

**FAYETTEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT
COMMISSION MEETING
HAMILTON CONFERENCE ROOM
Tuesday, April 28, 2026
2:00 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE

Mrs. Judy Dawkins, Mr. Lee Beavers, Mr. Dwight Thompson, Mr. Steve Harper, Ms. Karen Ewart,
Mr. Paul Hinson

ABSENT

Mrs. Liza Hondros, Mr. Robert Van Geons

OTHERS

Mr. Andrew LaGala, A.A.E., Airport Director
Mr. Deontae Watson, Deputy Airport Director
Mr. Jeffrey Yates, Assistant City Manager
Ms. Trinia Wolfe, Senior Administrative Assistant
Harley Abernathy, Parrish & Partners
Joseph Wilbourne, Parrish & Partners
Mr. Jerome Coaxum,
Mrs. Una West Williams, Admin. Assistant
Miss Daria Parker, Marketing Specialist

Mrs. Karen Ewart called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM

ITEM 1: Consider approval of the Agenda

Ms. Ewart asked for a motion to approve the agenda.
Mr. Beavers made a motion to approve agenda.
Mr. Harper seconded the motion.

ACTION: The motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM 2: Consider approval of the minutes of the meeting held February 24, 2026

Ms. Ewart asked for a motion to approve the minutes.
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes.
Mr. Beavers seconded the motion.

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 3: Director's Report

Mr. LaGala's Industry Updates were as follows:

- Partial government shutdown effective Jan. 31 and again on Feb. 13, 2026 through end of March, potentially occur again in May
- For FAY
 - FAA ATCT – No operational impacts
 - TSA missed partial and full paychecks
 - TSA working, FAY did not experience operational impacts
 - TSA staff worked with no screening delays
- Airport team and Concessionaire implemented our cupboard program to assist employees impacted.
- Spring break travel – Fay flights are full and parking numbers are increasing. Rental cars are prepared for the expected increased demand

Airport update

- American and Delta lease agreements approved by Council
 - Mailed out for signatures
- Signature Flight Support Amendment draft completed – legal review
- PWC Solar Farm discussion
- SNC lease renewal effective July – last two-year option
- ABC liquor sales extended hours – Commission recommendation
 - Airport Commission moved to extend ABC liquor sales extended hours.

Mr. Harper made a motion to extend hours.

Mrs. Dawkins seconded the motion.

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

Air Service Development

The federal government has required ORD to reduce the number of flights per day this summer to 2,708. This week, American and United started to reduce capacity in May in 81 domestic markets.

- SCASDP Grant NOFO released
 - FAY is pursuing \$750,000 competitive grant
 - Ailevon working on package submittal
- Director LaGala met with a FL airport regarding ULCC opportunities
- TDA approved \$194,100 for airline incentives
- CCBOC approved \$400,000 for airline incentives

Operational Updates

- FAA Airport Annual Table-top exercise - March 6, 2026
- FAA RSAT Meeting – March 21, 2026
- TSA Pre-check enrollment
- Taxiway F and G rehabilitation
- North GA ramp rehabilitation and expansions

- Rental Car QTA
- Lift Station upgrades

Airline Departures Update - April

- Airline Departures Update - March
 - American – six daily; Delta – four daily; Sun Country Charter – two per month

Marketing Report

Social Media Statistics: Q1 2025 vs. 2026 Insights

Miss. Daria Parker gave the marketing updates. Social media statistics have played a significant role in the growth of FAY and in the marketing efforts we present to our community.

The restructure of our content strategy has contributed to the positive increases reflected in our insights. We now align our messaging with the three pillars that represent the FAY brand and support the City of Fayetteville's mission:

- Community Engagement & Local Pride
- Passenger Education & Travel Preparedness
- Operational Transparency & Accessibility

FAY Marketing Efforts for Q2 2026

- Launch the “Why YOU Should #FlyFAY” campaign featuring real passengers sharing their personal reasons for choosing FAY.
- Continue producing behind-the-scenes content that highlights the work FAY team members do to support daily airport operations.
- Expand informative video content to educate travelers and enhance understanding of the airport experience.
- Strengthen community outreach through airport tours, school career fairs, and local engagement opportunities.

ITEM 4: Commission Members Concerns

There were no concerns from Airport commission members.

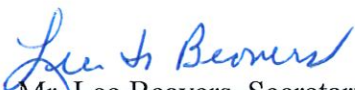
ITEM 5: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Airport Commission will be Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 2:00 P.M., Hamilton Conference Room.

Ms. Ewart asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Beavers made a motion to approve the change.

Mr. Thompson seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 P.M.



Mr. Lee Beavers, Secretary

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