

GREENVILLE-SPARTANBURG AIRPORT COMMISSION

MINUTES

March 9, 2026

The Greenville-Spartanburg Airport Commission met on March 9, 2026, 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: Kevin Howell, President/CEO; Betty O. Temple, WBD; Cody Bauman, VP/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; Kent Bontrager, Vice President/CPDO; Ryan Clark, Real Estate & Leasing Manager; Tiffany Cherry, Communications Manager; Craig Boozer, Director of Finance; Casey Cooperman, Recording Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT: Jon McCalmont, Parrish & Partners; John Mafera, McFarland Johnson; Jay Street, The Budd Group; Kevin Wrigley, The Budd Group; Matt Irwin, Messer Construction Co.; Rhonda White, DP3 Architects; Jared Sang, DP3 Architects

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Doug Smith called the meeting to order at 9:02 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 10, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

PRESENTATIONS:

Prior to the presentation, Kevin Howell, President/CEO, presented a walk-on resolution honoring Minor Mickel Shaw for 15 years of service as Chair of the GSP Airport Commission. The resolution was introduced and read into the record, and the Commission expressed appreciation for Shaw's leadership in attracting new airlines, establishing international cargo operations, and guiding major infrastructure improvements. Members also reflected on her longstanding service, her historical perspective dating back to the airport's opening, and GSP's recognition as the best small airport in the United States for customer service.

A. GSP Retail & Coffee/Snacks Concessions Agreement Update

Deven Judd, VP/Chief Commercial Officer, introduced the presentation and Tim Juul, Concessions Manager for the District. Mr. Juul provided an update on the concessions program, noting the pending contract expiration with Hudson in October. The update included a review of existing space utilization and product mix, along with proposed improvements such as the introduction of a travel essentials café and a marketplace concept. Staff also discussed the need to enhance quick-service options at the departure level. The Request for Proposals is planned for issuance by the end of March, with evaluations scheduled for June and a recommendation anticipated in July.

B. GSP Terminal Expansion Project Definition Plan (PDP) Update

Kent Bontrager, VP/Chief Planning & Development Officer, introduced John Mafera of McFarland Johnson. Mr. Mafera presented an overview of the planned terminal expansion, which includes additional gates and improvements to passenger flow. The briefing also highlighted the Baggage Handling System as a critical-path component, with targeted completion between 2029 and 2030.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approval of a Property Acquisition – approximately 7.72 acres at 1791 Poplar Drive Ext., Greer

Deven Judd, VP/Chief Commercial Officer, presented the request to approve the acquisition of 7.72 acres at 1791 Parker Drive Extension for future development and improved connectivity between Tracks C and D. Following the presentation, a motion was made by Commissioner Burch, seconded by Commissioner Cuthbertson, and the property acquisition was unanimously approved

.PRESIDENT/CEO REPORT:

A. Aviation Industry Update

Kevin Howell, President/CEO, reported increases in refined jet fuel prices due to international tensions. Airline fourth-quarter revenues were generally strong except for JetBlue. Howell advised travelers to allow extra time when connecting through Chicago due to a significant increase in flights and seat capacity.

B. Federal and State Legislative Update

Howell provided updates on South Carolina Senate Bill 436, noting its proposed airline property tax changes and potential effects on the State Aviation Fund. He also reported on federal legislative activity, including the ROTOR Act, continued discussion of the ALERT Act, and industry concerns regarding provisions in the proposed PAPA Act related to general aviation fee structures.

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 and discussing contracts and a land development update. The motion was made by Commissioner Burch, seconded by Commissioner Beeson, and approved to go into Executive Session at 10:33 a.m.

At approximately 10:49 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 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:50 a.m. The next regular, non-emergency Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 11, 2026.

SIGNATURE OF PREPARER:



Casey Cooperman