1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to the Boca Raton Airport Authority, 3 Palm Beach County; amending chapter 2004-468, Laws of Florida; providing boundaries; providing definitions; 4 5 providing that the authority is an independent special 6 district; providing for title of land to be vested in 7 the authority; revising frequency of meetings; 8 providing additional powers and duties; providing an 9 attendance fee for members; providing for budget amendments; requiring the Board of Trustees of the 10 11 Internal Improvement Trust Fund to transfer title of 12 such land to the authority; revising employment of 13 airport manager; providing that the authority is a political subdivision of the state for sovereign 14 15 immunity purposes; providing an effective date. 16 17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 18 19 Section 2 of chapter 2004-468, Laws of Florida, Section 1. 20 is amended to read: 21 Section 1. Short title.-This act may be cited as the "Boca 22 Raton Airport Authority Act." 23 Section 2. Boundaries - The boundaries of the Boca Raton 24 Airport Authority are as follows: 25 Page 1 of 17

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

26	A parcel of land lying in a portion of the Southwest
27	one-quarter (S.W. 1/4) of Section 7, Township 47
28	South, Range 43 East, and a portion of the Southeast
29	one-quarter (S.E. 1/4) of Section 12, Township 47
30	South, Range 42 East, and a portion of the Northeast,
31	Northwest and Southwest one-quarters of Section 13,
32	Township 47 South, Range 42 East, of Palm Beach
33	County, Florida, being more particularly described as
34	follows:
35	
36	BEGINNING at the point of intersection of the
37	Northeast limited access right-of-way line of I-95 as
38	shown on State Road Department right-of-way map, (Job
39	No. 93220-2411, Sheet 12a, dated 2/15/71, revised
40	last, 8/7/72) and the Southerly right-of-way line of
41	Northwest 40th Street (as shown on the aforementioned
42	map) with the West line of said Section 7; thence
43	South 79'44'47" East, along said southerly right-of-
44	way line of Northwest 40th Street, a distance of
45	339.10 feet; thence South 84'05'25" East, continuing
46	along aforementioned right-of-way line, a distance of
47	189.77 feet; thence North 87'44'12" East, along said
48	right-of-way line, a distance of 205.53 feet to a
49	point on the arc of a circular curve to the left,
50	whose radius point bears north 04'31'04" East, from

Page 2 of 17

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

51 the last described point; thence Easterly, along said 52 right-of-way line and the arc of said curve, having a 53 radius of 3869.72 feet, a central angle of 09'52'40" for an arc distance of 667.14 feet; thence South 54 46'03'10" East, along a line perpendicular to the 55 56 Northeast Southwest Runway pavement of the Boca Raton 57 Airport, a distance of 487.41 feet; thence South 43'56'50" West, along a line parallel with and 300.00 58 59 feet Southeasterly of, as measured at right angles to, said Northeast Southwest Runway, a distance of 6925.22 60 feet; thence North 46'03'10" West a Distance of 790.31 61 62 feet to a point on the Easterly right-of-way line of 63 Airport Road as shown on Plat Book 6, Pages 76 & 77 of 64 the Public Records of Palm Beach County, Florida; thence along the aforementioned line, North 14'56'16" 65 66 East, a distance of 222.13 feet to a point on the arc 67 of a non-tangent curve concave to the Southeast, a 68 radial line of said curve through said point having a bearing of North 73'44'37" West; thence Northerly 69 along the arc of said curve (and said Airport Road 70 71 right-of-way) to the right, having a central angle of 00'09'06" and a radius of 4007.28 feet for an arc 72 73 distance of 10.61 feet to a point on a non-tangent 74 line; thence South 73'45'19" East, (along the Easterly 75 line of a 60 foot canal right-of-way as shown on said

Page 3 of 17

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

76	Plat Book 6, Pages 76 & 77) a distance of 60.00 feet
77	to a point on the arc of a non-tangent curve concave
78	to the Southeast; a radial line of said curve through
79	said point having a bearing of North 73'45'19" West;
80	thence Northeasterly along the arc of said curve (and
81	said canal right-of-way line), to the right, having a
82	central angle of 06'09'31" and a radius of 3947.28
83	feet for an arc distance of 424.28 feet to a point of
84	a compound curve of a tangent curve concave to the
85	Southeast; thence Northeasterly along the arc of said
86	curve (and said canal right-of-way line) to the right,
87	an arc distance of 2055.11 feet (said curve having a
88	radius of 5419.58 feet and a central angle of
89	21'43'36") to a point of tangency; thence North
90	44'17'32 East, (along said canal right-of-way line) a
91	distance of 76.85 feet; then North 45'42'28" West, a
92	distance of 60.00 feet; thence South 44'17'32" West, a
93	distance of 76.85 feet; thence North 45'42'28" West, a
94	distance of 99.74 feet to a point on said I-95 right-
95	of-way line; thence north 44'17'32" East, along said
96	<u>I-95 right-of-way line, a distance of 3379.17 feet to</u>
97	the point of beginning.
98	

Page 4 of 17

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

2023

99	Said lands situate within the City of Boca Raton, Palm
100	Beach County, Florida, and containing 212.14 acres
101	(9,240,799 square feet), more or less.
102	
103	Section $3.2.$ Definitions.—As used in this act:
104	(1) "Airport" means those certain lands described in
105	section 2 located within the territorial limits of the City of
106	Boca Raton, together with such interests (real, personal,
107	tangible, and intangible), necessary for maintenance and
108	operation of an the state-owned land within the territorial
109	limits of the City of Boca Raton now known as the Boca Raton
110	airport.
111	(2) "Authority" means the Boca Raton Airport Authority.
112	(3) "Board" means the governing body of the authority.
113	(4)-(3) "City" means the City of Boca Raton.
114	(5)(4) "City council" means the governing body of the City
115	of Boca Raton.
116	(6)-(5) "County" means Palm Beach County.
117	(7) (6) "County commission" means the Board of County
118	Commissioners of Palm Beach County.
119	(8) "Facilities" means airport facilities of all kinds,
120	including, but not limited to, landing fields; runways;
121	<pre>taxiways; fuel farms; self-fueling areas; terminals; towers;</pre>
122	hangars; all facilities necessary or desirable for the landing,
123	taking off, operating, servicing, repairing, and parking of

Page 5 of 17

2023

124	aircraft; observation areas; buildings; parking facilities;
125	facilities necessary for the unloading and handling of
126	passengers and mail (express, and freight); facilities for the
127	accommodation, convenience, and comfort of passengers and
128	pilots, together with related transportation facilities; all
129	areas, buildings, appurtenances, equipment, tangible and
130	intangible property, and machinery, necessary to support federal
131	agencies providing services to the airport, its passengers, and
132	pilots; equipment, improvements, real property, personal
133	property, tangible and intangible property, and machinery
134	necessary for the mitigation of noise, environmental, and other
135	aviation-related impacts; shops; restaurants and catering
136	facilities; and all necessary appurtenances, machinery, and
137	equipment, and all lands, properties, rights, easements,
138	partnerships, intangible property, and franchises relating to
139	the maintenance and operation of the airport and considered
140	necessary or convenient by the authority in connection
141	therewith. Facilities required for the takeoff and landing of
142	aircraft, including, but not limited to, landing fields,
143	runways, taxiways, fuel farms, self-fueling areas, terminals,
144	towers, and hangars, as well as facilities necessary or
145	desirable for operating, servicing, repairing, and parking of
146	aircraft, shall be limited to the boundaries of the authority,
147	or adjacent thereto. Facilities related to noise mitigation, and
148	facilities that are not required for the takeoff and landing of
	Dage 6 of 17

Page 6 of 17

2023

149 <u>a</u>	aircraft, or the operating, servicing, repairing, and parking of
150 <u>a</u>	aircraft, but which otherwise support airport operations or
151 <u>a</u>	assist the airport in remaining self-sustaining consistent with
152 1	its federal grant obligations, may be located within the city
153 1	limits of the City of Boca Raton, within or without the
154 <u>k</u>	poundaries of the authority, but are subject to all city
155 <u>c</u>	ordinances, rules, regulations, and permit requirements.
156	(9)-(7) "Project" means and includes the acquisition,
157 3	improvement, or maintenance of real or personal property within
158 t	the boundaries of the Boca Raton Airport.
159	Section $4.3.$ Authority; creation and purposeThere is
160 ł	nereby created an independent special district organized under
161 0	Chapter 189, Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time to
162 <u>t</u>	time, which is a body politic and corporate and political
163 <u>s</u>	subdivision of the state, to be known as the Boca Raton Airport
164 <i>P</i>	Authority. The purpose of the district is to operate the Boca
165 <u>H</u>	Raton Airport and to exercise such other exercise by the
166 a	authority of the powers conferred upon it by this act, which
167 <u>s</u>	shall $will$ be deemed to be for an essential and proper public
168 p	purpose.
169	Section <u>5.</u> 4. Membership; terms of office; officers;
170 c	quorum; meetings; removal
171	(1) The authority shall consist of seven members. As a
172 c	condition of eligibility for appointment and to hold office,
173 i	five members must reside within the municipality, and two
	Page 7 of 17

174 members must reside within the Greater Boca Raton Reserve Area, 175 as defined in chapter 67-1112, Laws of Florida. Of the five 176 municipal residents, three must reside east of the airport, one 177 must reside west of the airport, and one may reside anywhere in 178 the municipality.

(2) The county commission shall appoint two members, each of whom must reside within the Greater Boca Raton Reserve Area. The city council shall appoint the five members who must reside within the limits of the municipality as specified in subsection (1).

(3) The term of office for each member shall be 2 years.
Each term shall expire on June 1 in the year of expiration of the term. The county members' terms shall expire in odd years and the other members' terms shall expire in even years.

(4) A chair, vice chair, and secretary shall be chosen by and from the authority membership. The term of office for the chair, vice chair, and secretary shall be 1 year, and no member shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms.

(5) A quorum shall consist of four members, but the affirmative vote of not less than four members shall be necessary to take any action except to adjourn.

195 (6) The authority shall meet r<u>egularly, but no fewer than</u> 196 <u>ten times per calendar year, at least once each month at such</u> 197 times and places within the city as shall be determined by the 198 authority.

Page 8 of 17

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

199 Any member may be removed by the commission or council (7) 200 which appointed that member, but only for grounds constituting 201 misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance in office, or upon 202 conviction of any crime. The unexcused failure to attend three 203 consecutive regular meetings of the authority shall be deemed 204 nonfeasance, without limiting the meaning of that term. The 205 board may approve a procedure for determining excused absences, 206 consistent with general law.

(8) Vacancies in office shall be filled by the appropriate appointing entity for the balance of the term. Each appointment to fill a vacancy shall be made from a list of nominees furnished by the entity which nominated the member who held the office. In such cases, the list of nominees shall be filed not later than 30 days after notice of the vacancy has been given to the nominating entity.

214 Section 6.5. Powers and duties. - The authority shall have 215 jurisdiction over the operation and maintenance of and 216 improvements to the Boca Raton Airport. The authority shall have 217 the following specific powers and duties, all of which shall be 218 exercised in compliance with general law, and shall be consistent with local, state, and federal law and the City and 219 220 County's goals and objectives and, to the extent applicable, 221 consistent with the location of uses set forth in the definition 222 of facilities:

Page 9 of 17

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

223	(1) To enter into contracts and to sue and be sued in its
224	own name.
225	(2) To acquire <u>all property,</u> real <u>or</u> and personal <u>,</u>
226	tangible or intangible, or any estate or interest therein, upon
227	such terms and conditions as the authority by resolution shall
228	fix and determine property.
229	(3) To solicit business and promote commerce at the
230	airport or any airport facility.
231	(4) To make application for, contract with, receive and
232	accept from any federal, state, or local agency, grants and
233	assistance of any kind for, or in aid of, the construction,
234	improvement or operation of any facility and operation of the
235	authority; and to receive and accept contributions from any
236	source of either money, property, labor, or other things of
237	value for any lawful purpose.
238	(5) To select and appoint airport counsel, who shall serve
239	at the pleasure of and be responsible to the Board.
240	(6) To select and appoint agents and consultants,
241	including without limitation, surveyors, contractors, engineers,
242	planners, designers, auditors, and architects, who shall work
243	under the supervision of the airport manager, and to fix their
244	compensation.
245	(7) To employ and appoint personnel to provide security,
246	fire suppression, and enforcement services.

Page 10 of 17

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

2.47 To develop a written investment plan, and to invest (8) 248 and reinvest surplus public funds in the authority's possession 249 and control. 250 (9) (3) Consistent with the regulations of the FAA, to let 251 or lease the airport or any portion of the airport, including 252 the buildings and hangars thereon; to let or lease any facility 253 within the authority's control; to fix the rate of any lease or 254 sublease of any portion of the airport or facility; τ and to 255 grant concessions upon such terms and conditions as it shall 256 deem proper. 257 (10) To make or cause to be made such surveys, 258 investigations, studies, borings, maps, plans, drawings, and 259 estimates of cost and revenues as it may deem necessary; and 260 may prepare and adopt a plan or plans, for the location, 261 construction, and development of any facility. 262 (11) (4) To employ necessary personnel, including an 263 airport manager, whose duties and salaries shall be prescribed 264 by the authority. 265 (12) (12) (5) To accept revenues from the operation of the 266 airport and to accept gifts, grants, and other revenues; but the 267 authority shall not have the power to levy or collect ad valorem 268 taxes. 269 (13) (6) To prepare and adopt a budget annually, and to 270 amend it during the fiscal year.

Page 11 of 17

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

271 To adopt by-laws that shall, at a minimum, govern the (14)272 procedures for the conduct of the authority's meetings. 273 (15) To prepare and adopt annual financial reports, and 274 financial audit reports. 275 (16) (16) (7) To adopt rules for the regulation of its affairs 276 and the conduct of its business, and rules for the operation of 277 the airport and aircraft, including, but not limited to, safety 278 and noise abatement rules, and to enforce and administer all 279 such rules. 280 (17) (8) To adopt and alter an official seal. 281 (18) (9) To maintain an office within the city. 282 (19) (10) To construct; acquire through purchase and sale, 283 lease, grant, gift, devise, exchange, or transfer of any kind; -284 reconstruct, improve, equip, repair, maintain, establish, extend, alter, expand, develop, and operate any facility the 285 286 airport and such buildings, structures, roads, alleyways, and 287 any other development of land as the authority shall determine 288 to be necessary and proper in the performance of the duties and 289 purposes of this act, within the boundaries of the -airport. 290 To borrow money, incur debt, and issue bonds, notes (20) including bond anticipation notes, certificates, or any other 291 292 instruments of indebtedness that promotes, enhances, or 293 otherwise furthers the purposes of the authority, including, but 294 not limited to, financing the cost of any facility, capitalizing 295 interest, funding any reserves, refunding or refinancing any

Page 12 of 17

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

296 existing indebtedness, and paying costs and expenses associated 297 with such indebtedness. Any such indebtedness may be secured by 298 any revenue source or in any manner. Bonds shall be approved by 299 resolution. 300 (21) To fix, regulate, and collect rates, fees, and 301 charges for the services and facilities furnished by any 302 facility under its control; to establish, limit, and control the 303 use of any facility as may be deemed necessary to ensure its 304 proper operation, and to adopt rules, regulations, and minimum 305 standards to impose such limits or controls; and to impose 306 sanctions to promote and enforce compliance with any rule or 307 regulation which the authority may adopt in the regulation of 308 the facilities under its control. 309 (22) To provide for the manual execution of any instrument 310 on behalf of the authority by the signature of the chairperson 311 or vice chairperson of the authority and attested by the 312 secretary-treasurer or, if delegated by the members to do so, 313 the executive director or any other authority personnel to whom 314 authority has been delegated, or by their facsimile signature in accordance with the Uniform Facsimile Signature of Public 315 316 Officials Act. 317 (23) Maintain a website and post thereon such notices, 318 reports, and information as the authority is either required to 319 or deems appropriate to post.

Page 13 of 17

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

2023

320	(24) To engage in public private partnerships, pursuant to
321	<u>s. 255.065, Florida Statutes, as may be amended, as well as</u>
322	interlocal agreements, pursuant to s. 163.01, Florida Statutes,
323	as may be amended, and other such joint partnerships.
324	(25) To take all such acts and exercise all such powers
325	required of independent special districts for compliance with
326	chapter 189, Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time to
327	time.
328	(11) To issue revenue bonds or refunding bonds of the
329	authority to pay the cost of such acquisition, construction,
330	reconstruction, improvement, or equipment.
331	(12) To fix and revise from time to time and to collect
332	rates, fees, and other charges for the use of or for the
333	services and facilities furnished by or at the airport.
334	(13) To do all acts and things necessary or convenient to
335	carry out the purposes of the authority.
336	Section 7.6. Attendance fee Compensation and travel
337	expensesThe members shall receive no salary or other
338	compensation for their services as members of the authority
339	except a fee of $\frac{$250}{$100}$ for attending each regular monthly
340	meeting of the authority. <u>Such fee</u> Compensation of members shall
341	be limited to $\frac{\$3,000}{\$1,200}$ per member per annum. The authority
342	shall also have authority to pay reasonable costs and expenses
343	necessarily incurred by the members in performance of their

Page 14 of 17

344 duties. The rate for travel expenses shall not exceed the rate 345 for state employees.

346 Section 8.7. Budget.-The authority shall during each 347 fiscal year prepare and adopt an annual budget for such revenue 348 and expense accounts as the authority shall prescribe for its 349 operations in the ensuing fiscal year. The fiscal year of the 350 authority shall be the same as that of the city. The budget 351 shall include all estimated revenues and all estimated 352 expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year. The budget may be 353 amended throughout the fiscal year by resolution of the 354 authority.

355 Section 9.8. Airport manager. - The authority shall employ 356 an aviation-experienced airport manager, who may be referred to 357 as the executive director at the authority's discretion, to 358 administer all airport operations and to supervise all airport 359 projects. The decision to employ or terminate the employment of 360 the airport manager shall require the two-thirds four-fifths 361 vote of the members of the authority with at least one majority 362 vote made by a county appointee. The members shall not interfere 363 with the day-to-day administration of the airport by the airport 364 manager or with staff and consultants who are subject to the 365 airport manager's supervision.

366 Section <u>10.9.</u> Relationship between the authority, city, 367 county, and state.—The authority shall have the power and 368 responsibility to operate the airport in a manner consistent

Page 15 of 17

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

369 with applicable federal and state law and the objectives of the 370 county and the city. The authority shall comply with appropriate 371 police powers of the county or of the city respecting the operation and development of an airport. Applicable building 372 373 codes of the city shall apply to all construction upon the 374 airport, except to the extent that different state or federal 375 requirements are expressly applicable, and except to the extent 376 that the authority or the airport has been made exempt from any 377 requirement of the city by state or federal law. To the extent 378 not inconsistent with general law, all construction upon the airport shall be subject to inspection by the city on behalf of 379 380 the state, and the city inspectors may ensure insure compliance 381 with applicable state regulations for such construction in 382 addition to applicable city regulations.

383 Section 11.10. Title to airport land.-The title to the 384 land comprising the Boca Raton Airport, as set forth in section 385 2, shall continue to be vested in the authority. The Board of 386 Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the state 387 shall take all actions necessary to transfer title of the land 388 within the boundaries of the Boca Raton Airport to the 389 authority. The airport is leased to the authority by the Board 390 of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund. Nothing in 391 this act shall be construed to impair the obligations of any 392 agreement between the state or any of its agencies and the fixed

Page 16 of 17

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

2023

393	base operator of the airport entered into as of effective date
394	of this act.
395	Section <u>12.11.</u> Liabilities.—The authority shall be liable
396	for its obligations and for damages caused by the negligent acts
397	or omissions of the authority. The authority shall be deemed to
398	be an agency of the state for the purposes of section 768.28,
399	Florida Statutes.
400	Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Page 17 of 17