



AIRPORT COMMISSION

MINUTES

**Wednesday, January 7, 2026
Lindbergh Conference Room
In Person and Via Teleconference**

Members Present: Mr. Bales, Comptroller Baringer, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Cantwell, Judge Clarke (Ret.), Chairperson Hamm-Niebruegge, Dr. Moore, Ms. Orwick, Ms. Ratcliffe, and Mr. Schartner

Via Teleconference: Ms. Fowler, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Kling, Mr. Lents, and Mr. Ryan

Members Absent: Alderman Cohn, and President Green

Airport Staff: Ms. Bolden, Mr. Beckmann, Ms. Bruce, Ms. Jones, Mr. Kulinsky, Mr. Lotz, Ms. Lyles-Wiggins, Ms. McGhee, Mr. Moore, Mr. Olson, Mr. Richenberger, Ms. Ruth, Mr. Salarano, and Mr. Strong

Legal Department: Ms. Yoffie, Mr. Chavarria, Mr. Henderson, and Mr. Brito

The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm.

1. INTRODUCTION

Chairperson Hamm-Niebruegge introduced the newest Commissioners:

Ms. Beth Orwick, representing Saint Louis County, appointed to replace Ms. Kathleen Osborn. Ms. Orwick currently serves as Chief of Staff to the County Executive.

Mr. Kevin Schartner, representing Saint Louis County, appointed to replace Mr. Sean Fitzgerald. Mr. Schartner is the Solar Operations Manager at Ameren.

2. MINUTES

A. Approval was requested for the minutes of the December 3, 2025 regular Airport Commission meeting.

A motion for approval was made by Ms. Bales and seconded by Dr. Moore. Commissioner Ratcliffe noted that the date in the signature block was incorrect. Chairperson Hamm-Niebruegge directed that the error be corrected.

With that correction and there being no further questions, a voice vote was taken and the motion was carried unanimously.

3. OPERATIONS

A. Approval was requested an Agreement with Tech Electronics, Inc. for life safety and security systems services. The term of this Agreement is for three (3) years. The term will begin on February 1, 2026 and will end on January 31, 2029. The Not-To-Exceed amount will be \$11,912,033.95.

A motion for approval was made by Ms. Ratcliffe and seconded by Mr. Bales. Mr. Kulinsky presented the item. Ms. Ratcliffe asked about the bidding process, noting that the contractor was the only bidder and questioning why there were no other interested parties and whether this affected service quality. Mr. Kulinsky explained that while competitors exist, they often choose not to bid due to the complexity and scope of work required. Mr. Kulinsky assured commissioners that the current contractor provides excellent service, citing their rapid response to a recent major IT issue, and the Chairperson Hamm-Niebruegge emphasized that they operate as an extension of the airport team. There being no questions, a voice vote was taken and the motion was carried unanimously.

4. PROPERTIES

A. Approval was requested for the Second Amendment to the Space Permit with Delta Air Lines, Inc. (AL-227). This Amendment will extend the current agreement term by two (2) years, to end December 31, 2027 and includes an updated termination provision.

A motion for approval was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bales. Mr. Salarano presented the item.

There being no questions, a voice vote was taken and the motion was carried unanimously.

B. Approval was requested for the First Amendment to the Space Permit with Jett Pro STL, Inc. (AL-471). This First Amendment will extend the current agreement term by two (2) years, to end December 31, 2027, and includes an updated termination provision.

A motion for approval was made by Mr. Cantwell and seconded by Ms. Ratcliffe. Mr. Salarano presented the item.

There being no questions, a voice vote was taken and the motion was carried unanimously.

C. Approval was requested for a Space Permit with United Service Organizations, Incorporated (AL-461). The term of this Space Permit is three (3) years. The term will begin on March 1, 2026 and will end on February 28, 2029. Either party may terminate this Agreement without cause by giving thirty (30) days' notice.

A motion for approval was made by Ms. Ratcliffe and seconded by Ms. Fowler. Mr. Salarano presented the item. Ms. Ratcliffe asked whether a USO space could be provided in Terminal 2, noting the higher passenger traffic in that terminal and limited seating for servicemembers. Chairperson Hamm-Niebruegge explained that a smaller USO previously operated in Terminal 2 but was closed due to low usage and staffing

challenges, as the organization relies on volunteers. Chairperson Hamm-Niebruegge added that space limitations prevent offering a larger facility there, though future terminal plans include discussions with USO for a unified space. Judge Clarke (Ret.) asked why the agreement was limited to three years, and the Chairperson Hamm-Niebruegge explained that the space will be demolished if terminal relocation is approved, requiring short-term permits with 30-day cancellation clauses. Mr. Bales commended the USO as one of the best in the country. Mr. Cantwell raised a question about whether the premises exhibit was correct, which Mr. Salarano agreed to review and correct if necessary.

There being no questions, a voice vote was taken and the motion was carried unanimously.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Holiday Operations

Chairperson Hamm-Niebruegge reported that the holiday season was successful, with favorable weather and strong operations. Passenger traffic during Christmas week exceeded last year's levels, although overall 2025 is expected to finish 3–4% below 2024 due to early-year uncertainty. The first week of January 2026 showed strong activity, boosted by the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, which brought significant international traffic and promotional efforts in partnership with the Sports Commission.

B. Airline Updates

British Airways will launch service on April 19, 2026, operating arrivals and departures from Terminal 2. Chairperson Hamm-Niebruegge also reported that American Airlines added two additional flights to Chicago O'Hare as part of a broader competitive strategy.

C. Security Incident

The St. Louis County Police department released the body cam footage of the pre-Thanksgiving officer involved shooting at the Airport. The investigation is ongoing.

D. Constructions and Grants

Significant progress continues on the new airfield maintenance facility, including grading and tree removal. HOK submitted 30% design plans for terminal projects, and 15% design for the garage is expected this week. The Airport is finalizing its FAA grant application under the five-year terminal grant program, due January 15, 2026.

E. Acknowledgments

Chairperson Hamm-Niebruegge thanked departing commissioners Ms. Osborn and Mr. Fitzgerald for their long-standing service and welcomed new commission members.

6. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday February 4, 2026

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Hamm-Niebruegge announced that Commissioner Bales joined the meeting after the initial roll call at 2:05 pm, and Commissioner Fowler joined the meeting after the initial roll call at 2:11 pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Bales and seconded by Mr. Bowman. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:27pm.

The foregoing was approved by the Airport Commission at its February 4, 2026 meeting.

Rhonda Hamm-Niebruegge

Rhonda Hamm-Niebruegge Date
Chairperson

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