METROPOLITAN AIRPORT AUTHORITY OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 19, 2026

APPROVED BY
Board of Commissioners
Date 6/23/2026

The Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Airport Authority of Rock Island County, Illinois, held its regular monthly meeting on May 19, 2026, pursuant to bylaws and meeting notice previously posted.

Commissioners:

PRESENT:	Chairperson Jennifer Radloff, John Malvik, Kurt Donnelly, Jodi Fisk, Debbie Healy Richard Stone, Shaun Taylor, Charles Cervantes
ABSENT:	None

Others Present in Terminal Conference Room:

Benjamin Leischner, Executive Director
Angela Burch, Director of Finance
Jo Johnson-Meineke, Dir. Of HR & Risk Mgmt.
Joe Goetz, Operations Manager
Brooke Rutledge, Executive Assistant
Ashleigh Johnston, PR & Marketing Manager
Jeff Swan, Airport Police and Fire Chief
Marlin Jackson, Airport Facilities Manager
Jennifer Shewell, Custodial Services Supervisor
Betsy Kaiser, Accountant
Mike Hixson, Airfield Maintenance Supervisor
Travis Strait, CMT
Morgan Mays, HDR
Kenneth Florey, Robbins Schwartz

Chairperson Radloff called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

1. Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, Second by Commissioner Healy, for the Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting and Executive Session held on April 21, 2026, to be approved. Motion carried by unanimous verbal vote.

2. There were no public comments or communications to the Board.

3. Benjamin Leischner presented the Director's Update. Mr. Leischner reported that the Airport Authority received notification of a $3.3 million FAA Airport Terminal Program (ATP) grant award to support Phase 2 of Project GATEWAY. The grant will fund terminal and passenger facility improvements designed to enhance customer experience, improve operational efficiency, and support the airport's long-term growth strategy. He noted that the award reflects continued federal confidence in the airport's role as a regional transportation and economic development asset. Mr. Leischner also reported on his attendance at the annual conference of the American Association of Airport Executives in Los Angeles. The conference provided opportunities to discuss industry trends and evaluate terminal finishes and furnishings for Project GATEWAY. He recognized Commissioner Fisk for sharing her time and expertise while meeting with vendors and discussing the airport's current and future needs.

   Mr. Leischner provided an update on the ceremonial "brick breaking" event held on April 29, 2026, marking the beginning of Phase 2 of Project GATEWAY. He noted the strong attendance and support from business leaders, elected officials, community stakeholders, and federal representatives, emphasizing the significance of the project to the future growth and connectivity of the Quad Cities region. He also updated the Board on preparations for hosting SAFECON 2026, with approximately 700 students, coaches, judges, and aviation professionals arriving in the Quad Cities for the national collegiate aviation competition. Mr. Leischner recognized former airport management intern Grant Germann and the team at Visit Quad Cities for their contributions to planning and executing the event.

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Mr. Leischner informed the Board that Delta Air Lines had launched a third daily flight to Atlanta, providing increased connectivity and schedule flexibility for travelers while strengthening access to a major global hub. He noted that the additional service demonstrates the airline's continued confidence in the Quad Cities market. Mr. Leischner concluded by highlighting the airport's participation in the Quad Cities Corporate Games, including hosting an ImpactLife blood drive and the Meals From the Heartland meal-packing challenge. He stated that these activities promote employee engagement, community involvement, and organizational pride. A copy of the Director's written update was placed on file.

4. Report of Officers and Standing Committees:

   a. Angela Burch, Director of Finance, reviewed the Treasurer's Report for April 2026. The report depicts an overall healthy cash position at approximately $43.4 million, compared to $42.9 million the prior month, with no significant cash flow fluctuations reported. Ms. Burch noted that major expenditures related to Project GATEWAY are expected to begin later in the month, resulting in increased cash flow activity moving forward. Year-to-date interest income earnings totaled approximately $1.24 million compared to $1.4 million this time last year, with interest rates remaining around 3.5%. Ms. Burch also reported a $141,000 interest payment on the 2020 bonds. These bonds are funded through Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) revenues, which are restricted for debt service purposes. Due to passenger declines during the COVID-19 pandemic, PFC collections were lower than anticipated, and reserves decreased. As a result, the MAA may need to temporarily borrow from operating funds in future years and replenish those funds as additional PFC revenues are received through 2031. Benjamin Leischner, Executive Director, discussed the potential use of Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) financing for future debt service needs, noting the program could provide access to significantly lower interest rates and substantial long-term savings. He stated that recent congressional action may improve opportunities for airports to utilize the program and that staff will continue monitoring developments. Ms. Burch concluded her report by adding that the MAA also retains the authority to levy property taxes for debt service, although it has never exercised that authority. Motion by Commissioner Fisk, Second by Commissioner Taylor, for the Treasurer's Report to be approved. Roll Call: Ayes – Commissioners Radloff, Malvik, Fisk, Healy, Stone, Taylor, Donnelly, Cervantes. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

   b. and c. The April 2026 Metropolitan Airport Authority Financial Statements and LLC Financial and Activity Statements were placed on file. The report for the MAA presented a positive net income of $4.1 million compared to $12 million for the same timeframe the year prior. Ms. Burch noted the largest decrease sits in capital grants and contributions based on the types of grant funded projects occurring year-to-date compared to the same timeframe the year prior. She stated operating revenues were up 19%, primarily due to the new and/or increases in rates and charges that took effect July 1, 2025, operating expenses were down 2.5%, and non-operating revenue and expenses were down 2.5%, primarily due to lower interest income earnings received year-to-date compared to the same timeframe the year prior and a loss on disposal of capital assets due to two airport owned houses being demolished earlier than their depreciable lives.

   Ms. Burch's report included the observation of the LLC having a loss of $76,000 year-to-date, compared to an income of $18,000 for the same timeframe the year prior. Ms. Burch stated that on the expense side, the LLC is seeing increases in health and other insurance and on the revenue side a decrease in ground service equipment work orders.

   d. The Airport Activity Summary for April 2026 was placed on file. Mr. Leischner reported activity was up 5% compared to the same timeframe the year prior. Tower movements were down 10%. The report was placed on file.

   e. Joe Goetz, Airport Operations Manager, reviewed the Airport projects and construction. The highlights of Mr. Goetz's review are noted in these Minutes. Mead & Hunt has completed 87% of Design for Project GATEWAY (Phases 2-4). CMT has completed 95% of the Construct Drainage Improvements along Taxiway K project. Miller Trucking and Excavating has completed 95% of the Construct Drainage Improvements along Taxiway K project. HDR has completed 52% of the General Aviation Entrance Road Realignment. The Kirk Aircraft Hangar is 5% complete. The report was placed on file.

f. The report of bills paid in April was presented. With no further discussion, Motion by Commissioner Fisk, Second by Commissioner Donnelly, for the board bills to be approved. Roll Call: Ayes – Commissioners Radloff, Malvik, Fisk, Healy, Stone, Taylor, Donnelly, Cervantes. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried. The report was placed on file.

5. Ashleigh Johnston, Public Relations and Marketing Manager, presented a quarterly marketing update. She noted that declining travel demand, rising airline operating costs, and higher airfares continue to impact the industry nationwide. Ms. Johnston reported that the Airport has refined its marketing strategy by separating brand awareness initiatives from direct ticket-booking campaigns through the FlyMyAirport platform. She reviewed several recent campaigns, which utilized digital advertising, social media, streaming services, local sponsorships, and outdoor advertising to promote air service and drive bookings. Campaign performance exceeded benchmarks, generating strong engagement, increased website traffic, and growth in flight searches and bookings. The Sarasota in No Time campaign received recognition from Allegiant and was highlighted by ACI-NA as a top digital campaign among airports of all sizes.

   Ms. Johnston also provided updates on the I Fly MLI advocacy initiative and Project GATEWAY communications efforts, including branding, social media engagement, groundbreaking event coverage, and future terminal transformation content. Looking ahead to FY2027, she stated that marketing efforts will continue to focus on FlyMyAirport campaigns, destination research, data-driven decision making, efficient use of creative assets, community partnerships, and audience-focused strategies.

   Benjamin Leischner, Executive Director, commended Ms. Johnston for developing a data-driven marketing program with measurable results that supports the Airport's air service development objectives. Commissioner Fisk also praised the effectiveness and efficiency of the Airport's marketing efforts, particularly its use of locally produced creative content and responsible stewardship of marketing resources.

6. Chairperson Radloff noted memos for Agenda items 6-13 regarding the approval of the following:

   a. The approval of the purchase of concrete demolition, site work, and installation for the parking lot entry and exit lanes with Granet Construction Co. of Rock Island, Illinois, in an amount not to exceed $500,000.
   b. The approval of the capital purchase and installation of two chiller compressors from Trane U.S. Inc. of Davenport, Iowa, in an amount not to exceed $30,000.
   c. The adoption of an Ordinance Establishing Rates and Charges.
   d. The adoption of an Ordinance Establishing Building, Fire, Life-Safety, Construction Administration, Operational Safety, and Development Requirements for Property Owned or Controlled by the Metropolitan Airport Authority of Rock Island County, Illinois.
   e. The approval of a 3-year agreement, with two 1-year renewal terms, with AirTera (formerly SSI, Inc.) of Reno, Nevada, to provide web-based airport training services in an amount not to exceed $109,195.
   f. The approval of a Resolution Authorizing Payroll Memorandum to Director of Finance.
   g. The ratification of the purchase of reusable temporary construction barriers from STARC Systems, Inc. of Brunswick, Maine, in an amount not to exceed $160,985.53.
   h. The approval of the Rock Island County Permit for Project GATEWAY Component 2 in the amount of $106,813.

   Chairperson Radloff noted there would be one action item for Agenda items 6-13 unless there were any objections to any of the items. With no questions or further discussion, Motion by Commissioner Cervantes*, Second by Commissioner Healy to approve Agenda items 6-13. Roll Call: Ayes – Commissioners Radloff, Malvik, Fisk, Healy, Stone, Taylor, Donnelly, Cervantes. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

7. At 9:12 a.m., Chairperson Radloff invited Board members to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel, collective bargaining, property acquisition, lease pricing, security, and pending or imminent litigation under the legal finding/factual basis supporting the application of exceptions to the Open Meetings Act; 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1,2,5,6,8, and 11). Motion by Commissioner Fisk, Second by

Commissioner Donnelly, to conduct the meeting in Executive Session. Roll Call: Ayes – Commissioners Radloff, Malvik, Fisk, Healy, Stone, Taylor, Donnelly, Cervantes. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Attending the Executive Session were the Board Commissioners, Benjmain Leischner, Angela Burch, Jo Johnson-Meineke, Brooke Rutledge, and Kenneth Florey, Robbins Schwartz.

At 9:40 a.m., Angela Burch, Jo Johnson-Meineke and Brooke Rutledge exit Executive Session.

At 10:01 a.m., Angela Burch, Brooke Rutledge, Jo Johnson- Meineke and remaining staff return to Executive Session.

At 10:01 a.m., Motion by Commissioner Malvik, Second by Commissioner Healy to return to open session. Motion carried by unanimous verbal vote.

Being no further business, Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, Second by Commissioner Healy, to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 a.m. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was concluded.

Very truly yours,

Benjamin Leischner, Assistant Secretary

**Motion to adopt the Airport staff recommendation as findings, with such recommendation being approved. As part of the Motion, the Airport Executive Director is authorized to execute all documents related to the approved transaction subject to compliance with all applicable regulatory authority and approval of Airport legal counsel.*