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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Airport Board

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

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.

B. Roll Call

Present: 11 - Jeremy Taylor, Randall Hicks, Ricardo Talavera, Mike Culbertson, Vice Chair John LaRue, Kristen Martinez, Travis Patterson, Sara Azali, Jesse Noyola, Brook Kaufman, and Mark Almaguer

Absent: 1 - Kimberly Barrientos

C. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

1. [25-1519](#) Approval of the Minutes for the August 27th, 2025 Regular Airport Board Meeting

Attachments: [08272025 - August Regular Airport Board Meeting Minutes - Unpublished](#)

First Vice-Chairman LaRue moved to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2025 Airport Board meeting as written, seconded by Board Member Noyola. The motion carried.

2. [25-1520](#) Approval of the Absences for the August 27th, 2025 Regular Airport Board Meeting

Attachments: [2025 BOARD ATTENDANCE RECORD](#)

Chairman Hicks moved to approve the absence of Board Member Azali, while also

moving to deny approval of Board Member Barrientes' absence, seconded by Board Member Patterson. The motion carried.

E. Staff Reports

3. [25-1521](#) Director Report

Interim Director Valgardson informed the Board that the City has appointed a new Airport Director. Richard McCurley has been hired for this role. Currently, Mr. McCurley is employed at the Albuquerque International Airport, and his first day in the new position will be October 6, 2025. Chairman Hicks expressed gratitude to Interim Director Valgardson for his dedication and for temporarily taking on the responsibilities of the Director.

4. [25-1522](#) Airport Conferences Update

Attachments: [09242025 - Airport Conferences Update](#)

Interim Director Valgardson reported that he participated in the Coastal Bend to DC Advocacy Trip alongside other city representatives. During this trip, he met with several government offices to advocate for key funding bills, including the FY26 Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration Funding Bill, the FY26 Department of Homeland Security/Transportation Security Administration/Customs and Border Patrol Funding Bill, the Firefighting Foam Transition initiative, and the Airport Traffic Control Modernization project. A discussion was held regarding these topics.

Marketing and ASD Manager Guzman informed the group that she attended the CMT Connections Conference in Manchester, New Hampshire. The primary goal of the conference was to create a unique and effective environment for airports to network directly with airline representatives. A discussion followed on this matter.

5. [25-1523](#) Monthly Air Service Report

Attachments: [09242025 - Monthly Air Service Report](#)

Interim Director Valgardson reviewed the corrected report for July 2025 and confirmed that the load factors were accurate. He also reported on the monthly air service activity for August 2025. Discussion was heard on this matter.

6. [25-1524](#) Financial Report

Attachments: [09242025 - Financial Report](#)

Assistant Director Miller provided a financial report for August 2025. Board Member Talavera inquired whether Nueces Brewing is making a profit operating at the airport. Assistant Director Miller responded that she would request the financial information and present it to the Board next month. Discussion was heard on this item.

7. [25-1525](#) Capital Improvement Report

Interim Director Valgardson provided an update on the ongoing projects at the airport. Discussion was heard on this item.

8. [25-1526](#) Department Report

Attachments: [09242025 - Public Safety Department Report](#)

Chief Hyland presented the Public Safety Department Report to the Airport Board. He reported on the number of Public Safety Officers, existing vacancies, the call response matrix, and emergency calls. Discussion was heard on this item.

9. [25-1527](#) Marketing Report

Attachments: [09242025 - Marketing Report](#)

Marketing and ASD Manager Guzman presented the Marketing Report to the Airport Board. She reviewed the marketing strategies employed by Frontier, Visit Corpus Christi, and CCIA to promote Frontier's new non-stop flight to Denver. Ms. Guzman announced that the inaugural flight is scheduled for October 9, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. Additionally, she noted that CCIA would host an event that same day at 6:30 p.m., with an email invitation to be sent to all Airport Board members. Ms. Guzman also reminded the Board that the Run the Runway event is scheduled for September 27th.

F. Future Agenda Items

No items were presented for the future agenda.

G. Adjournment

As there was no further business, Chairman Hicks adjourned the meeting at 4:19 p.m.