

AIRPORT COMMISSION

MINUTES

**Wednesday July 2, 2025
In Person and Via Teleconference**

In Person: Chairperson Hamm-Niebruegge, Mr. Bales, Mr. Cantwell, Judge Clarke (Ret), Alderman Cohn, Comptroller Baringer, Mr. Kling, Dr. Moore and Ms. Ratcliffe

Via Conference: Mr. Bowman, Ms. Fowler, President Green, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. King, Mr. Lents, and Ms. Osborn

Members Absent: Mr. Fitzgerald

Airport Staff: Mr. Beckmann, Ms. Bolden, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Jones, Mr. Kulinsky, Mr. Lotz, Ms. Lyles-Wiggins, Mr. Meyer, Chief Richenberger, Ms. Ruth, Mr. Salarano and Mr. Strong

Legal Staff: Mr. Chavarria, Mr. Henderson and Ms. Yoffie

The meeting was called to order at 2:04pm

1. MINUTES

- A. Approval was requested for the Minutes of the June 4, 2025, Regular Airport Commission Meeting.

A motion for approval was made by Dr. Moore and seconded by Ms. Ratcliffe. There being no discussion, a voice vote was taken and the motion was carried unanimously.

- B. Approval was requested for the Minutes of the June 4, 2025 Closed Session Airport Commission Meeting.

A motion for approval was made by Mr. Bales and seconded by Judge Clarke (Ret). There being no discussion, a voice vote was taken and the motion was carried unanimously.

2. OPERATIONS

- A. Approval was requested for an Agreement with Neumayer Equipment Company to provide Fuel Systems Maintenance Services for the Airport. The Agreement will begin

August 1, 2025 and will end on July 31, 2028. The Contract Not-To-Exceed amount will be \$420,000.00.

A motion for approval was made by Ms. Ratcliffe and seconded by Mr. Cantwell. Mr. Kulinsky presented the item. There being no questions, a voice vote was taken and the motion was carried unanimously.

3. PROPERTIES

- A. Approval was requested for a Third Amendment to the Cargo Lease Agreement with Federal Express Corporation (FedEx). This Third Amendment increases the rent and extends the term of the original Lease Agreement to now end on June 30, 2027.

A motion for approval was made by Alderman Cohn and seconded by Mr. Kling. Mr. Salarano presented the item. Mr. Lents asked how the rates charged under this agreement compare to other rental rates at the Airport. Mr. Salarano explained that the airport sets cargo facility rents based on a number of factors, including the condition of facilities, airfield access, and proximity to highway access. There being no more questions, a voice vote was taken and the motion was carried unanimously.

- B. Approval was requested for a Ground Handling Permit with Foxtrot Aviation Services, LLC (AL-440). The term of this Permit is for three (3) years. The Permit will begin on July 1, 2025 and end on June 30, 2028. Either party may terminate upon thirty (30) days' notice without cause.

A motion for approval was made by Alderman Cohn and seconded by Dr. Moore. Mr. Salarano presented the item. There being no questions, a voice vote was taken and the motion was carried unanimously.

- C. Approval is requested for an Airline Operating Agreement and Terminal Building Space Permit with Southern Airways Express, LLC (AL-449). The term of this Agreement and Permit is for two (2) years, beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2027. Either party may terminate upon thirty (30) days' notice without clause.

A motion for approval was made by Alderman Cohn and seconded by Mr. Kling. Mr. Salarano presented the item. Ms. Ratcliffe asked whether Southern was a new market entrant. Chairperson Hamm-Niebruegge explained that Southern was a signatory airline under the old AUA, but had decided to go as a non-signatory, and they needed to sign a non-signatory Airline Operating Agreement in order to continue operating at the Airport. She also clarified that Southern is operating under their own name and were not an affiliate of any other Airline. Alderman Cohn asked what made Southern an essential air carrier. Chairperson Hamm-Niebruegge answered that the FAA certifies certain small markets as essential based on federal criteria and subsidizes service to and from those airports to larger airports. Southern serves some of those markets from St. Louis. There being no more questions, a voice vote was taken and the motion was carried unanimously.

- D. Approval was requested for an Airline Operating Agreement and Terminal Building Space Permit with Spirit Airlines, LLC (AL-450). The term of this Agreement and Permit is for two years, beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2027. Either party may

terminate upon thirty (30) days' notice without cause.

A motion for approval was made by Alderman Cohn and seconded by Dr. Moore. There being no questions, a voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

The governor put the \$7 million appropriation for the Airport to demolish the MoANG facility on the reserve list. The Airport remains hopeful that this money will eventually be released. The contract for demolition of the MoANG facility closes on July 15, 2025, and demolition is anticipated to begin in the fall. Commissioner Ratcliffe asked what would happen if those dollars were not released by the state. Chairperson Hamm-Niebruegge explained that the project was already funded by other sources and it will continue to be demolished. However, the grant would allow the Airport to redistribute the money currently allocated to the demolition of the MoANG facility to other projects, reducing the overall amount of borrowing necessary to complete the major capital programs currently underway.

The Airport conducted a tabletop safety exercise to practice coordination between the various airport departments and surrounding communities in case of an emergency at the airport, the exercise was very successful. The close of the fiscal year was June 30th and the new year started on July 1st. Our auditors will begin their annual audit work shortly, likely at the end of September. The City's contracting process is transitioning to a new digital platform, Oracle. The Airport believes that this will make contract execution and archiving much easier, and is thankful to the Comptroller for her work on this issue.

The third amendment to AUA third amendment went into effect yesterday. This amendment added two years to the term of the AUA in order for the Airport to negotiate a new agreement with the Airlines. This week we closed on a revolving loan with PNC, which the airport intends to use to ensure that contractors are paid promptly as they work on the CTP. The Airport anticipates that it will see its busiest day of the year over the 4th of July weekend, while last week we had our second busiest day of the year with 55,000 passengers. We are still down about 4.9% compared to last year, but remain on track to beat the Airport's 2019 enplanement total.

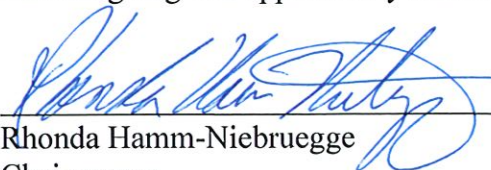
5. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday August 6, 2025

6. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Bales and Alderman Cohn. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:35pm.

The foregoing was approved by the Airport Commission at its Regular Meeting held August 6, 2025.


Rhonda Hamm-Niebruegge
Chairperson