

GREENVILLE-SPARTANBURG AIRPORT COMMISSION

MINUTES

January 27, 2025

The Greenville-Spartanburg Airport Commission met on January 27, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Greenville-Spartanburg District Office Board Room located at 500 Aviation Parkway Greer, South Carolina 29651. The public and media were given proper notice of this meeting, under applicable law. This was a regular, non-emergency meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Minor Shaw, Leland Burch, Valerie Miller, Jay Beeson, Doug Smith, Hunter Cuthbertson

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: None

STAFF AND LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT: David Edwards, President/CEO; Betty O. Temple, WBD; Kevin Howell, Senior Vice President/COO; Thomas Brooks, Vice President/CFO; Kelly Dawsey, Vice President/CHRO; Deven Judd, Vice President/CCO; Zach Salvato, Vice President/CIO; Tom Tyra, Vice President/CMCO; Ryan Clark, Real Estate & Leasing Manager, Bobby Welborn, GSP Chief of Police

GUESTS PRESENT: John McAlmont, Parrish + Partners; Amanda Sheridan, McFarland Johnson; Mark Waller, AVCON; Matt Irwin, Messer Construction

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Minor Shaw called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made, seconded, and a unanimous vote was received to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A.** Approval of the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport November 18, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- B.** Approval of a Multi-Year Agreement with OpenSesame

PRESENTATIONS:

A. 2024 Year-End Video

Tom Tyra, VP/Chief Communications Officer, presented a 2024 year-end video highlighting key achievements and successes of the year.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of the HVAC Air Handling Unit Replacement Project

Kevin Howell, SVP/Chief Operating Officer presented the request for approval of the HVAC Air Handling Unit Replacement Project.

Mr. Howell requested budget approval to replace 1980s Air Handling Units with energy-efficient models integrated into the terminal's automation system.

Mr. Howell respectfully requested that the Airport Commission resolve to (1) approve the HVAC Air Handling Unit Project with a budget of \$2,600,000; (2) authorize the CEO and CFO to make the necessary budget amendment(s); and (3) authorize the President/CEO to execute all necessary documents for the project.

There was a motion made by Commissioner Burch to approve the request as outlined above. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Miller, and unanimous approval was received.

B. Approval of the Terminal Glass Replacement Project

Kevin Howell, SVP/Chief Operating Officer, presented the request for approval of the Terminal Glass Replacement Project.

Mr. Howell stated that the project scope will be limited to glass and glazing system replacement for the older sections of the airside terminal buildings.

Mr. Howell respectfully requested that the Airport Commission resolve to (1) approve the Terminal Glass Replacement Project with a budget of \$10,000,000; (2) authorize the CEO and CFO to make the necessary budget amendment(s); and (3) authorize the President/CEO to execute all necessary documents for the project.

There was a motion made by Commissioner Burch to approve the request as outlined above. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Miller, and unanimous approval was received.

PRESIDENT/CEO REPORT:

A. Aviation Industry Update

Mr. Edwards stated the aviation industry remains strong, with airlines performing well. The potential Spirit-Frontier merger is still uncertain.

B. Federal and State Legislative Update

At the federal level, Mr. Edwards noted ongoing uncertainty regarding the new administration's executive orders and their potential impact on existing and future grants, particularly for transportation and infrastructure. Mr. Edwards added that environmental priorities are being removed from grant applications, prompting the District to realign its approach to maximize funding opportunities. DEI programs also face potential changes, and the District will monitor developments closely, engage in discussions, and visit Washington, D.C. Mr. Edwards expressed hope for the swift appointment of key FAA and DOT officials.

The District has also engaged its lobbyists to influence the new energy bill, ensuring protections for governmental entities against net metering restrictions, easement requirements, and utility rate hikes for self-generated power.

At the state level, Mr. Edwards noted that state legislature is back in session, and airports are pursuing \$100M in funding—\$85M for commercial and \$15M for GA.

Additional discussions included easement agreements and pension reform.

C. Financial Update

Thomas Brooks, Vice President/CFO, provided a brief District financial report to the Commission, including FYTD Operating Revenues, Operating Expenses, Gross Margin, Cost Per Enplanement, Airline Revenues, Investment Balance, Fund Balance, and Debt Balance. He also provided a brief update on the capital improvement programs.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Commission Chair requested that the Commission go into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving the advice of legal counsel, discussing contracts, certain confidential economic development projects, and a personnel matter. The motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Cuthbertson, and approved to go into Executive Session at 10:00 a.m.

At approximately 11:14 a.m. public session resumed with no action being taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Beeson, seconded by Commissioner Burch and unanimous vote received to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15 a.m. The next regular, non-emergency Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 10, 2025.

SIGNATURE OF PREPARER:



Casey Cooperman