



**NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD**  
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In the Matter of the  
REPRESENTATION OF  
EMPLOYEES  
of  
AIRTRAN AIRWAYS  
Fleet & Passenger Service  
Employees

38 NMB No. 36  
CASE NO. R-7270  
CERTIFICATION  
March 29, 2011

The services of the National Mediation Board (Board) were invoked by the International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers (IAM) on December 3, 2010, to investigate and determine who may represent for the purposes of the Railway Labor Act (RLA), as provided by Section 2, Ninth, thereof, personnel described as "Fleet & Passenger Service Employees," employees of AirTran Airways (Carrier).

At the time this application was received, these employees were unrepresented.

The Board assigned Investigator Eileen M. Hennessey to investigate.

FINDINGS

The investigation disclosed that a dispute existed among the craft or class of Fleet & Passenger Service Employees, and by direction of the Board, the Investigator was instructed to conduct an election to determine the employees' representation choice.

The following is the result of the election as reported by Investigator Hennessey.

<u>Election Results for Fleet &amp; Passenger Service Employees</u>	
Eligible Employees	2,904
IAM	978
Other	16
Void	6
“No” Votes	870

The Board further finds that: the Carrier and employees in this case are, respectively, a Carrier and employees within the meaning of the RLA, as amended; this Board has jurisdiction over the dispute involved herein; and the interested parties, as well as the Carrier, were given due notice of the Board's investigation.

#### CERTIFICATION

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with Section 2, Ninth, of the RLA, as amended, and based upon its investigation pursuant thereto, the Board certifies that the International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers has been duly designated and authorized to represent for the purposes of the RLA, as amended, the craft or class of Fleet & Passenger Service Employees, employees of AirTran Airways, its successors and assigns.

By direction of the NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD.



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