

Conroe North Houston Regional Airport Advisory Board
Minutes
of the Meeting held August 10, 2026

Members in Attendance:

Gary Yount, Chairman
Kate Laukien, Co-Chairman
Mike Barksdale
Barkley Spikes

Members Absent:

Bart Henderson
Bruce Rieser
Dustin Newell

Staff:

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

Others in Attendance:

John Birdi
Joseph Pepper
Jessica Bryan
Richard Sebesta
Brandon Ray
Keith Pache
Bob Wright
Dirk Laukien

With a quorum present, the meeting came to order at 4:30 p.m.

1. Consider approval of the April 13, 2026, regular meeting minutes.

- Mrs. Laukien made the motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Spikes seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

2. Airport Update:

- Mr. Brown presented the August 2026 airport updates, which are attached to these minutes.

3. Projects/Updates:

- Mr. Brown provided an update on the remarking project, noting that the project is currently within the first two phases. The next phase is anticipated to begin Thursday, at which time the currently closed areas will reopen and taxiway bravo and runway 1-19 will close. Work will then progress to runways 14-32. The intersection work will require a full airfield closure, with the exception of rotary-wing operations. The closure is planned to occur overnight, beginning at approximately 10:00pm, with the airfield reopening at approximately 5:00am.

4. December Meeting Dates:

- The Board discussed the December meeting date and agreed to hold the meeting on December 7, 2026.

5. Citizen/Tenant Comments:

- Mr. Brown provided an update regarding the PAPI system on Runway 1-19, noting that it remains out of service and the current NOTAM will expire soon. Airport staff is actively working toward replacement of the system and restoring it to service.
- Mr. Spikes asked a follow-up question regarding the TED system used in the tower and the recording indicator light. Mr. Brown explained that the system has been inspected by technicians and is operating and recording properly. He noted that the intermittent indicator light issue does not affect the system's operation.
- Mr. Pache asked for an update on the taxiway Delta straightening project. Mr. Brown advised that the preliminary plans were received the previous week and that a meeting was scheduled for the following week to continue finalizing the drawings. The project is anticipated to go out to bid in early 2027, with construction tentatively beginning in mid-to-late 2027. The associated land is anticipated to be available for bid in 2028.
- Mr. Pache asked for an update regarding the gate badging project. Mr. Brown advised that implementation has been delayed due to other projects taking priority and stated that the airport hopes to begin the new badging process in October.

6. Next Meeting:

- The next scheduled meeting will be October 12, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. at the Lone Star Convention Center.

There being no further business, Mr. Barksdale made the motion to adjourn, Mrs. Laukien seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Gary Yount, Chairman

Date

Stormi Erickson, Secretary

Date