

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 14A**

Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities  
Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. )

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Preliminary Proxy Statement

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Definitive Proxy Statement

Definitive Additional Materials

Soliciting Material Pursuant to §240.14a-12

**Continental Airlines, Inc.**

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(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials**

**CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.**



CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.  
1600 SMITH ST.  
15TH FL. HQBEG  
HOUSTON, TX 77002

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**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual Stockholders Meeting  
**For holders as of:** 04/15/09  
**Date:** 06/10/09 **Time:** 10:00 a.m., CDT  
**Location:** The Hyatt Regency  
1200 Louisiana Street  
Houston, TX 77002

Meeting Directions: Call (713) 654-1234 for directions

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in Continental Airlines, Inc.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. **This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet.** You may view the proxy materials online at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or request a paper copy (see reverse side).

**We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.**

**See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.**

## — Before You Vote —

### How to Access the Proxy Materials

**Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:**

Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement and Annual Report to Stockholders

**How to View Online:**

Have the 12-Digit Control Number available (located on the following page) and visit: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

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- 1) **BY INTERNET:** [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)
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- 3) **BY E-MAIL\*:** [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com)

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## — How To Vote —

### Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote By Internet:** To vote now by Internet, go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). Have the 12-Digit Control Number available and follow the instructions.

**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

**Vote In Person:** Please check the proxy statement for directions to the meeting and instructions for voting the shares at the meeting. If you are not the record holder of the shares, you must obtain a legal proxy from the record holder to vote the shares at the meeting.

**Voting Items**

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE "FOR" THE ELECTION OF THE DIRECTORS NAMED BELOW.**

1. Election of Directors

**Nominees:**

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 01) Kirbylon H. Caldwell    | 06) Jeffrey A. Smisek     |
| 02) Lawrence W. Kellner     | 07) Karen Hastie Williams |
| 03) Douglas H. McCorkindale | 08) Ronald B. Woodard     |
| 04) Henry L. Meyer III      | 09) Charles A. Yamarone   |
| 05) Oscar Munoz             |                           |

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE "FOR" THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS.**

2. Amendment of the 2004 Employee Stock Purchase Plan
3. Ratification of Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE "AGAINST" THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS.**

4. Stockholder Proposal Related to Discontinuing Stock Option Grants to Senior Executives
5. Stockholder Proposal Related to Reincorporating in North Dakota

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