

Augusta Aviation Commission Meeting Minutes

July 30, 2026

10:00 a.m.

**Orwen Aviation Commission Chambers
2nd Floor - Terminal Building**

Commission Members: Commissioner Ronic West; Commissioner Michael Cioffi;
Commissioner Randy Sasser; Commissioner Larry Harris;
Commissioner William Fennoy; Commissioner Kay Roland;
Commissioner James Germany; Commissioner Dan Troutman;
Commissioner Wilbert Barrett

Absent: Commissioner Charles Larke; Commissioner Davis Beman;
Commissioner Marshall McKnight

Staff: Mr. Herbert L. Judon, Jr.; Ms. Lauren Smith;
Mr. Robert Kerr – Staff Attorney; Mr. Kenneth Hinkle;
Ms. Diane Johnston; Mr. Chris Valentine; Ms. Catherine Highsmith;
Mr. Tyler Good; Mr. Bruce Keller; Mr. DeAndre Davis;
Chief Beal; Chief Shaver; Mr. Stephen Hedden; Capt. Tindell;
Ms. Jennifer Humphrey

Others: Mr. Lonnie Wimberly – Augusta Richmond County Commissioner;
Ms. Debbie Dent, Mr. Edwin Scott & Mr. Clay Jessie – Mead & Hunt;
Mr. Robbie Moore – Blanchar & Calhoun Insurance;
Ms. Pamela Davison – Bravo Air

CALL TO ORDER & PRAYER – *Chair Commissioner Ronic West called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and Commissioner Barrett offered prayer.*

I. AGENDA, MINUTES, STATISTICS, & CONSENT – Chairwoman Ronic West
Commissioner Fennoy – Point of Personal Privilege: Congratulate Ms. Ronic West for receiving her honorary Doctorate degree with Global International Alliance this coming Saturday, August 1, 2026.

- A. July 30, 2026, Augusta Aviation Commission Meeting Agenda
- B. June 25, 2026, Augusta Aviation Commission Meeting Minutes

C. June 2026 Statistics

D. Consent Items

1. Director Action Requests – V. A – F (Approved in Augusta Aviation Marketing & Construction Committee Meetings)

Motion by Commissioner Troutman 2nd by Commissioner Fennoy to approve Consent Items A-D.

No Discussion; Unanimous Ayes; Motion Carries

II. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – Herbert L. Judon, Jr.

- A. Amos Whigham, Jr. – Groundskeeper – 10 years of service – Mr. Ken Hinkle
- B. Tyler Good – Airport Operations Manager – 10 years of service – Mr. Ken Hinkle
- C. Herbert L. Judon, Jr. – Executive Director – 10 years of service – Ms. West
- D. Christopher Valentine – ARFF Driver Operator/Sgt. – 10 years of service – Chief Beal

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Fennoy – Point of Personal Privilege: Thank ARC Commissioner Lonnie Wimberly for attending AAC Commission Meeting.

- A. Marketing Committee Report – Commissioner Michael Cioffi

5 Sponsorship Requests in the amount of \$4,500 were approved; the sponsorship fund is out of funds, funds from the Marketing budget were used to cover this month's requests and will be used for August & September requests.

- B. Personnel Committee Report – Commissioner Kay Roland

Executive Session was held during this meeting with a motion to go forward with the recommendation to include the recommended salary in the 2027 budget.

- C. Construction Committee Report – Commissioner Dan Troutman

Gave detailed accounting of all items approved in the committee meeting.

IV. FINANCIALS – Mr. Stephen Hedden

- A. June Financials

Motion by Commissioner Barrett 2nd by Commissioner Germany to accept June Financial Report

No Discussion; Unanimous Ayes; Motion Carries

V. DIRECTOR ACTION REQUESTS

- A. Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) – Sponsorship Request Evaluations – Lauren Smith

- i. The Augusta Technical College Foundation/ *Leadership Awards Gala*

- ii. Friends of North Augusta Animals/ *Rock for Rescues 2026*

- iii. Cumbee Center/ *Whiskey Road Race*

- iv. YMCA of Greater Augusta/ *Augusta Duck Dash*

- v. Richmond County Marshal's Office Charitable Fund/ *RCMO Fund Golf Tournament*

- B. Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) – Design Long term Parking Lot A Expansion – Work Authorization #26 – Elizabeth Giles

- C. Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) – Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) Vehicle/Apparatus Procurement Recommendation of Award (ROA) #26-268 – Elizabeth Giles

- D. Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) – Aircraft Rescue & Firefighting (ARFF) Vehicle/Apparatus Contract – Elizabeth Giles

- E. Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) – Reconstruct Taxiway F – Final Balancing Change Order #3 – Elizabeth Giles
- F. Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) – FAA Grant Acceptance: AIP Grant No. 3-13-0011-062-2026 (#62) & AIP Grant No. 3-13-0011-063-2026 (#63) – Elizabeth Giles
- G. Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) – Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Airport Insurance Renewal – Tyler Good
Motion by Commissioner Troutman 2nd by Commissioner Fennoy to approve Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Airport Insurance Renewal
Discussion; Unanimous Ayes; Motion Carries

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held for this meeting.

VII. COMMISSION COMMENTS / ACTION REQUESTS

- A. The 2026 Airports Council International – North America (ACI-NA) Annual Conference & Exhibition will take place in Philadelphia, PA from September 14 to 17, 2026. The multiday aviation event will be at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. – Herbert L. Judon, Jr.
<https://airportscouncil.org/conference/2026-annual-conference-and-exhibition/>
Motion by Commissioner Sasser 2nd by Commissioner Germany to approve travel request for Commissioner Fennoy to attend 2026 ACI Conference.
No Discussion; Unanimous Ayes; Motion Carries
- B. Georgia Airports Association (GAA) Annual Conference in Savannah, Georgia, October 7 – 9, 2026. – Lauren Smith
Motion by Commissioner Sasser 2nd by Commissioner Fennoy for the following commissioners to attend the GAA Annual Conference: Cioffi, Fennoy, Germany, Sasser, Roland, Harris
- C. Formal Voting System for the Augusta Aviation Commission – Commissioner West & Commissioner Germany
Item presented by Ms. Lauren Smith and Mr. Korey Anderson, discussion, no action taken.
- D. Ordinance Update Workshop # 5 Proposed Dates: Tuesday August 18, 2026, 1-3pm or Monday August 24, 2026, 8:30 – 10:30
Commissioners in attendance voted to schedule the next workshop on August 24, 2026, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Fennoy & Cioffi are unable to attend in August.

Commissioner Troutman left the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

ADJOURN MEETING

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Barrett 2nd by Commissioner Sasser
No Discussion; Unanimous Ayes; Motion Carries

Meeting Adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Ronic West, Chairwoman
Augusta Aviation Commission

Date