

Council Business Meeting

December 7, 2021

Agenda Item	Appointment of Russ Saunders to the Airport Commission	
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SUMMARY

Confirm Mayor's appointment of Russ Saunders to the Airport Commission.

POLICIES, PLANS & GOALS SUPPORTED

Ashland Municipal Code (AMC) Chapter 2.19.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

N/A

BACKGROUND AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This is confirmation by the City Council of the Mayor's appointment to the Airport Commission.

FISCAL IMPACTS

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

N/A

ACTIONS, OPTIONS & POTENTIAL MOTIONS

I move to approve the appointment of Russ Saunders to the Airport Commission with a term expiring April 30, 2022/

REFERENCES & ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Application

**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO
CITY COMMISSION/COMMITTEE**

Please type or print answers to the following questions and submit to the City Recorder at City Hall, 20 E Main Street, or email melissa.huhtala@ashland.or.us. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the City Recorder at 488-5307. **Attach additional sheets if necessary.**

Name Russ Saunders

Requesting to serve on: Airport Commission (Commission/Committee)

Mailing Address 318 Wrights Creek Dr. Ashland, Or 97520

Physical Address same as above

Occupation Retired Banker/Flight Instrur Phone: Home 541 708 0171

Work _____
Email saundershrms@sbcglobal.net
Fax _____

1. Education Background

What schools have you attended? San Francisco State University; University of San Francisco

What degrees do you hold? BS in Economics and Business Administration;

Master of Business Administration--International

What additional training or education have you had that would apply to this position?
I am a licenced FAA Flight Instructor; was on the advisory board of the aviation section of Solano College;

highly trained in developing programs to develop interest in flying and sailing.

2. Related Experience

What prior work experience have you had that would help you if you were appointed to this position?

Developed a youth training program for America True for the 2000 America's Cup challenge to get disadvantaged

youth interested in sailing. Participated in developing the Oakland Tribune Cup for youth..

Highly motivated to develop greater interest in general knowledge of aviation in the general public area.

Do you feel it would be advantageous for you to have further training in this field, such as attending conferences or seminars? Why? As a business analyst, I know how to research and

find relevant information but always am looking for more and better knowledge and methods. Yes I would seekout conferences and seminars.



3. Interests

Why are you applying for this position?

A deep love of flying that is not generally felt in the

population that is a pity ... flying is in my opinion like taking the bus to most people...

Need to bring back the romance of flight and increase the knowledge of why it is an outstanding way to travel...

4. Availability

Are you available to attend special meetings, in addition to the regularly scheduled meetings? Do you prefer day or evening meetings? Yes... and it does not matter if day or night.

5. Additional Information

How long have you lived in this community?

6 months...

Please use the space below to summarize any additional qualifications you have for this position

Familiar with outreach programs for all groups of people.

I am both an American Sailing Association professional sailing instructor and

have taught a sailing class for San Francisco State University and also for the

City of Oakland on Lake Merritt...

I would bring I hope new fresh insights to the

Airport Commission as I work well with established groups..

I was also a member of the Cross and Cockade which is the society of

World War 1 aviation historians and also attended seminars at the

Smithsonian Aviation section in Washington DC.

And I was the business manager of the Vacaville Gliderport...

7/30/2021

Date

Russ Saunders
Signature

