



# City of Corpus Christi

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Airport Board

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Wednesday, October 2, 2024

3:30 PM

Airport Board Room  
1000 International Blvd. C.C., TX. 78406

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#### A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hicks at 3:30 p.m.

#### B. Roll Call

**Present:** 8 - Kusumakar Sooda, Jeremy Taylor, Randall Hicks, Rey Saenz, Ricardo Talavera, Travis Patterson, Board Member John LaRue, and Kristen Martinez

**Absent:** 4 - Rosie Collin, Brett Oetting, Mike Culbertson, and Kimberly Barrientos

#### C. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

#### D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

1. [24-1428](#) Approval of the Absences for the August 28th, 2024 Regular Airport Board Meeting

**Attachments:** [2024 AIRPORT BOARD ATTENDANCE](#)

Board Member LaRue moved to excuse Board Member Collin and Board Member Barrientos for their absence at the August Airport Board meeting. Board Member Saenz seconded and the motion carried.

2. [24-1620](#) Approval of the Minutes for the August 28th, 2024 Regular Airport Board Meeting

**Attachments:** [08282024 - August Regular Airport Board Meeting Minutes - Unpublished](#)

Board Member Patterson moved to approve the minutes for the August 28th, 2024 Regular Airport Board meeting as written. Board Member Saenz seconded and the motion carried.

**E. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action**

3. [24-1622](#) United States Coast Guard Overview - Presentation by Captain Charles Wilson

Captains Charlie Wilson and Torrey Bertheau gave a brief overview of the Coast Guard's responsibilities during their presentation. Captain Wilson mentioned that tours of the Coast Guard facility have been scheduled and expressed his anticipation of welcoming Board Members to the facility.

4. [24-1623](#) Wings of Texas Introduction

Thomas Cronnon, Executive Director for Wings of Texas, a non-profit organization, expressed his gratitude to the CCIA Staff for their support and assistance at the Run the Runway event held on September 28, 2024. Mr. Cronnon reported that 715 people registered for the race, with approximately 675 participants present. The event raised \$60,000, and following the race, HEB pledged an additional \$18,000 for adaptive equipment, bringing the total funds raised for Wings of Texas to \$78,000. Mr. Cronnon also provided an overview of his organization's mission and how they support individuals with disabilities.

7. [24-1634](#) Update on FDL-Stonewater Lease Agreement

**Attachments:** [10022024 - FDL-Stonewater, LLC Lease Amendment](#)

Director Smith reminded the Board that they had recommended approval of the second amendment to the ground lease between the City and FDL-CC, LLC to the City Council. He advised that the City leadership reviewed the second amendment and asked CCIA staff to further investigate the rationale for the amendment and explore alternative options. He assured the Board that he would keep them updated.

**F. Staff Reports**

8. [24-1626](#) Staff Announcements

**Attachments:** [10022024 - Staff Announcements](#)

Director Smith informed the Board that Cameron Valverde, Accountant II - Grants, had resigned from the City. Additionally, he reported that Irene Segovia had been promoted to Sr. Management Assistant. Director Smith also announced that Jeremy Valgardson had been selected as the new Assistant Director of Operations & Maintenance and had accepted the position. Mr. Valgardson has an extensive background in aviation and will commence his role with the City on November 4, 2024.

9. [24-1627](#) Airport Conferences Update

**Attachments:** [1022024 - Airport Conferences Update](#)

Director Smith reported to the Board that he and Assistant Director Miller attended the National Airport Conference in Hollywood, FL on September 22-24, 2024. He also reported that Marketing and Air Service Development Manager Guzman attended the CMT Connections Conference in Grand Junction, CO on September 24-26, 2024. Discussion was heard on this item.

10. [24-1628](#) Monthly Air Service Report

**Attachments:** [10022024 - Monthly Air Service Report](#)

Director Smith informed the Board that the launch of Aerus Airlines at the Airport will be delayed. The new launch date is March 1, 2025. Marketing and Air Service Development Manager Guzman reported that Airport Staff had a meeting with United Airlines and Intervistas on September 10, 2024, to discuss a direct flight to Denver, CO. Director Smith also provided a report on the monthly air service activity for August 2024. There was a discussion on these matters.

11. [24-1629](#) Financial Report and CPE Update

**Attachments:** [10022024 - Financial Report & CPE Update](#)

Assistant Director Miller reported to the Board Members on the finances for the month of August 2024. Director Smith reviewed the CPE data with the Board. Discussion was heard on these item.

12. [24-1630](#) Capital Planning Report

**Attachments:** [10022024 - Capital Planning Report](#)

Director Smith reported to the Board Members on the Airport's on-going projects. Discussion was heard on this item.

14. [24-1632](#) Marketing Report

**Attachments:** [10022024 - Marketing Report](#)

Lacey Guzman, Marketing and Air Service Development Manager, reported on the Airport's marketing efforts regarding social media activity, FlyMyAirport reports, website analytics, and events. Discussion was heard on this item.

**G. Future Agenda Items**

No items were presented for the future agenda.

**H. Adjournment**

As there was no further business, Chairman Hicks adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.