Conroe North Houston Regional Airport Advisory Board
Minutes
of the Meeting held October 12, 2026

Members in Attendance:

Gary Yount, Chairman
Kate Laukien, Co-Chairman
Dustin Newell
Bart Henderson

Members Absent:

Mike Barksdale
Barkley Spikes
Bruce Rieser

Staff:

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

Others in Attendance:

Keith Pache
Steve Ratcliff
Maria Roth
Evan Coghlan
Justin McCkasill
Chad Herdrich
Cheyenne Smith

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

1. **Consider approval of the August 10, 2026, regular meeting minutes.**

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

2. **Airport Update:**

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

3. **Projects/Updates:**

- Mr. Brown reported that the runway remarking project has been completed. A final walkthrough and inspection are scheduled for next Wednesday to identify any remaining punch list items, cleanup, or touch-up work. We do not expect any work to impact operations.

- Taxiway Realignment – Mr. Brown reported that the project drawings were approximately 90% complete as of last week. The plans are expected to be submitted to the Commission in December. The project is anticipated to go out for bid in early spring, with construction beginning in late spring or early summer. Construction is estimated to take approximately 390 days. A full airport closure is not anticipated; however, a portion of Runway 1-19 may require temporary during certain phases of construction. Updates and applicable NOTAMs will be issued as necessary. Request for Proposals (RFPs) for future development will begin to be considered once construction is underway, with land anticipated to become available in late summer or early fall of 2028.

4. **Citizen/Tenant Comments:**

- Mr. Pache inquired about the possibility of modifying the northeastern portion of the airport's airspace to accommodate unauthorized aircraft activity. Mr. Brown explained that the airspace modifications are under the jurisdiction of the FAA and the proposed change would likely not be approved due to its potential impact on surrounding Class D airspace and airport operations.

- A question was raised regarding what changes are going to be made to the taxiway realignment project. Mr. Brown explained that the project includes relocating taxiway Foxtrot to eliminate incursions, creating taxiway Delta parallel, and establishing a designated run-up area like the one on Runway 14-32. Mr. Brown stated that visual materials will be provided at a future meeting once the project drawings are 100% complete.

- Mr. Pache inquired about the removal of loose gravel from airport taxi lanes and whether airport maintenance personnel perform this work. Mr. Brown explained that certain hangar access taxi lanes are not maintained by the airport. However, tenants are encouraged to report areas requiring attention so airport staff can assess the conditions and perform maintenance, including FOD removal, where applicable.

5. **Next Meeting:**

- The next scheduled meeting will be December 7, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. at the Lone Star Convention Center.

There being no further business, Mrs. Laukien made the motion to adjourn, Mr. Spikes the motion, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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Gary Yount, Chairman Date Stormi Erickson, Secretary Date