MINUTES FOR THE
RICHLAND COUNTY AIRPORT COMMISSION
July 13, 2026 MEETING

Meeting Details:

Location: Jim Hamilton – L. B. Owens Airport Community/Conference Room

Time/Date: 11:30 AM, July 13, 2026

Roll Call:

Commission Members in attendance:

- Lynn Hutto, Chair
- Brianna Barrineau, Vice Chair
- Prentiss McLaurin, Secretary/Treasurer
- John Brisini
- Ken Harrill
- Taz Little

Commission Members Absent:

- Mike Kelly, Esquire, Immediate Past Chair

Richland County Council and staff in attendance:

- Don Weaver, County Council Liaison
- Mike Maloney, Public Works Department Director
- Peter Cevallos, Airport General Manager
- LaTiffany Nails, Airport Administrative Coordinator

Guest in Attendance:

- Ben Malone, Michael Baker Inc.
- Peggy Roberson, Eagle Aviation
- Stefanie Davis, Propel Aviation (student)
- Billy Dubose, Tenant
- Ben Malone, Michael Baker
- Ryan Turiak, Aircraft Maintenance Services
- Joseph Benevides, Aircraft Maintenance Services
- Joseph Barkevich, Ardurra
- Angeline Durham, Columbia Flying Club (tenant)

Call to Order

Chair Hutto welcomed all in attendance and called the meeting to order at 11:33 am.

Adoption of Meeting Agenda

Chair Hutto called for adoption of the agenda: Commissioner Barrineau made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner McLaurin. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Adoption of May 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Chair Hutto called for adoption of minutes for May 11, 2026: Commissioner Brisini made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Barrineau. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Report of SASO Contract

Chair Hutto provided a brief update on the status of the Specialized Aviation Services Operator (SASO) contract and explained that an intent to award was issued, however the proposed contractor was still in negotiations with County Administration and that there was little else to report at this time.

Lease Documents

General discussion of concerns raised by tenant community regarding where lease payments should be submitted. The Chair confirmed process with Airport staff and recommended that tenants should follow written guidance issued by County staff.

General Manager's Report

Mr. Cevallos provided the following briefing of airport operations:

Operations/Finance:

- Total Operations for May 2026: 1,965 (981 take-offs and 984 landings)
- Total Operations for June 2026: 1,952 (972 take-offs and 980 landings)
- Total Operations for Fiscal Year 2026: 21,697 (10,843 take-offs and 10,854 landings)

Mr. Cevallos reported 38 'flyovers' in May and 44 in June. He presented a graph illustrating FY2026 flight operations to date. He recognized Peggy Roberson of Eagle Aviation who reported the following fixed base operation activity:

- Retail fuel sales for May 2025 decreased 12%, compared to the same period in 2026
- Retail fuel sales for June 2025 increased 25% compared to the same period in 2026,
- Ramp fees for May 2026 totaled $1,390
- Ramp fees for June 2026, totaled $1,051
- 125 based aircraft with 2 aircraft on tie-down

Mr. Cevallos shared unaudited operating budget data through June 2026, 100% of budget year:

- Revenue received was $292,914
- All expenditures - $423,119 (55% of $761,077 budgeted)
    - Personnel expenditures - $203,008 (99% of $204,008 budgeted)
    - Operations expenditures $208,117 (81% of $255,652, budgeted)
    - Capital expenditures $11,943, 3.9% of $301,417budgeted)

Airport Project Status:

- AIP/SCAC: Airfield Assessment and Alternative Study: Mr. Cevallos briefed that representatives from Airport Consultant Michael Baker and staff met on July 10th with FAA to discuss the FAA comments had in relations to the assessment and alternative study, and confirmed feasibility solutions and best course of action. He reported that with FAA concurrence, the next steps would be:
    - Conduct aerial obstruction survey on runway approach surfaces.
    - Update and organize the Airport's annual Capital Improvement Project list and include projects that support airfield geometrics and may need review because of this project.
- AIP/SCAC: Taxilane Rehabilitation Project: Mr. Cevallos reported:
    - SC Department Environmental Services approval of land disturbance permit with consultant coordinating a pre-construction meeting anticipated by middle of month
    - Project begin date anticipated within the next 30 days.

Executive Session

Chair called for motion, Commissioner Barrineau made the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Harrill; motion passed unanimously. Guests were excused and Executive Session began at 12:09 pm to discuss Commission business.

Commissioner Barrineau made a motion to return from Executive Session at 12:55 pm, with no business conducted nor votes taken; Commissioner Little seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:56 pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Airport Commission will be on Monday, September 14, 2026 at 11:30a.m.