

METROPOLITAN AIRPORT AUTHORITY OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 23, 2026

APPROVED BY
Board of Commissioners
Date 7-21-2026

The Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Airport Authority of Rock Island County, Illinois, held its regular monthly meeting on June 23, 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
Marlin Jackson, Airport Facilities Manager
Jennifer Shewell, Custodial Services Supervisor
Betsy Kaiser, Accountant
Mike Hixson, Airfield Maintenance Supervisor
Brennan Allen, IT Program Manager
Ymesa Martin, Accounting Clerk
Travis Strait, CMT
Morgan Mays, HDR
Kenneth Florey, Robbins Schwartz
Michael Alesia, Alliant Insurance Services

Chairperson Radloff called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

1. Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, Second by Commissioner Healy, for the Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting and Executive Session held on May 19, 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 on several ongoing initiatives and activities. He highlighted the successful completion of the 2026 National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) SAFECON competition, which generated more than 22,000 aircraft operations during the month of May. Following the event's success, staff will prepare a bid package to pursue hosting the competition again in 2028.

Mr. Leischner also provided an update on Project GATEWAY, noting that construction walls have been installed throughout portions of the terminal and that wayfinding signage and graphics are being developed to maintain a positive passenger experience while construction continues. He informed the Board that the airport supported Black Hawk College's application for an FAA Aviation Workforce Development Grant by providing letters of support to help strengthen the aviation workforce pipeline.

Mr. Leischner further reported that airport staff attended the Airports Council International-North America (ACI-NA) JumpStart Air Service Development Conference, where they met with airline network planners to advocate for expanded air service opportunities. Discussions highlighted the community's support through the I Fly MLI business pledge campaign, along with passenger demand data from FlyMyAirport.com and

analysis from the airport's air service consultant to strengthen the airport's case for future air service growth. 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 May 2026. The report depicts an overall healthy cash position at approximately \$43.9 million, compared to \$43.4 million the prior month. Ms. Burch noted larger capital cash outflows of \$500,000 related to Project GATEWAY Phase 2-4 design, \$40,000 related to the Kirk Hangar, and \$53,000 for a John Deere Mower. Regarding cash receipts, Ms. Burch stated the MAA received a grant reimbursement of \$183,000 related to Project GATEWAY Phase 2-4 design, a grant reimbursement of \$128,000 related to the Illinois State Aviation Fuel Tax Program, and a grant reimbursement of \$280,000 related to the General Aviation Entrance Road Realignment project during the month of May. She concluded her report by noting year-to-date interest income earnings totaled approximately \$1.3 million compared to \$1.5 million this time last year. Motion by Commissioner Malvik, Second by Commissioner Fisk, 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 May 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 \$4.3 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 19-20%, primarily due to the new and/or increases in rates and charges that took effect July 1, 2025, operating expenses were down 2%, and non-operating revenue and expenses were down 4%, 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 \$51,000 year-to-date, compared to an income of \$36,000 for the same timeframe the year prior. However, a profit of \$25,000 was recognized for the month of May primarily due to increased fueling activity. 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 May 2026 was placed on file. Mr. Leischner reported activity was up 6% compared to the same timeframe the year prior. Tower movements were up 157%. 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 90% of Design for Project GATEWAY (Phases 2-4). Estes Construction has completed 1% of Construction for Project GATEWAY (Phase 2). 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 54% of the General Aviation Entrance Road Realignment. The Kirk Aircraft Hangar is 26% complete. Bush Construction has completed 21% of the Administration Office Restrooms Remodel. The report was placed on file.
- f. The report of bills paid in May was presented. With no further discussion, Motion by Commissioner Fisk, Second by Commissioner Cervantes, 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. Chairperson Radloff noted memos for Agenda items 5-11 regarding the approval of the following:

- a. The approval of the Budget Ordinance revising the Corporate Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.
- b. The approval of the schedule of regular meetings for the Board of Commissioners for FY2027.

- c. The approval of Change Order No. 1 with Goetz Concrete Construction Corporation of Milan, Illinois, for excavation and removal of asphalt at the Krik Hangar in the amount of \$9,650.
- d. The approval of an annual subscription for AirportOne LLC's custom booking widget known as FlyMyAirport in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for the months July 2026-June 2027.
- e. The approval of the capital purchase and installation of a chiller compressor from Trane U.S. Inc. of Davenport, Iowa in an amount not to exceed \$24,801.
- f. The approval of a scheduled service agreement with Trane U.S. Inc. of Davenport, Iowa, for a three-year term in an amount not to exceed \$40,939.09.
- g. The approval of a programmed maintenance agreement with Total Maintenance, Inc. (TMI) of Bettendorf, Iowa, for a three-year term in an amount not to exceed \$73,296.

Chairperson Radloff noted there would be one action item for Agenda items 5-11 unless there were any objections to any of the items. With no questions or further discussion, Motion by Commissioner Donnelly*, Second by Commissioner Healy to approve Agenda items 5-11. Roll Call: Ayes – Commissioners Radloff, Malvik, Fisk, Healy, Stone, Taylor, Donnelly, Cervantes. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

- 6. Benjamin Leischner, Executive Director, presented the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the MAA by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the MAA's fiscal year 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). Mr. Leischner noted the MAA finance department has received the award for approximately the last 20 years. He continued by recognizing the finance team and the amount of hard work that goes not only into the audit every year, but into the comprehensive report that is mostly written and prepared in-house.
- 7. Benjamin Leischner, Executive Director, led a discussion regarding the Slate of Officers to be presented at the Annual meeting on July 21, 2026. With no questions, concerns, or recommendations, it was noted that Chairperson Radloff and Benjamin Leischner would present a proposed slate of officers at the Annual meeting in July.
- 8. Benjamin Leischner, Executive Director, led a discussion and presentation regarding Project GATEWAY Phase 3 cost estimates and draft construction work schedules prepared by Estes Construction. Mr. Leischner advised that no Board action was being requested at this time and that the purpose of the presentation was to provide the Board with information for its review and consideration. Commissioner Taylor asked when the Board would need to make a decision regarding the proposed Phase 3 work. Mr. Leischner responded that the matter would likely be presented for Board action at the July or August meeting.
- 9. Michael Alesia, of Alliant Insurance Services, discussed the FY 2027 insurance program for non-benefit lines of coverage. Mr. Alesia informed the Board that there is a 3.8% increase overall in the proposed FY 2027 program over the FY 2026 program, with the largest increases being in Workers' Compensation coverage driven by increased payrolls and recent claims history, and in Cyber Liability coverage driven by increasing sophistication of cyber criminals. With no questions or further discussion, there was no action being requested at this time, only support for staff's recommendation to bind the coverages recommended in the FY 2027 insurance proposal as presented by Alliant Insurance Services.
- 10. Jo Johnson-Meineke, Director of HR and Risk Management, discussed the FY 2027 employee health and life benefits program through IPBC. Ms. Johnson-Meineke noted a 13.6% increase in the BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois PPO plan, a 12.8% increase in the BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois HDHP plan, a 9.9% increase in the Delta Dental plan, no change to the VSP vision plan, no change to the Securian Group Life/AD&D plan, and no change to the Personal Assistance Services EAP (non-IPBC). Additionally, she noted there was no change to the LLC Group LTD and STD plan. Ms. Johnson-Meineke stated the total estimated cost for FY 2027 health and life benefits for MAA employees is \$855,378 and \$259,088 for LLC employees. With no questions or further discussion, there was no action being requested at this time, only continued support for employees through the MAA and LLC health and life benefits program.
- 11. At 9:18 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 Malvik, 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 9:47 a.m., Angela Burch, Jo Johnson-Meineke and Brooke Rutledge exit Executive Session.

At 10:05 a.m., Angela Burch, Jo Johnson- Meineke, Brooke Rutledge and remaining staff return to Executive Session.

At 10:05 a.m., Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, Second by Commissioner Healy to return to open session. Motion carried by unanimous verbal vote.

Being no further business, Motion by Commissioner Malvik, Second by Commissioner Taylor, to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was concluded.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Leischner', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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.*