



AIRPORT COMMISSION

Minutes

**Wednesday, March 4, 2026
Lindbergh Conference Room**

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

Via Teleconference: Comptroller Baringer, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Fowler, Mr. Kling, and Mr. Ryan.

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm.

1. MINUTES

- A. Approval was requested for the Minutes of the February 4, 2026 Regular Airport Commission Meeting.

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

- B. Approval was requested for the Minutes of February 4, 2026, Closed Session Airport Commission Meeting.

A motion for approval was made by Ms. Orwick and seconded by Mr. Schartner. Mr. Lents noted a drafting error in the first paragraph of the closed minutes. After review by counsel, the drafting error was corrected and the minutes were modified accordingly. There being no further discussion, a voice vote was taken and the motion was carried unanimously.

2. PROPERTIES

- A. Approval was requested for the Airport Use and Lease Agreement (“AUA”) with British Airways PLC (AL-458). The Term commences April 1, 2026, and ends June 30, 2027. This AUA incorporates all prior amendments negotiated and agreed between the Airport and all other signatory airlines.

A motion for approval was made by Mr. Bales and seconded by Ms. Orwick. Mr. Salarano

presented the item. Mr. Schartner asked why all the deadlines for the Airline leases ended on the same date. Mr. Salarano explained that because all of these leases are negotiated with all signatory airlines simultaneously, and the term of each lease must therefore be identical. When an airline becomes a signatory after the master lease is negotiated, the new signatory airline signs the existing master lease for the remaining term, which may be extended as necessary. The master lease, or AUA, is currently being renegotiated with the signatory airlines, and if it is not finished prior to the expiration of the current term it will be extended. There being no further discussion, a voice vote was taken and the motion was carried unanimously.

- B. Approval was requested for the First Amendment to the Management and Operation of Parking Facilities Services Agreement with Laz Parking Midwest, LLC. The First Amendment increases the Management Fee to cover increased insurance premium cost related to additional shuttle operations and adds updated FAA non-discrimination language.

A motion for approval was made by Ms. Orwick and seconded by Mr. Kling. Mr. Salarano presented the item Alderman Cohn noted that most of the complaints his office gets regarding the airport are related to shuttle timing, and so he applauded the airport for getting the grant to get more shuttles. There being no further discussion, a voice vote was taken and the motion was carried unanimously.

- C. Approval was requested for the renewal of the Airport's Crime and Cyber Liability Insurance, to commence March 15, 2026, and expire March 15, 2027. The total annual premium is \$55,002.00.

A motion for approval was made by Mr. Bales and seconded by Ms. Orwick. Ms. Ruth presented the item. There being no discussion, a voice vote was taken and the motion was carried unanimously.

3. FINANCE

- A. Approval was requested for a Second Amendment to the MOA between the City and Southwest Airlines. Mr. Strong presented the item. This Second Amendment MOA authorizes payments to consultants on behalf of the Signatory Airlines for ongoing negotiations for a new Airport Use and Lease Agreement and extends the term by 12 months. The contract Not-To-Exceed amount is \$1,979,852.

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

4. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Director's Update

The February numbers are in, the Airport had a very good month, with about 496,500 through the checkpoint. The Airport also had a good January, registering about 2% growth over last year. Bookings are strong in March, though given the unrest in some Mexican destinations, the Airport is anticipating that there may be some reduction in Spring Break

travel to our Mexican markets.

Airport Commission members should have already received or will be receiving shortly an invitation to a reception for the new British Airways flight on April 18, 2026. The flight will begin the next day.

The Airport appreciates the work of Representative Bell, who requested and received \$3.2 million in the most recent appropriations bill for construction of the CUP.

The current homeland security government shutdown is in day 13. This will be the first pay period where the DHS employees receive no money in their paycheck. Air traffic controllers are paid by FAA and so are not impacted by this shutdown, but TSA and CBP are DHS employees and so will be working without pay.

5. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

6. ADJOURNMENT

A motion for adjournment was made by Mr. Bales and seconded by Mr. Lents. There being no discussion a voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The foregoing was approved by the Airport Commission at its April 8, 2026 Meeting.

Rhonda Hamm-Niebruegge

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Date

Chairperson

Signature: Rhonda Hamm-Niebruegge

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