GREENVILLE-SPARTANBURG AIRPORT COMMISSION

MINUTES

May 11, 2026

The Greenville-Spartanburg Airport Commission met on May 11, 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; William Petty, Chief of Police; Matthew Hall, Procurement Manager; Casey Cooperman, Recording Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT: Jon McCalmont, Parrish & Partners; John Mafera, McFarland Johnson; Mark Waller, AVCON; Amanda Sheridan, McFarland Johnson; John Majewski, JSM; Blair Cox, JSM; Randy Williamson, Aulick Engineering; Matt Irwin, Messer Construction

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Doug Smith called the meeting to order at 9:04 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 March 9, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

PRESENTATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approval of Lease Terms/On-Airport Land Lease for the United States of America, Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration Air Traffic Control Tower

Deven Judd, VP/Chief Commercial Officer, presented the proposed on-airport land lease with the FAA for construction of a new ATCT to replace the 1962 tower, which no longer meets seismic standards. He summarized the project scope, including a 190-foot tower, 21,000-square-foot base building, parking area, and five-acre lease site with an additional temporary staging area, and noted the twenty-year lease term with no monetary rent, FAA responsibility for operations and maintenance, required security fencing and tree replacement, and demolition of the existing tower.

Mr. Judd respectfully requested that the Airport Commission approve the terms of the On-Airport Land Lease as presented and authorize the President/CEO to execute all necessary documents with the FAA. A motion was made by Chair Leland Burch, seconded by Commissioner Minor Shaw, and unanimously approved.

B. Authorization of a Six-Month Extension to the IDIQ Contractor Agreement

Kent Bontrager presented the request to extend the current IDIQ contractor agreements by six months, explaining that ongoing major terminal expansion procurements and deadlines related to pursuing other funding sources have left staff unable to simultaneously complete and additional IDIQ solicitation. He noted the IDIQ program has been effective and that the short extension is needed to maintain uninterrupted construction support during this period.

Mr. Bontrager respectfully requested that the Airport Commission authorize the six-month extension to the current IDIQ agreements and authorize the President/CEO to execute all necessary documents. A motion was made by Commissioner Minor Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Jay Beeson, and unanimously approved.

C. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2027 Airport District Budget

Thomas Brooks, VP/Chief Financial Officer, presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Airport District Budget for the Commission's consideration. He summarized the requirement for budget approval prior to July 1, 2026, and reviewed key financial components, including projected increases in both operating revenues and operating expenses, with total budgeted revenues expected to reach $83,912,090 (a 4.6% increase) and total budgeted operating expenses projected at $58,341,588 (a 3.3% increase). Thomas Brooks noted that capital project spending for FY27 is estimated at $116,250,000, funded through a combination of debt proceeds, federal and state grants, District revenues, and existing District funds. He also referenced the accompanying FY27 Budget Presentation, which outlined historical and projected trends in enplanements, landed weights, revenues, expenses, net operating income, and capital investment.

Thomas Brooks respectfully requested that the Airport Commission adopt the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget as presented, including the Operating, Capital, and Other O&M Reserve Budgets. A motion was made by Commissioner Valerie Miller, seconded by Commissioner Minor Shaw, and unanimously approved.

D. Discussion of Committees and Composition

The Commission reviewed the proposal to establish the Real Estate and Land Development Committee, an ad-hoc committee for FY27 tasked with evaluating real estate and development opportunities, advising staff, and providing recommendations on District property matters. The Commission agreed to move forward with the Committee, with the first meeting to be scheduled for August.

PRESIDENT/CEO REPORT:

Aviation Industry Update

Kevin Howell reported industry shifts following Spirit's shutdown, with Breeze and Frontier targeting former Spirit customers. He noted ongoing fuel-cost concerns and general route realignments across carriers.

Federal and State Legislative Update

Mr. Howell summarized activity around Senate Bill 436 and noted varying state budget proposals for airport funding, emphasizing the need for recurring support. Federally, key aviation appointments and legislation, including ALERT/ROTOR, are progressing.

Air Service Update

Breeze has launched Columbus service, with Cincinnati and Fort Lauderdale beginning July 2. Staff met with Southwest and Allegiant leadership and continue pursuing additional opportunities, with further meetings planned at ACI-NA JumpStart.

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:

Vice-Chair Leland Burch raised whether the Landscape Master Plan should be updated, and Kevin Howell confirmed it remains relevant and is still used for each project, though improvements to roundabout and roadside appearance could be reviewed. Chair Doug Smith requested scheduling another property tour for leadership and commissioners, split into two groups.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Commission Chair requested that the Commission go into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving the advice of legal counsel regarding security issues, economic development matters, and contracts. The motion was made by Vice-Chair Burch, seconded by Commissioner Beeson, and approved to go into Executive Session at 10:43 a.m.

At approximately 11:26 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 11:27 a.m. The next regular, non-emergency Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 13, 2026.

SIGNATURE OF PREPARER:

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