

News Release

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Wayne County Airport Authority Board Statement

DETROIT (April 25, 2013)– The Airport Authority Board is disappointed with the outcome of the arbitration and continues to believe the Board took appropriate action in 2011 when it terminated Ms. Mullin for cause. It is important to note that this arbitration decision *does not impact taxpayers* because the Airport Authority is entirely self-sustaining and does not receive tax dollars to support airport operations.

We have since continued to move forward. The Airport Authority has:

- Won the FAA’s 2012 Great Lakes Region Safety Award
- Gained new flights to Paris, Mexico, Denver, Las Vegas, Houston, Dallas, Ft. Myers and New Jersey
- Launched a transformative new retail concessions program in the McNamara Terminal
- Reduced airport operating costs significantly to remain competitive with other airports
- Bucked an international trend as DTW air cargo increased 6% in 2012 despite a global decline in air freight

In addition, the Airport Authority is working collaboratively with state and local economic development organizations to generate development opportunities.

The Authority Board and management team will continue to manage, maintain and modernize some of Southeast Michigan’s most critical transportation infrastructure in a safe, secure, efficient and cost-effective manner for the benefit of our customers and the community.

Suzanne Hall, Chair
Wayne County Airport Authority Board

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