don't remember.

Q. Okay. Do you know if there was a

specific vote that was taken by the NAC to

untable discussion regarding BEH's FBO request 16

17 and lease interest?

A. I don't even really -- I mean, untable 18 19 and table, that's just for the meeting. You

20 know, if it gets on the agenda again, I suppose

21 that it's no longer tabled.

22 In my mind, table means we're tabling it 23 for now. I don't know that there's any specific

"we're going to untable this." Unless it's

Page 80 something specific that's voted on, I just don't remember this three years ago.

MR. FEE: It's noon. Can we take a half an hour and pick it up after that?

MR. SIMMS: Sure.

(Recess taken at 12:01 a.m.)

(Deposition resumed at 12:55 p.m.)

Q. We were talking earlier about some of the impediments that you identified as being the reason that the parties were unable to agree on a lease space for the west ramp. And we talked a little bit about the space issue.

And you also mentioned that there were requests for financial information that you thought were not responded to in a full fashion;

financial statement. Eventually, we -- I believe the issue with the financial statement was keeping them confidential. Also, we never really -- I don't know when it started and when it ended.

order to act on the FBO or lease request being

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Page 81 1 But in general terms, we were looking for some financial information on BEH. Chris and his people were reluctant to provide that, even in executive session. And I think the solution was to have a third party, agreeable to both the airport commission and BEH, look at the financial 7 information and kind of okay it.

Q. Was it your understanding that the 9 commission was requiring financial information to satisfy that BEH could perform under the -- its 10 11 FBO obligations?

12 A. The information would allow us to look 13 and see who they were, what they did, and if they could -- if they would be able to operate as --

Q. As an FBO?

16 A. Yes.

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17 Q. And also, was the financial information 18 designed to give the commission comfort that BEH 19 could perform under a lease?

A. I don't believe -- and this is me. In my mind, the -- BEH had made it known that they would pay the lease up front. So I don't think that was really -- whether they could pay the lease or not wasn't an issue.

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But to be an FBO -- and myself, I looked at other places. You know, municipal airports.

- 3 I -- Google -- and started looking at what would
- be a requirement for other municipal airports
- kind of like Norwood. What they would be looking
- for, and this typically was on the request list. 6
 - Q. What typically was on the list?
 - A. Financial statements.
- 9 Q. Okay.

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- 10 A. To find out who they were, what they did.
- 11 I also found out it was typical that the airports
- 12 would be looking for an FBO or a second FBO. Not
- 13 someone looking to become an FBO without
- 14 solicitation. Which doesn't really matter, I
- 15 quess.
- 16 But in my mind, that was something that,
- 17 once we looked at it, we could say, yup, they
- 18 can -- they're capable of acting as an FBO.
- 19 Q. So I'm going to break down your answer a
- 20 little bit because we're talking about the
- 21 financial information that you thought was
- 22 pertinent to performing as an FBO, and then you
- 23 mentioned something about whether or not the
- 24 airport solicited an FBO.

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Is that what you're saying?

- A. Not all instances. But in many cases,
- 3 that was what I saw.
- Q. Okay. All right. And so was it -- in your opinion, then, was it reasonable to take the
- example of airports that were requesting FBOs and 6
- 7 utilize the same general financial information
- requests for BEH?
- 9 A. I think that -- this is just me. I was
- comfortable -- it was something I would want to 10
- 11 look at before I even -- before I checked it out.
- It was something I wanted to see. 12
- 13 And I think because it became an issue, I
- 14 then wanted to see if this is an unusual request.
- That's why I looked into it.
- 16 Q. And was it your understanding that the
- minimum standards required or allowed you to 17
- 18 request certain financial disclosure from any FBO
- 19 applicant?

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- 21 Q. Okay. And was your position that the --
- 22 strike that.
 - At some point --
- 24 A. Could I get back to that?

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- 1 Can you expound on that a little bit? 2 I'm not sure I understand what you were saying
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- 4 A. When I was looking at what other airport commissions -- other general aviation airports
- looked for -- this is just me. 6
 - Q. Yes. I understand.
- 8 A. Financial statements were common. But
- 9 typically when I saw that, it would be in
- 10 airports -- going out for request, for proposal
- 11 for someone to be --
 - O. I see.
- 13 A. Someone -- that they were looking for an
- FBO. Not -- in this case Norwood necessarily
- 15 wasn't looking for a second FBO. It was BEH
- 16 applying, unsolicited, to be an FBO.
- 17 Q. So if I understand you correctly, in your
- research on what financial information might be 19 requested of a prospective FBO, you were looking
- at examples of other airports where they were 20
- putting out requests for -- or requests for 21
- 22 solicitation or bids for people to become FBOs.
- 23 And as part of that, they listed various
- financial information that's typically requested.

O. Sure.

A. Yes.

- A. I don't know that I checked the minimum
- standards in relation to that. To me it was just
- a reasonable request, as a member of the airport
- commission, to decide -- or one of the criteria
- should be that if someone wants to be an FBO on
- 7 Norwood Airport.
 - Q. Okay. And at this time -- and are we
- 9 talking in or about 2014/2015 roughly?
 - A. This has been going on a long time. I
- 11 really couldn't say for sure.
 - Q. When did you first start discussing with
- 13 Mr. Donovan and BEH the issues surrounding the
 - provision of financial documentation to support
- 15 his FBO request?
 - A. I don't recall.
- 17 Q. You may recall that in 2014, Mr. Sheehan,
- 18 at the meetings, often stated his expertise in 19
 - real estate, suggested that requiring personal
- guarantees and letters of credit might be 20
- 21 appropriate in this circumstance. Do you recall
- 22 Mr. Sheehan saying things like that in meetings
- in 2014? 23
 - A. Yes. I couldn't be sure it's 2014, but

19 continual topic, I think.

Q. It still is; right?

A. I don't think it is anymore.

24 regarding the confidentiality or disclosing

23 earlier that there was some disagreement

Q. Okay. At some point -- you mentioned

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1	Page 86 in meetings I do recall Commissioner Sheehan	1	Page 88 financial information and its confidentiality.
2	requesting that.	2	Correct?
3	Q. And was it your understanding or did you	3	A. Yes.
4	agree with his suggestion that requiring personal	4	Q. Do you recall what BEH's objection was to
5	quarantees or irrevocable letters of credit was	5	providing confidential information to the
6	3	6	confidential financial information to the airport
7	an appropriate way to proceed with respect to BEH's FBO request?	7	commission?
8	A. I remember asking the town manager and	8	A. I will say one of the issues was just
9	to talk to counsel to see if that was a	9	that he didn't want it to be wanted it to be
10	reasonable request. And in general, I think the	10	kept secret, I guess.
11	town counsel believed it was.	11	Q. He didn't want it to become a public
12	Q. Okay. And so you acted on	12	record.
13	MR. SIMMS: I'm sorry. The town manager?	13	A. That would make sense.
14	THE WITNESS: Town counsel.	14	Q. And because was it your understanding
15	MR. SIMMS: Can you read that back? I	15	that any information submitted to the Norwood
16	may be wrong. Mr. Shaughnessy's prior answer,	16	Airport Commission would be immediately subject
17	please.	17	to a public records request?
18	A. Airport manager, I meant to say.	18	A. No.
19	MR. SIMMS: Thank you.	19	Q. Was it your understanding that
20	A. And airport manager	20	information submitted to the Norwood Airport
21	MR. FEE: Let her read it back, and then	21	Commission would be shielded from a public
22	you can correct it.	22	records request?
23	(Whereupon the prior answer was read	23	A. It was my understanding at the time that
24	back.)	24	in executive session we didn't have to disclose
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1	BY MR. FEE:	1	that. Subsequently, I'm not sure what counsel
2	Q. Is there something about that that you'd	2	decided.
3	like to change?	3	Q. Okay. So eventually some arrangement was
4	A. Yes. I meant to say airport manager.	4	made with respect to the provision of financial
5	I've never discussed airport matters with the	5	information; is that correct?
6	town manager.	6	A. I couldn't tell you when, but yes.
7	Q. Okay. So you came to the conclusion,	7	Q. And did that involve the third party
8	based on advice from town counsel, that requiring	8	analysis of BEH's financial situation?
9	an irrevocable letter of credit and a personal	9	A. Yes.
10	guarantee was an appropriate ask for a	10	Q. Okay.
11	prospective FBO; is that fair to say?	11	(Exhibit No. 149 marked for
12	A. Yes.	12	identification.)
13	Q. Okay. And you acted on that believe as	13	BY MR. FEE:
14	you proceeded through 2015/2016 in connection	14	Q. I'll show you a document that's been
15	with the commission's discussions with BEH.	15	marked as Exhibit 149. It appears to be a letter
16	Correct?	16	from Eric Loeffler, an attorney at Hinshaw &
17	A. I don't remember the exact time frame,	17	Culbertson, to Jeff Kohlman, a principal at
18	but the personal letter of guarantee was a	18	Aviation Management Consulting Group. And it's

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19 dated September 11, 2015.

And I note that Brandon Moss is a cc on

Q. Okay. The second sentence in the first

21 this letter. Have you ever seen this before?

A. I don't remember this letter.

24 paragraph says "On Wednesday September 9, 2015,

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1	the Norwood Airport Commission scheduled a	1	Q. Do you remember at some point being
2	special meeting for September 30, 2015, to	2	provided by town counsel or the airport manager
3	address BEH's proposal to provide an irrevocable	3	with the report of the third-party consultant?
4	standby letter of credit in lieu of a guarantor	4	A. Yes. I remember there was a report.
5	on the proposed lease agreement for the west	5	Q. Okay. And does this refresh your
6	apron parcel A.	6	recollection as to what that report consisted of?
7	"The NAC also requested that your	7	Strike that.
8	third-party review of BEH's financial information	8	Is this the report?
9	be expedited so that they may consider your	9	A. I believe it's the report.
10	recommendations at the September 30th meeting."	10	Q. Okay. So do you is it fair to say
11	Did I read that sentence correctly?	11	that you received this in or about September of
12	A. Yes.	12	2015?
13	Q. Okay. Does that comport with your	13	A. I would think that I would have read it
14	recollection of events occurring in September of	14	by at least October.
15	2015 regarding the commission's instructions to	15	Q. Well, I just refer your I refer you to
16	BEH on disclosure of financial information?	16	Exhibit 149 where Mr. Loeffler says to
17	A. I don't remember.	17	Mr. Kohlman that "NAC has asked for your
18	Q. Okay. Do you remember at some point the	18	expedited report so that it can consider it at
19	commission agreeing that the financial	19	the September 30 meeting." Do you see that in
20	information reviewed by the third party could be	20	Exhibit 149?
21	submitted to the NAC in lieu of a more detailed	21	A. I do.
22	and non-private disclosure?	22	Q. And then the report is dated September
23	A. Eventually the we agreed to allow this	23	29. Correct?
24	third party to look at their financial	24	A. It is.
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1	information.	1	Q. And so do you think that you received
2	Q. And that A. Financial statements.	3	this report prior to the September 30th meeting?
3 4		4	A. I have no recollection of receiving it.
5	Q. And that you would be satisfied by the	5	That's I mean, if it was mailed on September
6	third party's review; is that fair to say? A. I believe that was the agreement.	6	29th, I couldn't tell you. I couldn't say if they got it before the meeting or not.
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8	Q. And do you know why you say "eventually." Do you know why that was	8	Q. So you're not sure if you had it before the September 30th meeting?
9	contentious?	9	A. I have no way of knowing.
10	A. I don't remember.	10	Q. Do you think you would have had it for
11	Q. Do you know why it was difficult to agree	11	the October 2015 meeting?
12	on that result?	12	A. I don't know for sure but I based on
13	A. Again, I don't remember.	13	these dates, I would say that I would have had
14	Q. Okay.	14	it.
15	(Exhibit No. 150 marked for	15	O. And did the commission discuss this
16	identification.)	16	document during either the September or October
17	BY MR. FEE:	17	meetings?
18	Q. I'll show you a document that's been	18	A. I don't remember.
19	marked as Exhibit 150. It appears to be a letter	19	Q. If it did, would it be reflected in the
20	dated September 29, 2015, from Mr. Kohlman,	20	minutes?
21	K-O-H-L-M-A-N, at Aviation Management Consulting	21	A. Anything discussed in either open or
22	Group, to Mr. Loeffler and Mr. Moss. Have you	22	executive session would be I would think would
44	Group, to mr. Doerrrer and mr. Moss. have you	44	evecueine session monto pe i monto filluk monto

Q. Okay. Do you recall what your reaction

23 ever seen this before?
24 A. I don't remember this letter.
25 be in the minutes.
26 Q. Okay. Do you

- was to reading the third-party report regarding
- 2 BEH's financial capabilities?
- 3 A. No.
- Q. Do you recall at some point being
- satisfied with the financial disclosure made by
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- 7 A. I believe we accepted this in lieu of
- what we had originally asked for. This was the 8
- 9 agreement. I believe we were -- we said okay.
- That's fine. 10
- 11 Q. So you had originally asked for financial
- 12 statements and bank statements and all kinds of
- financial information that would establish the --13
- 14 or satisfy the commission that BEH could perform
- 15 its obligations as an FBO. Correct?
- 16 A. Me personally?
- 17 Q. No. The commission. I'm sorry.
- 18 A. There were -- financial statements were
- 19 requested. I think that's one with -- this
- 20 was --
- 21 Q. Right.
- 22 Α. -- referring to --
- 23 Q. Yes.
- 24 A. The lease brought in other requests. You

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- company is doing or the stability and whether
- they would be a good FBO, I guess, on the
- 3 airport.

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- The request on the lease part of it --
- and Michael Sheehan had more experience with
- that -- was different. A little bit different 7
 - than the simple FBO request.
 - Q. And what was different about it? What additional information was requested with respect
- 11 A. I believe that -- like you said before, the personal guarantee. It eventually evolved 12 into insurance in lieu of -- possibly in lieu of 13 the personal guarantee to make sure that we were 14 15 comfortable if there was an accident or something 16 that -- potential cleanup, for instance.
 - The liability wouldn't be on the airport or the Town of Norwood. It would be --
- 19 Q. So the personal guarantee and the spill 20 insurance were in -- required in connection with 21 further lease negotiations; is that accurate?
- 22 A. I believe the personal guarantee first 23 came up with the lease negotiations.
 - Q. Okay. So just so I'm clear. The

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- know, bank statements and so forth.
- 2 Q. Okay. Are you saying that there was
- 3 different financial requirements with respect to
- 4 the lease and the FBO or was it all the same
- 5 thing?

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- 6 A. I don't really remember. I think there
- 7 were some other issues with the lease. You know,
- the FBO -- I guess it's all kind of together. 8
- 9 Because, you know, in order to -- in order for
- 10 BEH to operate the way they projected they were
- 11 going to operate, they wanted the space on the
- 12 ramp.

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- So to me it's all kind of tied together.
- Q. Right. So your understanding is that the 14
- provision of the financial information pertained
- 16 to both the FBO application and the lease
- 17 negotiations; is that accurate?
- 18 A. Some of it. The financial statements, to
- 19 me, were more about the original request. By
- 20 "financial statements," I mean income statement,
- balance sheet, cash flow. Typical things that 21
- 22 any business would have on, at least, a quarterly
- 23 basis.
- 24 And that's how you compare how well a

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- document that I've shown you as Exhibit 150 is the Kohlman financial report. After receipt and
- review of that, were you and -- you say you can't
- remember if the commission discussed it or not,
- but were you satisfied at that point in time that
- BEH had satisfied its financial disclosure
 - obligations with respect to the FBO?
- 8 A. I would have to say I don't remember. I
- 9 know at some point I was. I don't remember when 10 that was.
- 11 Q. Okay. But you don't know if -- I mean,
- 12 was there anything in addition to the information
- 13 that was provided by the third-party financial reviewer that was still outstanding in September
- 15 or October of 2015?

and he could have possibly provided it.

- A. I don't know. I don't remember. Because to me, it would make sense that if I did have a problem, I would have asked for more information
- Q. Right. So if you weren't satisfied with the financial disclosure provided in October of 2015, you would have asked and it would have been reflected in the meeting minutes?
 - A. You know what? In my mind, when we would

- receive something like this, I would read it. If there were any questions, you know, I wouldn't
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- 3 discuss it with anyone until we got to the
- meeting, except possibly counsel.
- 5 I don't remember speaking to Brandon
- 6 specifically about this, but I think at the
- 7 meeting I would have -- asked which would be
- recorded in the minutes if I did. 8
- 9 Q. Right.
- 10 A. You know, to the airport manager and
- 11 to -- it wasn't always Brandon as counsel. But
 - it was, you know, does this meet what we're
- 13 looking for?

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- 14 Q. And you say at some point you were
- 15 satisfied that the financial disclosure by BEH
- 16 was sufficient for the airport commission to
- grant an FBO? 17
- 18 A. The -- we agreed to let this consultant
- tell us that it was sufficient. And so at some 19
- 20 point, I took the consultant at their word.
- 21 Q. Okay. I'm going to show you a document
- 22 that's been marked as Exhibit 13, and it appears
- 23 to be the Boston Executive Helicopters' business
- plan dated July 9, 2014. Have you seen that

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- A. I would say that I remember looking at a 2
- 3 business plan. I don't know if there was several
- versions of it but -- probably. I can't
- 5 specifically -- I can't say this was the one, but
 - I did look at a business plan for BEH.
- 7 Q. At some point did you become satisfied
- that BEH had submitted a sufficient business plan 8
- 9 for the granting of an FBO?
- 10 A. The information contained in the business
- 11 plan was more projective instead of -- what I was
- 12 looking for was their existing business to --
- 13 also, what they planned on doing.
- But I don't believe this contained any of 14
- 15 the existing information that I would have been
- 16 looking for to see how they do business on a
- 17 daily basis.
- Q. But it was -- well, it was a new FBO. 18
- 19 Correct?

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- A. It's an existing company.
- 21 Q. But it was applying to be a new FBO.
- 22 Correct?
- 23 A. They were applying to be an FBO at
- 24 Norwood Airport.

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- Q. And so the business plan was, in your
- mind, designed to be something other than a
- 3 projection of what an FBO operation would look

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- A. It should include --
- MR. SIMMS: Objection to form. Go ahead.
- 7 A. Okay. It should include the projections
- as well as existing business. 8
- 9 BY MR. FEE:
- 10 Q. And is it your understanding that the
- 11 information provided in Exhibit 150 provided that
- financial information regarding the existing 12
 - business?
 - A. I don't remember exactly.
 - Q. Okay. So between -- I'm sorry. Go
- 16 ahead. I didn't mean to interrupt you.
- 17 A. This would be a year before what you're
 - asking?
- 19 Q. I'm comparing now Exhibit 13 with Exhibit
- 20 150. Exhibit 13 is dated July 9, 2014. Exhibit
- 21 15 is dated September 29, 2015. So, yes, a
- 22 little over a year.
- 23 So my question to you is: Between the
- two of these documents --24

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- A. Close to a year and a half.
- Q. Okay. Between these two documents, did
- the commission become satisfied that BEH had
- submitted sufficient financial and business
 - information for granting of an FBO?
 - MR. SIMMS: Objection.
 - A. I don't think that this would be an
- all-inclusive type of -- to be an FBO, there was 8
 - more things involved.
- BY MR. FEE: 10
 - Q. Okay.
- 12 A. I was certainly not satisfied with the
- 13 business plan. And I was not satisfied initially
 - because we didn't have any financial information when they first gave it to us.
- 16 Q. I understand the business plan that I've
- 17 shown you that's been marked as Exhibit 13 had 18
- several prior versions; right? Which I think you 19 testified to. That you thought there were prior
 - versions.
- 21 A. I didn't know how many versions there
- 22 were. So I couldn't say if this was the one. If
- I had seen this specifically before. I don't --23
 - Q. I would represent to you that there are

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- no further or additional business plans prepared
- 2 by BEH than Exhibit 13.
- 3 A. Okay.
- Q. So just for the purposes of our
- discussion, you said that you reviewed this on
- 6 July -- on or about July of 2014. Were you
- 7 unsatisfied at that point in time regarding the
- disclosure included in this final version of the 8
- 9 business plan?
- 10 A. I don't have any recollection of when I 11 reviewed the plan. I do remember looking at a
- 12 business plan.
- 13 Q. Okay.
- A. It could have been -- I don't remember 14
- the time frame. I remember that I was not 15
- 16 satisfied with the business plan as containing
- all the information that I thought we should have 17
- 18 on the airport.
- 19 Q. But you're not certain that you were
- 20 dissatisfied with Exhibit 13 or some prior
- 21 iteration thereof. Correct?
- A. I don't remember. 22
- 23 Q. Okay. So I'm just trying to figure out
- at what point did BEH satisfy the commission that 24

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- recommendations of the third-party consultant
- that's in Exhibit 150. Correct?
 - A. Norwood --
 - Q. The airport commission.
 - A. The airport commission.
- Q. I didn't mean you personally. Is that fair to say?
- 8 A. The airport commission, in order to try and get something done, in my mind, reluctantly agreed. But we agreed to do something which I 10 11 feel was going above and beyond what we normally would do or should do. But to keep things -- to 12 13 try and get something completed, we did allow a third-party. And eventually -- and I don't know 14 15 the time frame -- we accepted it.
 - Q. So after the September 29, 2015, third-party financial report was given to the commission, were there any other additional financial requirements that the commission communicated to BEH regarding its FBO request?
- 21 A. You're talking about financial statements 22 again?
- Q. Any kind of financial disclosure or any 23 kind of additional information.

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- it had provided all of the necessary financial
- information and business disclosure in order to
- 3 justify the issuance of an FBO? Do you know when
- 4 that happened?

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- 5 A. So, in general terms -- I'm not really
- answering your question, but when someone -- when 6
- 7 I'm looking at this business -- and it's been a
- long time since I've done that. But in my mind, 8
 - the business plan is good.
- 10 I mean, if you were going to borrow money
- 11 from me, I'd want to look at your business plan.
- 12 What do you plan to do? And as a commissioner, I 13
- want to know who you are, what you're doing now. 14
 - And then I want to know what you plan to do.
- 15 So I never got a good indication of what 16 are you doing now? I know you have a hanger. I
- 17 know you have space. I don't spend a lot of time
- in the airport, but I don't see a lot of things
- 19 going on. I want to know what you're doing now
- 20 as a company, and that doesn't give it to me.
- 21 And that's why we wanted -- or I wanted 22 more information. Someone else got to look at
- 23 it. I didn't.
 - Q. But you agreed to accept the

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- 1 A. I don't remember specifically. I know there were -- with the lease there became more sticking points.
 - O. Yes.
- 5 A. You mentioned personal guarantee.
- 7 A. I think that kind of turned -- there was
- always an insurance requirement, but I think at 8
- 9 some point, even though Michael and several
- others -- the personal guarantee was a pretty 10
 - common thing in leases.

It was my understanding that the owner of BEH was a -- I can't think of his name.

- Q. Moshay (phonetic)?
- A. Moshay had communicated to other people on the commission -- maybe Mark Ryan was one of them -- that they'd be willing to give a personal quarantee. So in their mind, if that's the case, and you're the owner, why can't you just do that?

And then I think maybe even in a meeting at some point, it became, well, all right, if we can't get this personal guarantee, what is that really going to do for us? It was -- I'm just talking about me. In my mind it was, well,

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    what's the liability? Why -- is there some other
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    way to make this process continue?
                                                                 Q. Okay.
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             And I started to think about what could
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    be the town -- the airport be potentially
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    responsible for if this company dissolved or
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    decided they didn't want to meet an obligation?
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             And I wasn't too worried about fuel as
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    far as selling and giving us our money. I
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    thought as long as they're there, we'll get our
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    flowage fees or whatever.
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            But I was worried -- one of the things I
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    thought about was if there was a leak. There is
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    some wetlands down there. What would it cost to
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    clean that up if that were a problem? Then it
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    insurance.
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    kind of evolved -- in my mind evolved into more
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    of an insurance or that type of thing.
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        Q. And that was more in connection with the
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    lease or was that part of the FBO discussion as
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    well?
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        A. I think --
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            MR. SIMMS: In his view?
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        A. In my view, the lease always seemed to be
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a sticking point. However, I don't think the 3 commission was -- in my mind, for a long time now, it's been how do you plan to -- this way 5 that you're going to fuel, this fuel plan, seemed to be -- for whatever reason, we don't have it. 6 7 I don't even think that -- even now I don't know if the tanks are permitted or -- ${\tt I}$ 8 9 know for a long time they weren't. Even though 10 we kept talking about it, it was never finally 11 permitted by whoever -- the fire chief or 12 whoever. 13 But that's kind of where we were -- but the lease -- I think -- I don't know that you 15 have to have the lease to be an FBO. I don't

think that was -- I think it was more these other things that were holding it back.

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Q. Is there some doubt in your mind as to whether or not the tanks are fully permitted?

A. I think they are. The fact that they

don't have this fuel flowage -- I mean, the 2.2 whole, how this is going to operate, how you're 23 going to fuel the plan, I just -- I keep

wondering why? I don't understand why it's such

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Q. So I'm showing you a document that's been marked as Exhibit 151. It appears to be a letter dated May 26, 2015, from Mark Ryan to BEH regarding release of a volatile and inflammable fluids license. The first paragraph says:

"Congratulations! We've been notified by the Norwood Fire Chief, Anthony Greeley, that Boston Executive Helicopter's (BEH) underground fuel storage facility was inspected on May 14, 2015, and that the facility was issued final approval by both Chief Greeley and Fire Prevention Lieutenant Paul Butters.

"We've also been notified that the Volatile and Inflammable Fluids license, approved in January 2013, was subsequently released to your company by the Norwood Board of Selectman."

Did I read that correctly?

A. I wasn't following along with you, but I'll take your word that you read it correctly.

Q. Thanks. I appreciate that. So did you receive this letter? Did you receive a copy of this letter?

A. I don't remember this. It would make sense that it would have been in the packet for the airport commission.

7 Q. Does it refresh your recollection as to whether or not BEH's underground fuel storage 9 facility is fully licensed by the -- or inspected and licensed by the fire department and --10

A. It looks like it's been approved by the fire department, but I don't know if it's -- in fact, I don't think it's being used. Which has always -- in my mind, a question of why? So it is not fully --

MR. SIMMS: Kevin, just answer the question.

THE WITNESS: Okay.

MR. SIMMS: All he asked you was does this refresh your recollection that the VIF license has been issued by the fire chief? THE WITNESS: All right.

MR. SIMMS: Not the use, not when it's going to be used. Just the license.

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Page 110 Page 112 1 THE WITNESS: All right. BY MR. FEE: 1 2 MR. SIMMS: Does it refresh your 2 Q. Okay. 3 recollection or not? (Exhibit No. 152 marked for 4 A. It appears that it's been approved by the identification.) fire chief. BY MR. FEE: 5 6 BY MR. FEE: 6 Q. Showing you a document that's been marked 7 Q. Okay. And so -- as of May 26, 2015; is 7 as Exhibit 152. It appears to be an e-mail chain between Mr. Donovan and Mr. Maquire in or about 8 that correct? 9 A. The letter is dated May 26, 2015. October of 2015. And we discussed this earlier, and I asked you whether you could recall when you 10 Q. Okay. I want to follow up with what you 10 11 were starting to talk about. Is there any -- in 11 first become aware of BEH's desire to conduct FBO 12 your mind, as a member of the commission, is operations at the Norwood Airport. And you said 12 there any other outstanding item that -- other 13 13 you couldn't remember. 14 than the fueling plan, which we'll discuss, is 14 And I just want to draw your attention to 15 there any other outstanding item that's required 15 the very last paragraph of the first e-mail, from BEH with respect to its operational -which is from Mr. Donovan to Mr. Maquire in which 16 16 disclosure regarding its operations as an FBO? he says -- and I quote -- "I also plan on 17 17 18 A. I'm not aware of any. 18 expanding my permit further in coming months to 19 Q. Okay. So we talked about the personal 19 pursue aircraft repair. I will keep you posted 20 guarantee, how that evolved into an insurance 20 on the situation. My desire down the road is to 21 become a full-service FBO here at Norwood item. 21 22 A. In my mind. 22 Airport." 23 Q. In your mind. What about the irrevocable 23 Did I read that correctly. letter of credit? What was your understanding of 24 A. The last sentence? **Page 113** Page 111 the commission's request for an irrevocable 1 O. Yes. 1 letter of credit? A. Yes. 3 A. Similar to the personal guarantee. It Q. And up above it says that -- or at least was -- in my mind, it was a standard lease it indicates that Mr. Maguire asked Mr. Donovan 5 requirement. if he was comfortable sharing his e-mail with the 6 Q. Is it your understanding that a standard airport commission. Do you see that? 6 7 lease requirement would -- a standard lease would 7 A. Yes. require both a personal guarantee and an Q. Okay. Now, do you recall seeing this 8 9 irrevocable letter of credit or is it one or the 9 e-mail? 10 other? 10 A No 11 MR. SIMMS: Objection. Go ahead. 11 Q. Does it refresh your recollection as to 12 A. I don't know. 12 when you first become aware of BEH's intent and 13 BY MR. FEE: 13 desire to become an FBO at Norwood? Q. Okay. Were you deferring to Mr. Sheehan 14 14 A. No. 15 with respect to that type of judgment? 15 Q. And I asked you this earlier and I'll ask 16 A. I would listen to Mr. Sheehan, but I 16 you one more time. Can you tell me, in general 17 would accept the town counsel's advice. 17 terms, when you first became aware of BEH's Q. Okay. And did town counsel advise you interest to become an FBO? 18 18 whether -- if both an irrevocable letter of 19 19 A. No. 20 credit and a personal guarantee were appropriate 20 Q. Okay. THE WITNESS: Will this be a good time to 21 to request in connection with the lease for BEH? 21 22 MR. SIMMS: Yes. No. I don't recall. 22 take a break? A. I don't remember. 23 23 MR. FEE: Sure. No problem. 24 24 (Recess taken at 1:38 p.m.)

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(Deposition resumed at 1:45 p.m.)

- 2 BY MR. FEE:
- 3 Q. I'm going to show you a couple of
- documents just to close the loop on this topic
- which we're discussing which is the financial
- disclosure. This is a document that's been 6
- 7 marked as Exhibit 128. It appears to be a letter
- dated January 22, 2014, to Mr. Donovan from Mr. 8
- 9 Maguire.
- 10 Have you seen this before?
- 11 A. I don't remember this letter but --
- Q. It appears to be a list of financial 12
- information that the Norwood Airport Commission 13
- 14 is going to require from Mr. Donovan in
- 15 connection with BEH's application for an FBO and
- 16 lease of additional space at Norwood Airport.
- And it lists six items. Do you see that? 17
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Okay. And so even though you don't
- 20 remember receiving this, do you have any reason
- 21 to believe that this letter doesn't reflect the
- 22 intent of the commission in January of 2014 as to
- 23 what it was requiring from BEH in terms of
- financial disclosure? 24

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- A. Do you want me to read it or --
- Q. Sure. If you want to read it, that's
- 3 fine. My question is -- and I'm asking not
- necessarily the specifics of the letter, but
- whether you have any reason to believe that this
- doesn't reflect the intentions of the commission 6
- 7 in January of 2014?
- A. No. I don't think the manager would 8
- 9 write a letter on his own. I think that -- I'd
- 10 say no. I don't have any reason to believe.
- 11 Q. So we can rely on this as a definitive 12 statement by the commission in January of 2014 as
- 13 to what it was going to require in terms of
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- financial disclosure; is that fair to say?
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- Q. Please.
- A. Okay. What was the question again, Mike?

A. You know, if you want me to read it, I

- Q. I think it was: Is this a definitive
- 20 statement regarding the intent of the commission
- 21 in January of 2014 as to what financial documents
- 22 it was requiring from BEH in connection with its
- 23 FBO and lease requests.
- 24 A. I don't know if it's a definitive

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- statement, but certainly these -- I remember 1
 - these issues.
- 3 O. Okay. And so did this -- the nature of
- these financial requests evolve over time?
- A. I think they all seem pretty -- these requests, I think, were always pretty standard. 6
- 7 It doesn't look like there's anything -- nothing
- jumps out at me as different.
- 9 Q. Okay. I'm going to show you a document
- that's been marked as Exhibit 49. It's an e-mail 10
- 11 trail between Russ and Chris Donovan, and I want
- 12 to draw your attention to the second page of this
- 13 e-mail that includes an April 30, 2014, e-mail
- from Russ to Chris. 14
 - A. Is this prior to the last --
- Q. This is April 30th, and the one I showed 16
- 17 you previously is January 22nd.
- MR. SIMMS: Same year. 19

A. Same year?

- 20 A. All right.
- 21 BY MR. FEE:
- 22 Q. And you remember I asked you whether or
- not these financial requests evolved over time. 23
 - You said you thought that they were pretty

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- similar or you didn't recall there being much evolution.
- A. I don't think they were all financial requests on that letter.
 - Q. Yes.
- A. They were just different things. But 6 you're specifically interested in financial?
- Q. Yes. I'm specifically interested in 8 9 financial requests.
 - A. All right.
 - Q. And so I'm going to -- I'm showing you a
- 12 document that has been marked as Exhibit 49 and
- 13 ask you, as of April 30, 2014, does this reflect
- the definitive statement from the commission as
- to what it was going to require from BEH in terms
- 16 of financial disclosure to support its FBO and
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 - lease requests?
 - A. I can't speak for everyone but these --
- on this e-mail, which I don't recall, I don't 19
- know -- I don't think I would have been included. 20
- 21 It asks for a balance sheet for BEH's
- 22 most recent quarter to include BEH's detailed
 - assets, liabilities, and net worth; an income
 - statement that includes all BEH income and

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- expense accounts for the past two years; a cash 2 flow analysis.
- 3 These are three of the most -- the three most common financial statements that any
- business would have, in my opinion, speaking for
- me. I would have wanted these at this point. I 6
- 7 think I said, or like you said, eventually we
- agreed to another solution to keep things going 8
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- 10 Q. Would you agree with me that the
- 11 categories of financial documentation requested
- 12 in Exhibit 128 are much less detailed and much
- less specific than the financial documents 13
- 14 described in Exhibit 49?
 - A. Could you ask me that again, Mike?
- Q. Yes. Would you agree with me that the 16
- financial documents described in Exhibit 128 are 17
- 18 much less specific and much less detailed than
- 19 the items described in Exhibit 49?
- 20 A. Could I -- there's more than -- it's more
- 21 than a yes or no here.
- 22 Q. Okay. Feel free.
- 23 A. It's not as detailed, but number one
- would include the number one on your letter

- Wait for a question.
 - BY MR. FEE:

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- Q. And so I asked you whether you would
- agree with me that the April iteration is a much
- more specific and detailed request. Correct?
- 6 A. I think it's an explanation. I'm going
- 7 to say the same thing again. I'm sorry. It's an
- explanation of number one of the previous -- of
- the letter. In the context of this, I don't know if it was asked. What does number one entail? 10
- 11 This would be the answer. That's all I can tell
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 - I wasn't part of that, I don't believe.
- 14 And in my mind, those three things are explaining
- number one from the letter.
- O. But there are also additional items that
- are explained in Exhibit 49. Correct? 17
 - Additional items that are not included in Exhibit
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- A. Oh. I was just looking at this first
- thing. Let me read this. 21
- 22 O. Sure.
 - A. What's the question again?
- 24 Q. I think I asked: Would you agree with me

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- Q. You can just call it Exhibit 128.
- 3 A. Exhibit 128. The one would be these
- things. So that's just explaining -- someone
- could have said, "What do you mean?" These would
 - be the -- what that means.
- 7 Q. So you think Exhibit 49 is a more
- specific explanation of the more general 8
 - categories that were identified in Exhibit 128?
- 10 A. Very specific to number one of --
 - Q. Correct. How about the rest of it?
 - A. That would only include that one. These
- 13 three things are financial statements.
- Q. Right. But there is -- we talked about 14
- Exhibit 128 being, as of January 2014, the
- 16 commission's statement as to what type of
- 17 financial information it was going to be
- 18 requiring; right?
- 19 And then in August -- I'm sorry -- in
- April of 2014, Russ sends a much more detailed 20
- 21 and specific note to Chris saying what financial
- 22 information is going to be required.
- 23 A. So you're asking me --
- 24 MR. SIMMS: There's no question pending.

- **Page 121** there are additional items in Exhibit 49 that are
- not included in Exhibit 128?
- A. The list -- yeah. I don't think that
 - these lists match exactly. No.
- 5 Q. So just to answer my question. Would you
- agree with me that there are additional items
- 7 included in Exhibit 49 that are not listed in
- Exhibit 128?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And do you know why? Do you know why the 10
- 11 commission elected to request additional
 - information of a financial nature in April of
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 - A. First of all, those letters aren't from
- the commission, so I don't know why.
- 16 Q. Do you know why Mr. Maguire -- strike 17 that.
- 18 You told me that Mr. Maguire wouldn't
- write a letter without the authorization of the 19 20 commission. Correct?
- A. I don't believe -- I don't know. I don't 21
- 22 believe he would write a formal -- these are
 - e-mails, first of all. So, you know, a position
 - that would be signed by the chairman, I believe

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that's different than explanatory -- these e-mails are explaining things.

3 Q. Okay. So do you think that the -- an e-mail from the airport manager has less weight or effect than a formal letter from the chairman? Is that, in your mind --6

7 A. You asked me what I thought the commission -- as a commissioner, I don't have 8 9 a -- I don't know what input I had in his 10 e-mails.

11 Q. Let's go back. This is an e-mail from 12 Mr. Maguire. And you told me earlier that you 13 thought Mr. Maguire would not communicate a 14 substantive position without the commission's 15 approval. Correct?

16 A. He's the airport manager. As such, he, on a daily basis, would work and do things 17 18 without my knowledge or most of the board's 19 knowledge.

20 Q. Would you agree that the airport manager 21 is the agent of the commission?

22 A. He runs the airport. He certainly would 23 wait for our advice. And then if we vote on

things, he would act, I guess. 24

A. I know it was in 2014.

Q. Okay. Do you have any insight as to whether or not the filing of the Part 13 Complaint had any influence whatsoever on additional financial requirements that were being 6 asked of BEH?

7 A. With respect to your letters, that's different. There's nothing that I read in those two exhibits that I hadn't heard many times. To 10 me, that's -- because it's listed, doesn't mean 11 it hadn't been expressed or required.

Q. I'm asking a little different question. And that is: Can you explain to me, if at all, what change the airport commission took with respect to BEH's FBO and lease requests as a result of the filing of the Part 13 Complaint?

A. For me, speaking for myself, I had no change in my -- other than waiting to hear from counsel about what exactly the complaint was and how it affected what we were doing, it had no bearing.

Q. And you've heard, have you not -- because there's a variety of letters from Mr. Moss in connection with the Part 16 Complaint process --

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Q. But the airport manager speaks on behalf of the commission, does he not, on a daily basis?

A. I don't believe he speaks on my behalf.

4 Q. But does he speak on behalf of the 5 commission or on behalf of himself when he's communicating these types of issues that are 6 7 described in Exhibit 49?

8 A. I believe he's acting as the airport 9 manager.

10 Q. How, if at all, do you believe that the 11 communications of the airport manager bind the airport commission? 12

13 MR. SIMMS: Objection. Go ahead.

A. I don't know.

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Q. Okay. So did you have any insight as to why, in April of 2014, the airport manager

elected to request several categories of

additional financial information that had not 19

20 been previously requested in January of 2014?

A. I don't know.

Q. You will recall that the Part 13

Complaint of BEH was filed in or about April of 23

2014. Correct?

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that BEH is litigious and adversarial and that 1 the airport commission is entitled to take actions to protect itself against that. Do you recall that at all?

A. You're saying the town counsel has expressed to the commission that --

Q. Has expressed to the FAA.

8 A. Has expressed to the FAA? I don't 9 remember that language. You know --

Q. Do you believe that over the course of the past four years that BEH's conduct with respect to the commission has been litigious and adversarial?

A. Chris is just doing what he thinks is best for his company.

Q. Right. But at the same time it involves a significant expenditure of airport time and resources to deal with his requests; right?

MR. SIMMS: Objection. Go ahead.

A. I don't think it requires a great deal of my time, additional time. So, I mean, I imagine -- are you asking about the e-mail stuff or --

MR. SIMMS: If you're not sure what's

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- being asked, ask Mr. Fee to restate the question because this is a pretty important point. Okay?
- 3 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 4 A. Please restate the question.
- BY MR. FEE: 5

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- 6 Q. Sure. I want to make sure I phrase this
- 7 correctly. Over the course of the last several
- 8 years, have you formed an opinion regarding whether BEH's conduct is unnecessarily
- confrontational with respect to the commission? 10
- A. Not really. 11
- 12 Q. Well, you're a regular attendee at
- meetings. Correct? 13
- 14 A. I would say yes. I missed a few, but I try to make it. My job sometimes prevents me 15
- 16 from going.
- 17 Q. And those meetings are videotaped; are
- 18 they not?
- 19 A. They have been, I would say, for several
- 20 years on Norwood Public Access.
- 21 Q. Right. And the interactions between the
- 22 commission and Mr. Donovan and his
- 23 representatives has often been harsh; has it not?
- 24 A. Sometimes there's, you know, exchanges

BY MR. FEE:

- 2 Q. Okay. So it's your -- is it your belief,
- then, that the filing of the Part 13 Complaint in
 - 2014 had no impact whatsoever on the commission's
 - actions with respect to BEH's FBO request and
- lease request? 6

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- 7 A. It had no effect on my judgment or my --
- I believe it was actually dropped very quickly.
- I don't think it even lasted very long.
- 10 Q. The Part 13 Complaint was dropped in
- November of 2014, but then a Part 16 Complaint, which is a more detailed document, was filed 12
- 13 later in 2015. Just --
- 14 A. So you asked me about 13. So I'd say it 15 didn't have any effect on me.
- 16 O. How about the Part 16 Complaint?
- 17 A. Once again, it's going to run its course.
 - Q. How about the fact that -- strike that.
- 19 You know that you're named individually
- 20 as a defendant in this lawsuit. Correct?
- 21 A. I'm not quite sure how it still effects
- 22 me individually. I thought a lot of it was -- I
- don't know. 23
 - MR. SIMMS: Just answer the question --

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- another, but I wouldn't say harsh. 2
- 3 Q. Would you agree with me that Mr. -- I'm

that -- you know, opinions of one person or

- sorry -- BEH filed a Part 13 Complaint with the
- 5 FAA, then he filed a Part 16 Complaint with the
- 6 FAA. They filed a lawsuit in superior court
- 7 regarding a public records request given to the 8
- Norwood Airport Commission; filed a lawsuit in
- 9 superior court, that was subsequently removed to
- 10 federal court, that involved claims of
- 11 retaliation and economic discrimination as well
- 12 as a variety of other interactions.
 - And would you describe that for me as being the normal course of relations that the
- 15 airport commission has with its vendors or its
- 16 people that are at the airport?
 - MR. SIMMS: Objection. Go ahead.
- A. Not to be flippant, but I've been on for 19
- 10 years and it seems to be the normal -- there
- 20 was a company before, you asked me about, Boston
- 21 Air Charter. And it seemed to be a similar type
- 22 of back and forth, and it's the same thing right
- 23 now.
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- A. I honestly don't remember.
- MR. SIMMS: -- that's asked. Just that question.
 - THE WITNESS: Okay.
 - A. What's the question again?
- BY MR. FEE:
 - Q. You know that you're named individually
- 8 as a defendant in that lawsuit?
 - A. I know I was.
- 10 Q. And is it your testimony that being named
- 11 as a defendant in a lawsuit had no impact
 - whatsoever on your judgment regarding BEH's FBO
- 13 and lease requests?
 - A. It certainly didn't.
- 15 Q. Okay. Now, I asked you earlier about
- 16 town counsel's representations to the FAA that
- 17 BEH's adversarial and litigious conduct justified
- 18 the commission in taking steps to protect itself
- from that kind of behavior. Do you remember I 19
 - mentioned that?
 - A. Can you repeat that question?
- 22 Q. Sure. Do you remember I mentioned
- earlier that town counsel, in its communications 23
- to the FAA, stated that BEH's adversarial and

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Page 130 Page 132 litigious conduct justified the commission O. Right. And the date of this e-mail is 1 protecting itself from that type of behavior? Do 2 what? 3 you recall I said that? 3 A. Wednesday, July 9, 2014. A. Yeah. I think you did say that earlier. Q. And it's referencing a business plan Q. Is that consistent with your recollection dated July 2, 2014; right? of communications from town counsel to the FAA? A. Say that again. 6 6 7 A. I don't even know what this is referring 7 Q. The "re:" line or the subject matter of to within the complaint. I'm sorry. I don't your e-mail says "BEH Business Plan, July 2, 8 9 remember it. 2014"; right? 10 Q. Was it your understanding that as a 10 A. That's what it says. 11 result of the actions taken by Chris -- by BEH, 11 Q. So my question is: Is this e-mail that 12 i.e., filing lawsuits against the Norwood Airport you've referring to Exhibit 13 or some prior 12 Commission, that the commission could take a more iteration of the business plan? 13 13 14 cautious view of his applications for FBO or 14 A. Well, it says "Business plan, July 2, 15 lease requests? 2014." And the one you're showing me says July 16 A. No. To me, I would be probably more 16 9, 2014. likely to ask counsel for advice since we were in Q. So I'm asking you if you remember -- does 17 17 18 that situation, which I think I said, when the your e-mail refer to Exhibit 13 or does it refer Part 13 was filed. It looked like I was the one 19 19 to some prior iteration of the business plan? 2.0 who either seconded or made a motion to table 20 A. I don't know. 21 something. 21 Q. In the second paragraph you say, "I also 22 It would be because we just wanted to 22 believe that this matter has been tabled. This find out -- where are we -- give us some advice 23 means that a majority of the NAC has to vote to 24 on what's going on. And that's kind of how I discuss this in any form." Page 131 **Page 133** handled it. 1 Did I read that correctly? 1 Q. So you defer to counsel to guide your 2 A. Yes. 3 approach or the commission's approach to the Q. So it was your belief in July of 2014 4 pending FAA matters? that discussion of FBO requests and lease 5 A. Yes. requests from BEH were still tabled. Correct? 6 MR. SIMMS: Objection. Go ahead. A. Something was tabled. 6 (Exhibit No. 153 marked for 7 7 Q. Well, you say --8 identification.) 8 A. I'm talking about the -- in this 9 BY MR. FEE: 9 statement I'm talking about the financial 10 Q. Showing you a document that's been marked information 10 11 as 153. It appears to be an e-mail from you to 11 Q. I thought I heard you testify earlier 12 Russ Maguire dated July 9, 2014. Have you ever 12 that the -- consideration of the --13 seen this before? 13 A. Could I ask you a question before you A. Looks like it's from me. continue? 14 14 15 Q. Do you recall sending it? 15 Q. Sure. 16 A. I honestly don't. 16 A. Was this right after -- remember you 17 Q. Second paragraph says, "I also -- " 17 asked me before about a vote? A 6 to 2 vote? 18 First paragraph says, "There's financial 18 Q. Yes. 19 information, financial statements that I want to 19 A. Was this immediately after that? 20 see." 20 Q. No. I think that --21 MR. FEE: Off the record. And you say, "What I see is projected." 21 22 Do you know what that refers to? 22 (Discussion off the record.)

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BY MR. FEE:

Q. So you asked me a question. We went off

A. The business plan, like I explained

before, is a projected plan.

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Page 134 **Page 136** the record. We discussed it. Q. Do you recall if any commission member 1 2 And so my last question to you was: Is 2 subsequently made a vote to untable? 3 it your understanding that as of July 9, the 3 A. I don't remember what was tabled, and I commission's consideration of BEH's FBO and lease don't remember subsequently what happened. 5 requests were still tabled; is that correct? MR. SIMMS: You were asked if you 6 A. You know, I don't remember specifically remember better now than you did this morning. 6 7 what I was talking about there. It says 7 Great. If your testimony is the same, you've "tabled," so it's --8 answered the question. 9 Q. Well, you say, "I believe this matter has 9 BY MR. FEE: been tabled." 10 10 Q. So I showed you Exhibit 123 this morning. 11 I know, as you sit here today, you may 11 You can take a look at that bottom paragraph 12 again where it says "BEH lease/FBO interest." not know what you were referring to, but does 12 that --13 There was a vote to table that discussion; all 13 14 A. It looks like, in the previous sentence 14 right? 15 or the previous paragraph, I'm talking about 15 A. Yes. balance sheet, income statement, cash flow 16 16 O. And so in the most recent document that I 17 analysis, bank records. So then I continue with showed you, Exhibit 153, you say, "I understand 17 18 "-- this matter has been tabled." 18 that this matter has been tabled. And this means 19 It makes me think it's something to do 19 that a majority of the NAC has to vote to discuss 20 with that, but I specifically don't know. 20 this in any form." 21 Q. As of July 9, 2014, your understanding 21 And my question to you is: The matter 22 was that the discussion regarding the financial 22 that you're discussing with 153, the vote, that disclosure from BEH was tabled. And you go on, 23 was taken and memorialized in Exhibit 123? 23 in the next sentence, to say, "This means that a 24 A. Again, I don't remember specifically. **Page 137 Page 135** majority of the NAC has to vote to discuss this Q. Okay. Is it fair to say that your 1 in any form." discussion in 153 refers to BEH? 2 3 Did I read that correctly? A. I can't say for sure because I'm talking 4 A. Yes. about Jeff Adler and RFP. So I can't say for 5 Q. In your mind, did that mean that an 5 sure. affirmative vote needed to be taken by the NAC in 6 Q. You don't know whether the first sentence 6 7 order to put this matter, the financial 7 in the second paragraph of your e-mail refers to disclosure of BEH, back on the table? BEH or not. Is that your testimony? 8 9 A. I think -- and I can --9 A. Say it again. 10 MR. SIMMS: Go ahead. 10 O. You don't know whether the first sentence 11 A. I think I'm probably referring to 11 in the second paragraph of the e-mail that's been 12 something that was voted on. And once something 12 marked as Exhibit 153 refers to BEH or not. Is 13 is voted on, in order to reconsider it, you 13 that your testimony? typically have to have, you know, a majority or 14 A. I just don't remember. If you're asking 15 it might even be, like, a two thirds or something me to guess --16 like that to relook at it if it's not something 16 Q. I'm not asking you to guess. 17 17 on the agenda. A. I don't specifically remember this. So I In other words, if we don't have 18 18 mean --19 something on the agenda, I think the way, in my 19 Q. I understand that you don't remember

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sending the e-mail, but you said that it's --

A. I don't doubt that I sent it.

O. Okay. And it has one -- first

that you did send this. Correct?

that you recall that you have no reason to doubt

mind, it works is that you can bring it up; and

then people in the commission, president of the

reconsider or talk about it if it's not on the

commission, would have to vote to kind of

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inference?

A. It should be.

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Page 138 paragraph -- that clearly is talking about BEH; meetings. 1 2 right? 2 3 A. Yes. Q. And the first sentence of the second paragraph you're not sure if it's referring to happened?" 6 BEH or not as you sit here today? 6 7 A. I don't know what was tabled 7 specifically. And as I look back at this, it BY MR. FEE: 8 8 9 looks like, you know, under the heading that it 10 would have something to do with, you know, what 10 11 we were talking about under that heading. 11 12 12 BY MR. FEE: Q. Okay. 13 13 A. BEH lease or FBO interest, but I don't 14 remember. 14 15 Q. If any matter before the commission was 15 tabled, would that be the subject of a vote? 16 16 17 A. I think in order to table a matter, it 17 18 would typically be voted on. 18 19 Q. And that vote would typically be 19 2.0 reflected in the minutes; would it not? Any 20 21 vote's reflected in the minutes. Correct? 21 extensions?

Page 140 MR. SIMMS: He's only asking you if that's a fair inference. That's a different question than "Do you recall specifically what A. Yes, I would think that's a fair inference. Sure. Q. Thanks. (Exhibit No. 154 marked for identification.) Q. Showing you a document that's been marked as Exhibit 154. It appears to be a letter from the FAA to Russ Maguire dated May 11, 2015. Have you ever seen this before? A. I don't remember it. Q. Okay. Do you remember any discussion between the FAA and the airport commission regarding requests to approve FlightLevel lease 22 A. Do you want me to read this letter? Q. Sure. My question has nothing -- it's 23 not related to that letter. Page 141 1

23 Q. So if any matter was tabled, any matter other than a BEH-related item was tabled in Page 139 April, May, June, July of 2014, that would be reflected in the minutes; would it not? 3 A. Yes. I don't know specifically what we were talking about, but a matter was tabled. 5 Q. And as you look at Exhibit 123, you can't tell me specifically what was being tabled as a 6 result of that vote? 7 A. No. 8 9 MR. SIMMS: Objection. Asked and 10 answered. Go ahead. 11 A. No. 12 BY MR. FEE: 13 O. You don't know? A. I believe that was the time when there 14 15 was quite a few members of the commission. It 16 was when we had the extra commissioners, so it 17 could have been anything. 18 Q. Well, I mean, come on. It says in the heading "BEH lease/FBO interest." Is it fair to 19 20 assume that all the language that occurs after 21 that bold-faced heading on Exhibit 123 refers to 22 the BEH lease/FBO interest? Is that a fair

A. Like I said, I don't remember these

A. Can you ask it again? Q. Do you recall any discussions by the commission regarding FAA -- requests for the FAA to approve FlightLevel lease extensions? A. No, I don't remember. Q. Do you recall ever being informed that the FAA had taken a position regarding the approval of FlightLevel lease extensions that had been previously voted by the commission? A. I don't remember. O. Okay. (Exhibit No. 155 marked for identification.) BY MR. FEE: Q. I'm showing you a document that's been marked as Exhibit 155. It appears to be a letter from Mr. Eichleay to the airport commission dated January 14, 2015, and it's entitled "Prospective Second FBO." Have you ever seen this before? A. I don't remember this. Q. Do you remember at any time Eichleay or any member of FlightLevel communicating to the commission their position that a second FBO at Norwood Memorial Airport would be detrimental to

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- A. No. I don't remember him --
- ${\tt Q.}$ At any time -- maybe I phrased that too
- specifically. Do you remember at any time
- 5 FlightLevel taking the position that a single FBO
- 6 at the airport was preferable?
 - A. I don't know if -- his position, I think,
- 8 from a business standpoint would be he would
- $\,9\,\,$ $\,$ prefer not to have a second FBO. That would be
- 10 my impression.
- 11 Q. But did he ever communicate that to you?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. In your recollection, Mr. Eichleay or
- 14 FlightLevel representatives never communicated to
- 15 the commission their position that only a single
- 16 FBO should be at Norwood Memorial Airport?
- 17 A. I don't remember that. This letter
- 18 appears to say that, but I don't specifically
- 19 remember that. No.
- 20 Q. So you don't remember seeing this letter.
- 21 You don't remember Mr. Eichleay communicating to
- 22 the commission his position that a single FBO is
- 23 preferable. Is that -- you don't remember any of
- 24 that at any time?

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 A. I know that in general he would not want
- a second FBO.

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- 3 Q. How do you know that?
 - A. His behavior at the meetings. It's -- to
- 5 him it's business, I guess.
- 6 Q. Right. So your general impression of
- 7 Mr. Eichleay's demeanor was that he would prefer
- 8 not to have competition; is that fair to say?
- 9 A. I would say yes.
- 10 Q. Okay. And he's protecting his business
- 11 because he's the only FBO at Norwood, and the
- 12 approval of a second FBO would constitute a
- 13 competition to him. Correct?
 - A. I don't know that -- I mean, you're
- 15 asking me to tell you what he thinks.
- 16 Q. Right.
 - A. In general terms, I did say that I think
- 18 that he wouldn't prefer it, but I don't know.
- 19 Q. I'm wondering what that impression is
- 20 based upon, and you mentioned his general
- 21 demeanor at meetings. I'm wondering if there's
- 22 anything else.
- 23 A. He's opposed to pretty much -- it seems
- 24 like there's not a great relationship between

- FlightLevel and BEH.
- 2 Q. Did you ever have any meetings with Peter
- 3 Eichleay regarding --
 - A. No.
 - Q. -- anything involving the airport?
 - A. No.
 - Q. Do you know if any members of the
- 8 commission met with Peter Eichleay regarding
- 9 issues at the airport outside of open session?
- 10 A. I'm not aware of any meetings with Peter 11 Eichleay.
 - Q. Okay.
 - (Exhibit No 156 marked for
- 14 identification.)
 - BY MR. FEE:
- 16 Q. Showing you 156. It appears to be a
- 17 letter from Mary Walsh at the FAA to Mr. Maquire
- 18 dated January 15, 2015. Can you take a look at
- 19 this and let me know if you've ever seen it
- 20 before?
 - A. I don't specifically remember. But, you
- 22 know, once again, I must have seen it.
- Q. Okay. Would it be the general practice
- of the airport manager to share communications

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- from the FAA with the commissioners?
 - A. It would be in our package.
- Q. And so do you recall at any time
- discussing in open session or executive session
- 5 the substance of the letter that's been marked as
 - Exhibit 156?
 - A. I don't recall.
- 8 Q. So turning your attention to page 2,
- 9 third paragraph down, where it says "The FAA is
- 10 concerned that the Town of Norwood Airport
- 11 Commission actions do not support Boston
- 12 Executive Helicopters with an opportunity as a
- 13 second fixed-base operator at the airport.
- 14 "Such actions would be inconsistent with
- 15 the airport's federal obligations and could
- 16 result in a formal federal investigation."
 - Did I read that correctly?
- 18 A. I wasn't following along, but I believe
- 19 you did.20 Q. Okay. Is it consistent with your
- 21 understanding that in January of 2015 the FAA was 22 expressing concern to the NAC regarding its
- 23 actions with respect to BEH's FBO request?
 - A. This is not a simple answer. To me,

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- they're responding to, I believe, a sitting
- commission member's allegations. So if they were
- 3 true -- which I would contend that they're not --
- then, at least in my opinion, I could see why
- Mary Walsh would want an explanation.
- 6 Q. Right. And so that request for
 - information was communicated to the NAC in or
- about January of 2015. Correct? 8
- 9 A. This letter is dated January 15. I
- 10 imagine I would have gotten it shortly
- 11 thereafter.

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- 12 Q. And do you know -- was the substance of
- 13 this discussed in any open or executive session?
- 14 A. I don't remember.
 - Q. Do you know -- I'm sorry. Go ahead --
- 16 did you --
- 17 A. I just don't know.
 - Q. Do you know if -- what actions, if any,
- 19 the NAC took in response to the letter that's
- 20 been marked as Exhibit 156?
- 21 A. I believe that the manager was
- 22 instructed, along with counsel, to respond.
- 23 Q. Okay. And you said -- it was your
- 24 testimony that the -- or your belief that

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- Mr. Hues' allegations were inaccurate; is that 2 right?
- 3 A. Some of them were. I don't remember all
- of the allegations.
- 5 Q. Well, did you feel that in January of
- 2015 the NAC was giving BEH a fair opportunity to 6
- 7 become a second fix-based operator at Norwood
- Airport? 8
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 O. But Mr. Hues didn't believe that.
- 11 Correct?
- 12 A. I don't know what Mr. Hues believed.
- 13 (Exhibit No. 157 marked for
- identification.)
- 15 BY MR. FEE:

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- 16 Q. Showing you an exhibit that's been marked
 - as Exhibit 157. It appears to be a letter dated
- February 12, 2015, from Timothy McCulloch at 18
- 19 Hinshaw & Culbertson to Mark Ryan, yourself,
- 20 Mr. Maguire, and Mr. Moss. Have you ever seen
- 21 this before?
 - A. I don't specifically recall this but,
- once again, I'm sure I would have received it in 23
- a package from the manager.

Q. Okay. I'll take it back.

Showing you a document that's been marked

as Exhibit 76 to the Eichleay deposition. It

appears to be a letter from Peter Eichleay to the

Norwood Board of Selectmen dated September 23,

2015. Have you ever seen this before? 6

A. I don't specifically recall it, but I

believe I have. 9 Q. Okay. And do you recall at this point in

time, in September of 2015, that Eichleay and 10 11 FlightLevel were raising serious objections to

the issuance of an FBO license for BEH?

- A. Could you repeat that?
- 14 Q. Yes. Do you recall in or about September
- 15 of 2015 Eichleay and FlightLevel were raising
- 16 serious objections to the issuance of an FBO
- license for BEH? 17
- 18 A. You know, to a specific time -- like I
- 19 said, I believe that they've always been opposed
- 20 to it. I don't know specifically -- you know,
- 21 this seems like a formal position, but I believe
- 22 they've never been in favor of it.
 - Q. Well, it's a three-page letter outlining
 - all the reasons Peter Eichleay thinks that the

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FBO should be denied; right? 1

MR. SIMMS: Objection. Go ahead.

A. It's a three-page letter.

- BY MR. FEE:
- 5 Q. And the substance is Eichleay and
 - FlightLevel's objection to the board issuing an
 - FBO to BEH; right?
- 8 A. I suspect that's what it is. I didn't --
- 9 that's what you're telling me so --
- 10 Q. Well, if you want to peruse it, that
- 11 would be great.
 - A. Okay. Some of it's about their ongoing
- 13 dispute between the two leaseholds. It seems to
 - be about --
- 15 MR. SIMMS: There's not a question
- 16 pending. All you're going to do is peruse the 17 document.
- 18 A. So ask me the question.
- BY MR. FEE: 19
- 20 Q. I originally described this. I thought
- 21 it was a noncontroversial statement -- but maybe
- 22 not -- as a three-page letter from FlightLevel to
- 23 the board of selectmen expressing its objection
- to the issuance of an FBO to BEH. Is that a fair

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1	Page 150 assessment of the letter?	1	Page 152
2	A. No.	2	O. Okay.
3	O. It's not? What is it?	3	(Exhibit No. 158 marked for
4	A. To me, it's a list of grievances that	4	identification.)
5	they have with	5	BY MR. FEE:
6	Q. Okay. Well	6	Q. I will give you Exhibit 156 to look at
7	MR. SIMMS: That who has? You didn't	7	side by side with Exhibit 158 which appears to be
8	finish the answer.	8	a letter from the airport commission executed by
9	A. A list of grievance that FlightLevel has	9	Mr. Ryan on or about March 6, 2015. Have you
10	with BEH, at least the part I read.	10	seen Exhibit 158 before?
11	BY MR. FEE:	11	A. I believe I have.
12	Q. Let me direct your attention to the	12	Q. Okay.
13	second paragraph I'm sorry second page,	13	A. But I don't specifically remember it.
14	fourth paragraph down. "While FlightLevel's court date with BEH is more than a year away, the	14	Q. But you describe this as being a response of the commission to Exhibit I'm sorry
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16	town needs to understand that BEH's behavior	16	A. Attorney Fee, it says "Response to FAA
17	represents an immediate, continuous, and ongoing	17	letter dated January 15, 2015."
18	threat to the airport and provides the NAC with	18	Q. So Exhibit 158 is the commission's
19	independent and incontestable grounds, both to	19	response to Exhibit 156; is that correct?
20	reject its FBO application and to evict	20	A. Correct.
21	Christopher Donovan outright from the airport."	21	Q. Okay. And you think you saw this before,
22	Did I read that correctly?	22	but you're not sure?
23	A. I think you did.	23	A. Well, you know, I don't recall it, but it
24	Q. Now, you said you thought you got this in	24	would have absolutely went in our package, and we
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	or about September of 2015. Did you have did	1	would have approved the letter.
2	the commission have any communications with any	2	Q. Okay. You would have approved it before
3	member of the board of selectmen regarding the	3	it was sent or after it was sent?
4	substance of this letter?	4	A. I believe we would have had an
5	A. I did not have any.		
6	0 0 1 15 25 0 1 1	5	opportunity to look at this before it was sent.
_	Q. Do you know if Mr. Ryan had any	6	Q. Is that the general practice of the
7	communications regarding the substance of this	6 7	Q. Is that the general practice of the commission? If there's a significant piece of
8	communications regarding the substance of this letter with the board of selectmen?	6 7 8	Q. Is that the general practice of the commission? If there's a significant piece of correspondence that's going out to the FAA or
8 9	communications regarding the substance of this letter with the board of selectmen? A. I don't.	6 7 8 9	Q. Is that the general practice of the commission? If there's a significant piece of correspondence that's going out to the FAA or some other agency that generally it's drafted and
8 9 10	communications regarding the substance of this letter with the board of selectmen? A. I don't. Q. Do you know if Mr. Maguire had	6 7 8 9	Q. Is that the general practice of the commission? If there's a significant piece of correspondence that's going out to the FAA or some other agency that generally it's drafted and then reviewed by commissioners prior to its being
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8 9 10 11 12 13 14	communications regarding the substance of this letter with the board of selectmen? A. I don't. Q. Do you know if Mr. Maguire had communications? A. I don't know. Q. Okay. Do you recall any discussions in open or executive session regarding Mr.	6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13	Q. Is that the general practice of the commission? If there's a significant piece of correspondence that's going out to the FAA or some other agency that generally it's drafted and then reviewed by commissioners prior to its being forwarded. Is that the practice? A. I think something of this level would be. Other things that the manager would just be directed to handle on his own.
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entirely agree with that statement but --

answer the question you're asked, please.

MR. SIMMS: He's only asking -- just

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Page 156 **Page 154** interest." A. I don't remember. 2 Did I read that correctly? BY MR. FEE: 3 A. I believe you did. 3 Q. How come you don't agree with that Q. Now, does that refresh your recollection statement? regarding our prior discussion with respect to A. I've already explained why I would want 6 the June 11, 2014, meeting minutes? And does the financial information. It's not simply a way 6 7 this refresh your recollection as to exactly what 7 of protecting from financial risk. I'd want to was tabled as a result of that vote? know what your company is. What they do. 8 9 9 A. I mean, this states exactly what was Q. Okay. So you had a different view of the tabled. I don't remember it. 10 financial request rationale than town counsel as 10 MR. SIMMS: That's all you were asked. 11 11 expressed in his May 16, 2015, letter. Correct? 12 12 A. Yes. BY MR. FEE: 13 (Exhibit No. 160 marked for 13 Q. Do you have any reason to believe that the description contained in the third paragraph 14 14 identification.) on page 3 of Exhibit 158 is incorrect? 15 BY MR. FEE: 16 A. The whole paragraph? 16 O. I'm showing you a document that's been 17 Q. No. The first sentence that I read. marked as Exhibit 160. It appears to be a letter 17 18 A. Do I believe it's incorrect or do I have dated March 27, 2015, from Mr. McCulloch to 19 any reason to believe? 19 Brandon Moss regarding Boston Executive 20 Q. Any reason to believe. 20 Helicopters. Have you ever seen this before? 21 A. I have no reason to believe it's 21 A. I imagine I have. I don't specifically 22 incorrect. 22 remember it, but I strongly suspect it was in our 23 (Exhibit No. 159 marked for 23 information for the airport. identification.) 24 24 Q. On the second page, Mr. McCulloch lists **Page 155** Page 157 BY MR. FEE: in bullet points references to various items of 1 Q. Sir, I'm showing you a document that's financial information that have been requested by 2 3 been marked as Exhibit 159. It appears to be a the NAC. Do you see that? letter dated March 16, 2015, from Mr. Moss to A. Um-hum. Mr. McCulloch at Hinshaw & Culbertson. Have you Q. So it's three months business statements, balance sheet, income statement, cash flow ever seen this before? 6 7 7 A. I don't recall it; but once again, I'm statement, personal guarantee and credit report, Dun and Bradstreet credit report, certificate of 8 sure that I must have got it in my package. 8 9 Q. Second page, all the way down at the 9 good standing, and proof of insurance. 10 bottom. It says -- and this is from Mr. Moss, 10 And is it your understandings that in 11 town counsel, to counsel for BEH in March of 2015 11 March of 2015 the NAC was requesting all of these 12 -- "The requested financial information from BEH 12 financial disclosures? 13 is simply a way of protecting (the NAC) and the 13 A. I don't remember. aeronautical community operating on the airport Q. Do you see how in each bullet point after 14 15 from financial risk." 15 the specific financial item is listed there's a 16 Did I read that correctly? 16 parenthetical, all caps. It says "Not in minimum 17 A. You did. 17 standards." Do you see that? 18 Q. Okay. So was this a letter that you saw 18 A. Yeah. There's a -- in parentheses after several of the statements, if not all. 19 before it was sent or was it given to you after 19 20 the fact? 20 Q. And so was it your understanding that at 21 A. I don't remember the letter. I don't 21 this point in time Boston Executive Helicopters

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was communicating to the Norwood Airport

Commission that it felt that the requests for

financial information was beyond the scope of

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- what was allowed under the minimum standards?
 - A. I don't know what they thought.
- 3 Q. Okay. The letter you said you thought
- 4 was part of your packet; right?
- 5 A. Um-hum.

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- 6 Q. And so you would have read this document
- 7 at some point in or about March of 2015?
- 8 A. I'd image, yeah.
- 9 Q. And so you were aware of BEH's position
- 10 that many of the financial requests being made by
- 11 the NAC were not part of the minimum standards;
- 12 is that correct?
- 13 A. They made a statement that they're not in
- 14 the minimum standards.
 - Q. Did you disagree with that?
- 16 A. I take them at their word. It may not
- 17 be. I don't know.
- 18 Q. And so did you have a discussion, either
- 19 in open or executive session, regarding BEH's
- 20 position that the commission was asking it for
- 21 more financial disclosure than was authorized
- 22 under the minimum standards?
- 23 A. Minimum standards -- ask that again.
- Q. Was there -- I'm sorry. Was there any

- Page 160 this type of financial information as being --
- 2 strike that.
 - Let me try that again.
 - As a member of the commission, you were
- 5 aware that BEH believed that the commission
- 6 lacked authority to request financial items that
 - were beyond the scope of the minimum standards.
- 8 Correct?

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- 9 A. No, I don't believe that.
- Q. Well, I showed you a document that's been marked as Exhibit 158. It's a letter from -- I'm
- 12 sorry -- 160, which is a letter from BEH's
- 13 counsel --
- 14 A. Um-hum.
 - Q. -- to the commission, and you said that you thought you'd read it. Correct?
- 17 A. I think I probably read it.
 - Q. So you were aware of BEH's position that
- 19 the NAC's request for financial disclosure not
- 20 included in the minimum standards was beyond the
- 21 authority of the commission?
- 22 A. No. You're asking me to infer something.
- 23 If you're asking me if I believe we had the
- 24 authority --

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- discussion, either in open or executive session, regarding the fact that BEH was communicating to
- 3 the NAC that it believed the financial requests
- 4 were beyond the scope of what's allowed under the
- 5 minimum standards?
- 6 A. I don't remember any specific discussion 7 like that.
- 8 Q. Okay. Do you remember having any
- 9 discussion with town counsel about that
- 10 particular position being taken by BEH?
- 11 A. Again, I don't remember anything
- 12 specific.

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- Q. Did you form an opinion, as a member of
- 14 the commission, regarding BEH's position that it
- 15 was beyond the authority of the commission to
- request financial disclosure that was not specifically listed in the minimum standards?
- 18 A. You asked me if I believe the commission
- 10 1 11 1111 1
- 19 has the ability to ask --
- 20 Q. I think I asked your understanding as a
- 21 member of the commission. Did you form an
- 22 opinion, your own opinion, as a member of the
- 23 commission, as to whether or not BEH's position
- 24 that the commission lacked authority to ask for

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- Q. No. I'm asking you if you understand BEH's position. So there's a letter --
- A. You tell me what BEH's position is then.
 - O. It's in the letter.
- A. Where?
 - Q. Okay. I'll step back. It's okay.
- 7 The letter that's been marked as 160 has
- 8 several bullet points describing financial
- 9 information that was requested by the NAC; right?
- 10 A. Let me -- to shortcut you. That does not
- 11 say that they believe that we don't have the
- 12 authority to ask for it. This says they're not
- 13 in the minimum standards.
- 14 Q. Fair enough. Let me restate the
- 15 question. You're aware that BEH's position was
- 16 that request of certain financial information was
- 17 not in the minimum standards?
- 18 A. I suppose I would have been at the time.
- 19 I don't specifically recall that.
 - Q. And so did you form --
- 21 A. To get to the -- it was -- I always
 - thought it was -- the reason that they weren't
 - giving us the information was because of the not
 - wanting to disclose it in public. I never

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- realized that it was for another reason. To me, it was always "We just don't want to let anyone
- 3 else see it."

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- I didn't think it was because -- for any other reason.
- 6 Q. Okay. So you didn't form an opinion as 7 to whether or not it was beyond the scope of your authority as a commission to request this type of 8
- 9 financial information?
- A. I never formed an opinion other than I 10 11 thought we had the authority to ask for it.
 - Q. And that authority was based on what?
- 13 A. Like I said, I previously looked at 14 what -- it was -- I believe, and I could be 15
 - wrong, but I believe that it's an unusual thing
- 16 for a company to request to be an FBO on an
- airport this size without -- usually it's an RFP 17 18 or something like that.
- 19 So I started to take a little bit of a 20 look at it. And that was one of the things that,
- 21 in my mind, I would have wanted to look at
- 22 anyway, but it seemed like almost all of them
- 23 asked for that type of information. Just to see
- who the company was and what they did and how --

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- 1 Q. But we talked before about the minimum standards, and you agreed that the commission was 3 bound by them. Correct?
- 4 A. Those minimum standards are put out by 5 the commission.
- Q. Right. And they're obligated to follow 6 7 them; are they not?
 - A. I think we used them as a guideline.
- 9 Q. So there's a certain amount of discretion 10 that's allowed under the minimum standards?
- 11 A. I believe that we were -- I was within my
- 12 authority personally to ask for financial
- 13 statements if you want to become an FBO.
- Q. Does it say somewhere in the minimum 14 15 standards that the commission has the authority
- 16 to deviate from the actual words or specific
- 17 items included?
- A. I don't know. 18
- 19 Q. Okay.
- (Exhibit No. 161 marked for 20
- 21 identification.)
- 22 BY MR. FEE:
- 23 Q. Showing you 161. It appears to be a
- letter from Mr. McCulloch to Mr. Moss dated

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- May 26, 2015. Again, is this the type of
- communication that would be shared with the
- commission in its regular meeting packet?
- A. I believe it would have been in our package.
- 6 Q. Do you recall seeing this letter 7 specifically?
 - A. I don't recall this letter specifically.
- 9 Q. Okay.

(Exhibit No. 162 marked for

- 11 identification.)
 - BY MR. FEE:
 - Q. Showing you 162. Another letter from Mr. McCulloch to Mr. Moss dated June 17, 2015. Have you seen this before?
- A. I would believe this would be a similar 16 thing that would have been included in our 17 18 package.
- 19 Q. Do you have any specific recollection of 20 seeing this before?
- 21 A. No. Well, I mean, you know, in vague --22 I know this was talked about, but I don't specifically remember when. 23
 - Q. And it involves the requirement of spill

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- insurance; right?
 - A. Spill coverage, yeah.
- Q. And that was one of the issues that you
- described earlier that may have evolved as a
- substitute for a personal guarantee?
- A. I would say that was definitely part of 6 7 it.
- 8 Q. And do you know for sure whether or not the commission voted to take spill insurance in 10 lieu of the personal guarantee?
- 11 A. I don't remember and I don't think it
- 12 would have been just specifically spill
- 13 insurance. I think it would have been, you know,
 - overall insurance. I think the spill insurance would have been part of it.
- 16 Q. So let me be more general in my question.
- 17 Do you recall at any time the commission taking a
- vote to allow BEH to provide insurance in lieu of 18 19
- a personal guarantee in support of its FBO 20
 - application?
- A. I don't specifically remember that, but I 21 don't believe we were waiting for that. So I 22 23 imagine that's not something we're looking for.
 - Q. At what point did it cease to become an

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Page 166 Page 168 issue? application, became satisfied? 1 2 A. I don't remember. 2 A. I don't know. 3 Q. Do you know why it ceased to become an 3 Q. And you don't know if that was in 2017 or 4 5 A. I could speculate. A. I would suspect -- I don't know for sure, 6 MR. SIMMS: Don't speculate. 6 so I can't say. 7 BY MR. FEE: 7 BY MR. FEE: 8 Q. Don't speculate. 8 Q. Do you know -- I mean, was there a formal 9 MR. SIMMS: If you don't know, that's vote taken by the commission to determine that everything had been submitted by BEH that was 10 your answer. 10 A. Yeah. I think I --11 11 required for an FBO with the exception of the 12 MR. SIMMS: You were about to say, "I fueling plan? 12 13 13 could speculate." A. I don't recall. A. Well, I could say what I said before. Q. If there was a vote taken regarding FBO 14 14 15 BY MR. FEE: status for BEH, that would be reflected in the 16 O. Which is? Just remind me. I'm sorry. 16 minutes; would it not? I'm thick sometimes. A. I would think. I mean, we've had lots 17 17 18 A. Well, you just said it. That it was in of, you know, discussions with -- about BEH in 19 lieu of a personal guarantee. 19 the past many years so --20 Q. Okay. And was it recent that it was 20 Q. So what's your understanding of what is 21 determined that insurance was a suitable 21 required in the fueling plan? 22 substitute for personal guarantee? 22 A. I would expect that they would show their 23 building. They would show their -- you know, the A. Again, I don't remember when. 23 24 Q. You know, I attended a NAC meeting not drawing would be an engineered drawing showing Page 167 Page 169 too far in the past, and it was communicated to their buildings, the taxiway in, the exact 1 Mr. Donovan and BEH that all of the prior location of the tanks, how they propose to fill requirements had been satisfied for the issuance the tanks, where they would park a tanker, when of an FBO. Is that your understanding? they would park it. 5 A. I think we're waiting for the fueling 5 There are some taxiway or object-free areas which I personally would be willing to try 6 plan. 7 7 Q. With the exception of the fueling plan, and work out somehow. I know it would affect all of the other requirements that had previously some of the other hangers, but if that's the 8 9 been communicated to him were now satisfied. Is sticking points, then I think -- I'd like to 10 that fair to say? 10 think that could somehow be worked out. 11 A. Yes. 11 They need to make sure that they're not 12 Q. Okay. And do you know when the 12 going to -- I know there's some issues with the 13 commission made the determination that all of 13 neighboring leasehold. those prior requirements had been satisfied? 14 Q. Between F and G? 15 A. I don't recall when that was. 15 A. We're trying to hopefully work something 16 Q. Was it in 2017? 16 out that wouldn't be required or be a hindrance. 17 A. I don't know. I mean, this is -- we're 17 But generally, how are you going to fill your 18 still waiting. To me, we're still waiting for --18 tanks? And, you know, they're going to have mobile fuelers, I assume. 19 you know, it's not finished. 19

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If the lease on the ramp is finalized,

that's primarily maybe where they would fuel, you

know, planes and so forth. That's -- I think

that the fueling plan provided by FlightLevel

should give them a -- kind of like a template to

Q. I understand you're waiting for a fueling

plan, but my question is different. My question

that all of the other requirements that had been

previously communicated to BEH, regarding his FBO

is: When was it determined by the commission

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2	made available.	2	put up some barr
3	Q. And when was the fueling plan requested	3	barriers, but th
4	or provided by FlightLevel?	4	to the at the
5	A. Recently. This year.	5	And that
6	Q. And what was the reason for asking	6	dispute between
7	FlightLevel to provide that?	7	them up or th
8	A. I don't remember.	8	dispute on some
9	Q. Was that a vote of the commission?	9	had provided acc
10	A. I don't remember.	10	it carry over to
11	Q. Was it on advice of counsel?	11	forth.
12	A. I don't remember.	12	But as f
13	Q. Were you on the board when FlightLevel	13	ongoing.
14	initially came to the airport?	14	Q. And was
15	A. You know, I it always seems like	15	on the commission
16	they've been there, but I couldn't say that for	16	came before the
17	sure.	17	arguments about
18	Q. Do you have any recollection of	18	A. Yes.
19	evaluating their FBO request?	19	Q. Okay. A
20	A. I don't.	20	presentation
21	Q. Have you had any occasion to look at the	21	it in the winter
22	materials that FlightLevel submitted in	22	A. Yeah. I
23	connection with its FBO request back in 2008?	23	Q. Winter o
24	A. I don't remember that.	24	A. It could
1	Page 171 (Exhibit No. 163 marked for	1	remember exactly
2	identification.)	2	Q. But you
3	BY MR. FEE:	3	board?
4	Q. Mr. Shaughnessy, I've shown you 163. It	4	A. Sure.
5	appears to be a letter dated July 17, 2015, from	5	O. And do y
6	Mr. McCulloch to Mr. Moss. Have you ever seen	6	board or the com
7	this one before?	7	presentations?
8	A. It would fall under the same category.	8	A. I think
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 ${\tt Q.}\,$ Okay. Do you recall, as a member of the

A. I'm aware of the incident. I believe

Q. Do you know what gave rise to that

Q. Was it in connection with some snow

A. Do you want me to describe what I --

Q. Sure. That would be great. Thanks.

A. So my recollection is that there was some

12 commission, dealing with some unpleasantness

erection of barriers between Lots F and G?

13 between FlightLevel and BEH regarding the

there's ongoing litigation.

Page 172 snow removal, and then FlightLevel riers. They're not Jersey they're -- you fill these barriers e -- kind of like lease line. it proceeded into, you know, a whether they were allowed to put there was some kind of ongoing letter that the previous tenant cess to the leased area, and did to the existing tenant and so far as I'm aware, it's still it your understanding -- were you on when both FlightLevel and BEH board and presented their various this issue? And as a result of that first of all, when was that? Was It would have been in the winter. of 20152 d have been. I don't really **Page 173**

ly when it was. recall them coming before the you recall what conclusion the mmission drew from those when it was all said and done, we them -- it wasn't for us to decide this type of lease disagreement, and they were 11 going to proceed -- I think they had already kind 12 of gone the litigation route. So we decided to 13 let that take its own course. Q. Okay. You directed them to settle their 15 dispute in civil court? 16 A. I don't know if -- I think we simply -yeah. Or we decided not to get involved and it 17 wasn't our -- really, our position was it wasn't 18 ours to settle. We didn't have that authority. 19 Q. Okay. 20 21 (Exhibit No. 164 marked for 22 identification.)

Q. I'm going to show you a meeting agenda

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BY MR. FEE:

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- that has been marked as Exhibit 164. It appears
- to be a meeting agenda for September 30, 2015.
- 3 And the third bullet point under "Old Business."
- It says "Update. FlightLevel Norwood, Lot G
- environmental spill. Potential executive
- 6 session, purpose five.
- 7 "To investigate charges of criminal
- misconduct or to consider the filing of criminal 8
- 9 complaints." Do you see that?
- A. Um-hum. I do see it. 10
- 11 Q. Do you know what that refers to?
- 12 A. The -- I believe it refers to -- there
- was a video of what I believe to be Mr. Donovan 13
- 14 and someone who works for him tipping over these
- barriers that I spoke about that had a 15
- potentially hazardous liquid in them. 16
- 17 Q. And when did that occur?
 - A. I imagine it was around this time frame.
- 19 Q. If I said to you that the conduct that
- 20 you're describing occurred in February of 2015,
- 21 would that surprise you?

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- 22 A. It would. I'd have to think about what
- 23 the criminal complaint was. Maybe you could tell
- me. I don't remember. 24

- **Page 176** Norwood police detective. I don't know how long 1
- 2 that took.
- 3 Q. Okay. So that would be the only reason
 - that you can think of there might be some delay?
 - A. I don't remember.
 - Q. Okay.

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- (Exhibit No. 165 marked for
- 8 identification.)
- BY MR. FEE:
- 10 Q. 165. It appears to be a document
- 11 previously marked as Exhibit 45. It's a letter
- dated May 1, 2014, from Mr. Donovan to the State 12
- Ethics Commission. Have you ever seen this 13
- 14 before?
- A. No -- well, actually, I think we may have looked at this the other day. That would have
- been the first time I had seen it. 17 Q. Do you recall --
 - MR. SIMMS: Do you want to -- so the
- 20 record is clear, do you want to say who the "we" 21 is?
- 22 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry.
- MR. SIMMS: Without going into detail 23
- about the discussions.

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- 1 Q. I'm asking you what your understanding of this -- and as far as I can tell, your testimony
- 3 was that it was about tipping over barriers.
- A. That's what I -- I shouldn't have said 4 5 that.
 - Q. Well, you don't know what it was?
- 7 A. I'm looking at September 30th, and you
- said it was the winter. So it probably couldn't 8
- 9 have been that.
- 10 Q. That's my question. I'm wondering why
- 11 there was such a gap of time between the actual
- 12 conduct and then the commission's decision to
- 13 investigate it as --
- 14 A. I'm going to take back what I said. I
- 15 don't remember specifically. I think that -- I
- 16 don't remember any other things that we would
- 17 have looked at other than that. That's the only
- incident I remember. 18
- 19 Q. Right. And you don't recall why there
- 20 was such a gap in time between the actual events
- 21 at issue and the decision of the board to hold an
- 22 executive session for the purposes of
- 23 investigating charges of criminal misconduct?
 - A. There was an ongoing investigation by a

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- A. Adam Simms, counsel, showed it to me the other day.
- BY MR. FEE:
 - Q. Okay. Thank you for sharing that.
- It talks about an ethics commission
- complaint filed against you by Mr. Donovan. 6
- 7 Correct?
- 8 A. That's what it says.
 - Q. And do you recall the circumstances of this event?
- 11 A. I remember getting a call from someone
- 12 from the ethics commission probably around this
- 13 time frame.
 - Q. And what transpired?
- 15 A. He asked me several questions. I never
- knew who it was that filed the -- they don't let
- 17 you know. So just finding out a few days ago
- that it was Chris. They just asked me questions 18
- about -- it had do with --19
- 20 I was on the Norwood Basketball
- 21 Association Executive Committee, and we run a
- 22 fundraiser every year. Chris was asked to
 - donate. And so they told me that you really
 - shouldn't ask anyone on the airport to donate

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    money. So I never did it again nor did he
    donate, by the way.
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        Q. So I'm clear. Is it your testimony that
    the first time you learned that Mr. Donovan had
    filed the ethics commission complaint was when
    you met with Mr. Simms recently?
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        A. Yes. I suspected because one of the
    questions was specific to Mr. Donovan. It was an
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    e-mail, but I didn't know. I mean, it could have
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    been from anyone really.
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         Q. Okay. But you didn't know for sure that
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    Mr. Donovan was the person who had filed the
    ethics complaint until recently?
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        A. It never really came to anything so I
    didn't give it much thought. It was just kind of
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    a "don't do that" type of a thing.
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        Q. Okay.
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            MR. FEE: Can we take five minutes?
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            MR. SIMMS: Sure.
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             (Recess taken at 3:18 p.m.)
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             (Deposition resumed at 3:28 p.m.)
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             (Exhibit No. 166 marked for
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    identification.)
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    happened.
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        Q. And so these events occurred in or about
    February of 2015? Is that your recollection?
        A. I would have to -- I don't remember. But
    based on this, I would say yes.
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        Q. And do you recall when the barriers were
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    erected that you mentioned?
        A. I don't.
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        Q. Was it at or about the same time?
        A. It would make sense that it was before
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        Q. Okay. I'm going to show you Exhibit 139.
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    Take a look at that, and let me know after you've
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    read it.
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        A. What's the question?
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            MR. SIMMS: There's no question.
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    BY MR. FEE:
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        Q. I just said take a look at Exhibit 139,
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    and let me know when you've read it.
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        A. I read it. Just kind of perused it.
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        Q. Okay. I'll ask some general questions.
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     So 139 appears to be a letter dated July 19,
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     2013, from Mr. Maguire to Mr. Donovan. And it
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suggests or it says:

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BY MR. FEE:
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        Q. We were talking earlier about the conduct
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    giving rise to the criminal investigation, and
    there was some lack of clarity as to when the
    actual events occurred that were the subject
    matter of the October executive session meeting.
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             So I'm showing you a document that's been
    marked as Exhibit 166. It appears to be the
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    business meeting minutes from February 11, 2015.
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    And on the second page under "Correspondence,"
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    there's a bullet point that says "Discussed
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    notice of trespass, cease and desist about
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    snowfall.
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             "Mr. Ryan asked that Mr. Donovan and Mr.
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    Eichleay come to an agreement together. This is
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    a dispute over lease of easement. Gets settled
    in superior court. Can't decide it here."
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            Did I read that correctly?
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        A. Yes.
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        Q. Does that refresh your recollection as to
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    the events that took place between FlightLevel
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    and Boston Executive Helicopters?
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        A. It puts the time frame better. I don't
    think I -- I think I understand more or less what
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2013, the NAC met with your company, Boston Executive Helicopters, to specifically resolve two outstanding matters. These involved --" And number two, "BEH's fueling plans and procedures with respect to the TOFA and the abutting interest of others." And it says "As for the second concern, identifying BEH's fueling plan, at Wednesday's meeting your company delivered to the airport commission documents that now more comprehensively address BEH's fueling plans and procedures especially with respect to the TOFA and the abutting property interests of others." My question is: Is it your belief and understanding that as of July 2013, BEH had submitted to the commission sufficient documentation to resolve any questions that the commission had regarding fueling plans and the TOFA? A. I don't recall that at all. I think

we've been looking for that for years. Do you

"As a matter of record, during its

monthly public meeting held Wednesday, July 17,

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Q. I'm asking you about Exhibit 139. 2 A. I don't remember. 3 Q. Do you recall seeing this letter? A. Once again, I don't remember the letter specifically. 5 6

- Q. Do you recall being at the meeting where 7 BEH presented additional information regarding its plans to fuel and with respect to the TOFA? 8
- 9 A. I don't. 10 Q. Do you have any reason to believe that 11 this letter from Mr. Maguire to Mr. Donovan did
- 12 not express the intent of the commission? 13 A. I don't believe I've ever seen a fueling
- 14 plan, if that's what you're asking me. 15 Q. I'm asking if you have any reason to
- 16 believe there's anything inaccurate about this 17
- 18 A. Because I don't believe I've ever seen a 19 comprehensive fueling plan, I would say that it's 20 not accurate.
- 21 Q. Okay. So it's a letter from Mr. Maguire 22 to Mr. Donovan dated July 19, 2013. Correct?
- 23 A. It is. 24 Q. And you believe that there's something
- **Page 183** inaccurate about it. Is that fair to say? 1 A. I can't be sure because I don't know what
- 3 "respect to TOFA" means. So it could be accurate. In my mind, I'm thinking that I
- haven't seen a fueling plan. So that could be
- inaccurate, but I can't say for sure it's 6 7 inaccurate.
- Q. Do you know what TOFA is? 8
- 9 A. Yeah. Object-free area taxiway.
- 10 Q. And you don't recall the meeting in which 11 BEH presented information regarding its plans for
- 12 fueling in the TOFA?
 - A. I'm sorry. I don't.
- 14 Q. Okay.

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- 15 (Exhibit No. 167 marked for
- 16 identification.)
- 17 BY MR. FEE:
- 18 Q. I'm going to show you a document that's
- been marked as Exhibit 167. It appears to be a 19
- fueling restriction plan for Lot G at Norwood 20
- 21 Airport prepared for FlightLevel dated February
- 22 14, 2017.
- 23 We talked about this a little bit before.
- If you could study it for a minute, I just have a

few questions.

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- 2 A. I guess I'm ready. I've seen a bigger 3 copy of this.
- Q. If you have trouble reading it at all, I have a magnifying glass. And just let me know if you need -- if it's in any way difficult to --6
 - A. Thank you.
- 8 Q. -- answer my question.
- So earlier I asked you if FlightLevel had provided a fueling plan, and you said yes. 10
- 11 Correct?
 - A. Correct.
 - Q. And is this the plan that was provided by FlightLevel in or about February of 2017?
 - A. I believe it is.
- 16 Q. Okay. And do you know if this plan -who reviewed this plan on the commission? 17
- 18 A. This was given to -- I imagine it was 19 given to Russ Maguire and then we were given it.
- Q. So it was presented to the full commission. Was it part of your packet at some 21
- point? 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. And did the commission vote to approve

1 it?

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- A. I don't remember.
- Q. Okay. Do you know if there was anything communicated to FlightLevel with respect to what should be shown on the plan?
- A. I don't. I -- no, I don't.
- 7 Q. Who determined that FlightLevel should
- 8 submit a fueling restriction plan?
- 9 A. It came up at a meeting recently, but I don't remember the specifics. 10
 - Q. Was it advised by counsel?
 - A. I don't believe it was.
- 13 Q. Okay. And you're not sure what
 - requirements for the plan were communicated to FlightLevel; is that correct?
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 Q. Okay. So do you know if -- just looking 18 at the plan, can you tell me if it indicates the location or the size of fuel tanks? 19
- 20 A. I -- it doesn't appear to show -- I 21 believe it shows where the fueling area is. I 22 don't see the size of the fueling tanks on this 23 plan.
 - O. Does it show all fixed structures?

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Page 186 Page 188 that's where they refuel the -- they put the A. Can you --2 Q. All fixed structures within the area mobile fuelers. 3 depicted? O. Okay. MR. SIMMS: Objection. Go ahead. 4 A. It doesn't specifically say mobile A. You'd have to be more specific. fuelers. 5 BY MR. FEE: 6 Q. Okay. Does it show where the mobile 6 7 Q. Well, does it show -- I mean, it clearly 7 fuelers park? shows buildings. Correct? 8 8 A. I don't see any specific note that says A. Yes. 9 9 parking for mobile fuelers. Q. But does it show other structures like 10 10 Q. Is there any delineation between where 11 light poles and hydrants and security cameras and 11 jet fuel is stored and where avgas is stored or 12 things of that nature? Other fixed structures. is it all just one big -- is it all the same? 12 A. This plan shows what it shows. I don't 13 MR. SIMMS: Objection. Beyond the scope. 13 14 see any hydrants. 14 Go ahead. 15 Q. Okay. 15 A. I don't see anything specific to avgas or 16 A. I see gates. I see setbacks and where 16 jet fuel on the plan. 17 the buildings are. 17 BY MR. FEE: 18 Q. Right. It just shows buildings. 18 Q. Does it show the self-fueling cabinet 19 A. Taxiways. 19 that FlightLevel has? 20 Q. In terms of fixed structures, it only 20 A. It's not labeled, but I believe it does. shows buildings. Is that fair to say? 21 Q. Where is it? 21 22 A. There were a lot -- there's some detail 22 A. Is that the square right under the on this that I wouldn't be able to tell what it 23 arrows? 23 24 is, but it seems to be lacking some of the things Q. Which page are you on? Can you just mark **Page 187** Page 189 1 you mentioned. it, please. 2 Q. Does it show where mobile fuelers are 2 A. It doesn't say that, but I'm just saying 3 filled? "I think." 4 A. It shows the refueling area where the Q. So you've just marked it with a circle. 5 tanks are. Just put a 1 on that. That is designating where Q. But does it show where the mobile fuelers you think the self-fueling cabinet is located. 6 7 are filled? Does it specify that? 7 Okay. 8 A. I think that's the refueling area, but I 8 Does this show anything about the --9 don't know. strike that. 10 Q. There's no note about what happens in the What about the FlightLevel fueling box? 10 11 refueling area. It's just marked. 11 Is that clearly indicated on the plan? 12 A. I think because I have a general 12 A. I don't know what a --13 knowledge of the -- I've seen it happen before. 13 Q. FlightLevel fueling box. I kind of have an idea what happens, but maybe A. What's a fueling box? 14 that's why I think it's a refueling area. 15 Q. Good question. You don't know what a 16 Q. I see that it's designated refueling 16 fueling box is? 17 area. But feel free to educate me because I am 17 A. No. by no means an expert on reading plans. But I 18 18 Q. Okay. Do you know -- does this show TOFA 19 see where it says refueling area, but I don't see and OFA gate lanes? 19 a specific designation of where mobile fuelers 20 20 MR. SIMMS: Same objection. Go ahead. 21 are to be filled. 21 A. I see taxiways labeled on gate 3 and gate 22 And that's my question. Am I missing 2.2 2. I see the taxiway at the end of gate 2 is labeled. It doesn't say what it is. I think 23 that or is that missing from the plan? 23

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it's C maybe.

A. It is -- unless the refueling area means

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A. I don't know.

Q. Was it reviewed by the fire chief?

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Page 190 Page 192 BY MR. FEE: A. I don't know. 1 2 Q. Does this designate in any way the scope 2 Q. Do you know if it was approved or 3 of the easement that's between lots F and G? reviewed by the FAA? Does it address that issue at all? A. I don't know. 5 A. No, I don't believe it does. Q. So is it your understanding that the only Q. Okay. Does it show the location of body that you know reviewed or approved this is 6 6 7 aircraft on Lots X, Y, or Z or A, B, and C? 7 the commission? A. Yes. 8 A. I don't see any aircraft located on 8 9 either plan. Q. And is it your belief that this is in compliance with all the NAC rules and 10 Q. Okay. And so it doesn't show how --10 11 A. I'm sorry. It does say airplane parking 11 regulations? 12 on Lot 6. 12 A. It certainly is a fueling plan that shows 13 13 us how they're going to, at least, fill their Q. Where? I'm sorry which -- can you just point to it? 14 14 tankers. 15 A. Airplane parking, and below that it says 15 Q. Okay. 16 helicopter use. 16 A. It gives the setbacks from the buildings, 17 but that's what the red is. The 25 feet you're Q. Can you just put a 2 where you're 17 18 pointing? 18 supposed to maintain. And it's an engineered 19 A. Sure. So you're talking about the 19 drawing so the boundaries are -- have been 20 airplane parking? 20 surveyed. 21 21 Q. Right. So you've designated with a 2 the Q. Okay. 22 area on the plan you feel indicates where 22 MR. FEE: All right. I have no further airplanes are parked for -- during fueling; questions. Do you have any? 23 24 right? 24 MR. SIMMS: I might. **Page 193** Page 191 1 A. No. It just says airplane parking. 1 EXAMINATION Q. Okay. So that doesn't mean that that's BY MR. SIMMS: 2 3 where airplanes will be fueled; right? Q. Just a few follow-ups. Exhibit 139, 4 A. Right. which you were asked about just a few minutes 5 Q. Okay. ago, the bottom of page 1 states "Following your A. I don't know what it means. That's company's presentation Wednesday, the NAC 6 6 7 awfully small print. 7 approved the continuation of your company's hanger construction and fuel farm installation." 8 Q. Okay. Well, I'm happy to give you -- do 8 9 you need the magnifying glass? 9 Did I read that correctly. 10 A. No. It's just as I look, I see more 10 A. Yes. 11 areas where it says airplane parking. 11 Q. And that letter from Mr. Maguire to Mr. 12 Q. That's great. Circle them and put a 2 12 Donovan is dated July 19, 2013. Correct? 13 next to them. 13 A. Correct. Q. Now, with respect to the drawings that 14 But so we're clear, you're not sure 14 whether that indicates where airplanes are fueled 15 the commission is looking for currently, that 16 or just parked. would be with respect to the as-built, completed 17 A. It's not specific. I don't think that -structures. Meaning, BEH's hanger and fuel farm 17 I think you can fuel. I don't think they have to as actually built. Correct? 18 18 get next to the -- when you have mobile fuelers, 19 19 A. Correct. I think the mobile fuelers go to the planes. 20 20 Q. While we're on that subject, take a look, 21 Q. Okay. All right. Was this plan approved 21 if you would, at what's marked Ryan Exhibit 147, 22 by the fire chief? 2.2 the airport commission meeting minutes still in

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draft from June 15, 2017. Page 2, there was a

discussion -- correct -- of Mr. Donovan or BEH

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Page 194 **Page 196** providing the requested fuel plan to the former commission member Oulton Hues registered with the FAA. Exhibit 156. Do you recall being commission. Correct? A. Correct. asked some questions about that earlier today? ob T A O. And there is an entry that states as follows "Mr. Fee indicated that BEH will provide Q. What action, if any, did the Federal the plan to the NAC. This is the last document Aviation Administration take against the necessary for approval of the FBO permit." commission stemming from Mr. Hues' complaint? Did I read that correctly. A. There was a letter from Mary Walsh that 8 9 A. You did, and that's my understanding. 9 Attorney Fee showed me, but I don't think there 10 Q. Back to what we marked as Exhibit 164, was any other action after that. the agenda from September 2015. With respect to O. That's what I'm getting at. So we went 12 the trespass issues involving and the Jersey 12 over 156. That's the letter Mr. Fee showed you. 13 barriers involving FlightLevel and BEH, did the 13 Correct? 14 commission ever sanction -- that is assess any 14 A. Yes. penalty or anything like that -- against BEH Q. Other than this one letter, did the FAA 15 15 16 stemming from this particular matter? 16 take any other administrative action against the 17 A. No. 17 commission as a result of the complaint filed by Oulton Hues against the commission? O. Did the commission ever threaten to 18 18 suspend or revoke BEH's commercial permit 19 19 A. No. 20 stemming from anything to do with this -- what's 20 Q. How long have you known Chris Donovan 21 reflected in the agenda minutes from September 21 approximately? I don't need an exact month and 2015? 23 A. No. 23 A. Seven or eight years. Q. I'll start with you. Did you, Mr. Did you know Mr. Donovan prior to your **Page 197 Page 195** Shaughnessy, ever file an application for a 1 being appointed to the commission? criminal complaint against BEH for any matter 2 A. No. whatsoever? 3 3 Q. Have you had any dealings, personally or professionally, with Mr. Donovan other than in A. No. 4 Q. As far as you know, did any member of the your capacity as a member of the airport Norwood Airport Commission ever file an commission? application for a criminal complaint against BEH A. No. or Mr. Donovan in connection with any matter that Q. In the seven or eight years that you have you're aware of? known Mr. Donovan, have the two of you ever had, 10 A. No. 10 what you would call, a heated argument? Yelling, 11 Q. What about Mr. Maguire? Same question. 11 raised voices. Just the two of you one-on-one? A. No. 12 A. I'm not aware of any instance that he --12 1.3 O. None that you're aware of? O. That's never happened. Correct? 13 14 A. None that I'm aware of. 14 A No Q. So just to close this loop. With respect O. Would you describe the nature of your 15 15 16 to the Jersey barrier incident as it's sort of 16 relationship as professionally civil? Cordial? 17 been referred to involving FlightLevel and BEH, 17 A. It's just a -- yeah. I see him at these 18 whether it actually occurred in the winter of 18 meetings. 19 2015 or sometime around that period, did the Q. And that's it? A. Yeah, typically. I should say I've seen commission take any action adverse to BEH's 20 21 interest stemming from this particular incident? 21 him on the airport. 2.2 A. No. 22 Q. On occasion? 23 Q. You were asked some questions, I think 23 A. Yeah. this was after lunch, about the complaint that a MR. SIMMS: I'm all set. 24

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