

Minutes
of the Meeting held April 14, 2025
Conroe North Houston Regional Airport Advisory Board

Members in Attendance:

Bill Wingo, Chairman
Gary Yount, Co-Chairman
Kate Laukien
Mike Barksdale

Members Absent:

Mark Christensen
Barkley Spikes

Staff:

James Brown, Airport Director
Stormi Erickson, Board Secretary
Hunter Taber, Assistant County Attorney
Sara Forlano, Assistant County Attorney

Others in Attendance:

Bob Wright
Jacob Hermann
Maria Roth
Evan Coghlan
Steve Ratcliff
Amy Chatman
Greg Evans
Brandon Ray
Jessica Bryan
Peter Toung
Joe Waltz
Ron Fratt
Richard Sebesta
James Smith
Richard Jankowski
William Donahoe
Steve Lutte
John Bridi
Tom Massy
Dan Brouse

Terry Klagmann
Todd Johnson
Vickie Croston
Mike Payne
Jim Morrical
Mark Haskell
David Peck

There being a quorum present the meeting came to order at 4:35 pm.

1. Consider approval of the December 9, 2024 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Yount made the motion to approve the minutes, Mrs. Laukien seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. Consider approval of the February 24, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Yount made the motion to approve the minutes, Mrs. Laukien seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. Mr. Wingo announced discussion for 2025 Chairman and Co-Chairman. Mr. Barksdale nominated Mr. Yount as Chairman. Mrs. Laukien seconded the nomination. Mr. Yount nominated Mrs. Laukien as Co-Chairman. Mr. Barksdale seconded the nomination. All board members approved.
4. Airport Update:
 - Mr. Brown presented the board with the April 2025 airport updates. Those updates are attached and made a copy of these minutes.
 - Mr. Brown encouraged tenants to reach out with any questions or concerns and to participate in future meetings to stay updated on the airport's plans.
5. Projects/Updates:
 - The gate project is now in its final phase and expected to be completed in the next 50-60 days. The new card system will be implemented after training sessions are completed and badges are distributed. Mr. Brown discussed the importance of the new gate system for safety and security and how it will be beneficial if and when we pursue and achieve part 139 status.
 - Mr. Brown explained the FAA requires the 139 to allow aircraft with more than 30 seats to operate. The airport has been pursuing this certification for several years and has received interest from various entities in using the airport for charter operations.
6. Citizen/Tenant Comments:

Todd Johnson raised concerns about the impact of the new security measures on events that bring in the public. Mr. Brown explained that the airport will continue to support events but will require

responsible parties to designate personnel to escort attendees and ensure compliance with the new security measures.

Richard Sebesta inquired about the airport's plans for additional hangar development and the potential impact on tenants like himself. Mr. Brown explained that the airport is working on a federally funded project to open up additional acreage for hangar development, with an anticipated timeline of two to four years.

Jim Morrical raised questions about the financial implications and staffing requirements for achieving the 139 certification. Mr. Brown clarified that there will be no additional cost or staffing requirements, as the airport is already operating at the required standards. The airport has been conducting daily and nightly inspections and maintaining compliance with FAA regulations for years. Mr. Brown emphasized that the goal is to enhance the airport's operations, attract new business, and balance the need for safety and security with the desire to maintain a welcoming environment for all users.

There being no further business, Mr. Wingo made the motion adjourn, Mr. Barksdale seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Gary Yount, Chairman

Date

Stormi Erickson, Secretary

Date