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Meeting Minutes - Final

Airport Board

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

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 by Board Chair Martinez at 3:30 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: 9 - Vice Chair John LaRue, Kristen Martinez, Travis Patterson, Jesse Noyola, Brook Kaufman, Christine Belin, Michael Sanders, Jeremy Taylor, and Mark Almaguer
Absent: 3 - Sara Azali, Ricardo Talavera, and Aaron Bowman

C. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

1. [26-1158](#) Approval of the Minutes of the June 24, 2026 Regular Airport Board Meeting

Attachments: [06242026 - June Regular Airport Board Meeting Minutes - Unpublished](#)

Board Member Noyola requested a correction to the minutes, changing "chairman" to "chairwoman" or "Board Chair" when referring to Board Chair Martinez. Board Member Noyola made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Board Member Sanders. The motion carried.

2. [26-1159](#) Approval of the Absences of the June 24, 2026 Regular Airport Board Meeting

Attachments: [2026 BOARD ATTENDANCE RECORD](#)

Board Member Sanders moved to approve the absences of Sara Azali and Christine Belin at the June 24, 2026 Airport Board meeting, seconded by Board Member Taylor.

The motion carried.

E. Staff Report

3. [26-1161](#) Monthly Air Service Report

Attachments: [07292026 - Monthly Air Service Report](#)

Assistant Director Valgardson presented a report on air service activity for June 2026. He provided an update on Frontier Airlines and discussed factors that contributed to their departure from CCIA. He mentioned that while rising fuel costs played a role, the primary reason was Spirit Airlines withdrawing from several major routes. This created an opportunity for Frontier to step in and fill those routes. However, to do so, they had to eliminate some of their underperforming routes at other airports.

Assistant Director Valgardson noted that having a Minimum Revenue Guarantee (MRG) is beneficial for airports as it helps attract other airlines to establish routes. He expressed hope that there will be opportunities within the community to establish another MRG for potential new service. Discussion was heard on this item.

4. [26-1162](#) Financial Report

Attachments: [07292026 - Financial Report](#)

Yvette Cavazos, Sr. Management Assistant with the Airport Finance Department, reviewed the Financial Report for June 2026. Discussion was heard on this item.

F. Future Agenda Items

No items were presented for the future agenda.

The Airport Board Members took this opportunity to ask questions of the Airport Staff regarding various topics. Board Member LaRue inquired about the timeline for presenting the Airport Master Plan to the Board. Assistant Director Valgardson responded that the Airport Master Plan would first be presented to the City Manager, and then to the Airport Board, with the presentation anticipated in either August or September.

Board Chair Martinez requested an update on the position of Marketing & Air Service Development Manager. Assistant Director Valgardson indicated that the position had been posted and that there are currently 14 applicants. Furthermore, the position is also listed on the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) website. The application period will close on August 3, 2026.

G. Adjournment

As there was no further business to discuss, Board Chair Martinez adjourned the meeting at 3:53 p.m.