

**FAYETTEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT
COMMISSION MEETING
HAMILTON CONFERENCE ROOM
Tuesday, November 18, 2025
2:00 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE

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

ABSENT

Mrs. Liza Hondros

OTHERS

Mr. Andrew LaGala, A.A.E., Airport Director
Mr. Deontae Watson, Deputy Airport Director
Ms. Trinia Wolfe, Senior Administrative Assistant
Miss. Daria Parker, Marketing Specialist
Mrs. Una West, Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Iesha (McLaurin) Webster, Signature Aviation

Ms. Karen Ewart called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM

ITEM 1: Consider approval of the Agenda

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

ACTION: The motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM 2: Consider approval of the minutes of the meeting held October 28, 2025

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

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 3: Director's Report

Mr. LaGala's Industry and Airline Updates were as follows:

- Government Shutdown flight restrictions lifted November 11th
 - Flight impacts FAY were one flight cnx daily from both carriers
 - Less pax were observed on remaining flights
 - Parking numbers were impacted over the last month
- Regional Airlines update
 - Uneven recovery
 - Regional Airports missing 1 in 5 flights, but mainline is up 30%
 - Pilots continue moving to mainline and ULCC's
 - Large and medium airports gaining seats and routes
 - Not so much with non-hubs
- State of the wider market and current challenges
 - ORD largest gain in seats and Las Vegas was most reduced
 - Annual yields and loads have been declining causing reduced capacity
 - Domestic capacity growth slowed considerably in third quarter
 - Looking at 8-9% seat reduction over the winter
- Take-Off 2025 – Network Planning Meeting
- American Airlines
 - Continue to maintain 6x-7x pattern
 - Oct loads a bit low and Nov. bookings are below CLT average (likely driven by govt. shutdown)
 - Some weakness in advanced bookings
 - AA pleased with general performance
 - Liked our business case for ORD, planner will do some analysis
 - Interested in MRG
- Delta Air Lines
 - Pleased with Summer 2025 performance with load factors in the 80s
 - Oct loads little lower than average (likely driven by govt. shutdown)
 - Some weakness in advanced bookings
 - 4x pattern going forward with a mix of CR7/CR9
 - Additional economic development could lead to increased frequency
- ULCC Meeting Updates and Discussion

Mr. Watson gave Operational Updates for Taxiway Foxtrot & Golf Rehab (Project Schedule: November 2025 to March 2027 (estimated)).

- Engineers & Sub-Consultant gained airfield access credentials
- Pavement core sampling and destructive testing has started
- Project is pushing forward with no delays

Airline Departures Update –November: American-six daily; Delta-four daily; and Sun Country Charter-two per month.

Miss. Daria Parker gave the Marketing Report. She stated that despite the challenges of the month's government shutdown, FAY maintained strong growth on social media, resulting in the continued progress toward meeting the Airport's engagement goals with the audience.

In honor of National Aviation History Month and Veteran's Day, the Airport gave honor and thanks to all who served.

Ms. Parker also briefed Commission on FAY and & American Airlines hosting the Annual Snowball Express on December 6th, 2025.

ITEM 4: Commission Members Concerns

Mrs. Dawkins commended the Airport's Custodial staff on the cleanliness of the airport.

Commission moved to cancel December 2025 meeting, due to the Christmas Holiday.

ITEM 5: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Airport Commission will be Tuesday, December 30, 2025 at 2:00 P.M., Hamilton Conference Room.

Ms. Ewart asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the change.

Mr. Beavers seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 P.M.


Mr. Lee Beavers, Secretary

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