

Conroe North Houston Regional Airport Advisory Board
Minutes
of the Meeting held February 23, 2026

Members in Attendance:

Gary Yount, Chairman
Kate Laukien, Co-Chairman
Mike Barksdale
Bart Henderson
Barkley Spikes
Bruce Rieser

Members Absent:

Mark Christensen

Staff:

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

Others in Attendance:

Jessica Bryan
Bob Wright
Evan Coghlan
John Bridi
Steve Ratcliff
Dan Brouse
Vickie Croston
Brandon Ray
Tehl Campbell

With a quorum present, the meeting came to order at 4:29 p.m.

- 1. Consider approval of the December 8, 2025, regular meeting minutes.**
 - Mrs. Laukien made the motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Barksdale seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

- 2. Mr. Rieser was appointed to the Board by Commissioner Ritch Wheeler, Precinct 3.**

3. 2026 Chairman and Co-Chairman:

- Mr. Henderson made the motion to have Chairman (Gary Yount) and Co-Chairman (Kate Laukien) stay the same. The motion was approved.

4. Airport Update:

- Mr. Brown presented the February 2026 airport updates, which are attached to these minutes.
- Mr. Brown discussed the new aircraft tracking system that the airport is implementing. He mentioned the graphs shown in the current agenda will show total operations and does not specifically delineate between the different types of operations (itinerant or local), but the new aircraft tracking system will. He further explained how the new system will offer more complete data.
- Mr. Spikes asked about the tower possibly extending their hours as they currently close at 9:00pm. Mr. Brown mentioned that the new tracking system will help provide better data which may assist the tower in making a decision to extend the operating hours of the tower.

5. Projects/Updates:

- The remarking project is expected to start this Spring.
- Mr. Barksdale asked about the land off Foxtrot being developed. Mr. Brown mentioned that will be after the other projects, but is hopeful that there will be a contract in FY27 to start the “shovel phase”.

6. Citizen/Tenant Comments:

- Ms. Croston asked whether or not the upcoming FIFA World Cup will have any impact on operations at the airport. Mr. Brown explained that currently he does not anticipate any impact to airport operations.
- Mr. Barksdale asked about the public parking apron and whether or not it will be leased out in the future. Mr. Brown explained that the airport anticipates putting out an RFP to lease this area out in the near future.

7. Next Meeting:

- The next scheduled meeting will be April 13, 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 4:50 p.m.

Gary Yount, Chairman

Date

Stormi Erickson, Secretary

Date