

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, February 9th 2026 at 6:00 PM both in person and via Zoom Video Conference call. There were 6 PDK AAB members present.

Members Present: Doug Miller (AAB Chair), Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Vice Chair), Will Childs, Reuben Jones, Jordan Fox, Mike Reeves

Members Absent: Chris Richard

Others Present: Hunter Hines (Airport Director), Korey Barnes (Airport Operations Manager / Noise and Environmental Analyst)

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by AAB Chair Doug Miller

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the January 2026 minutes was made by Larry Scheinpflug and seconded by Mike Reeves. Motion passed unanimously.

I. Information/Old Business

A. **Airport Director's Report delivered by Airport Director (Hunter Hines):**

1. Runway 3R / 21L Keel Replacement: Still working on finalizing a few punch list items; FAA lighting and some manholes. Working to close out this project by the end of February.
2. Landing Fee Update: Vector, a third-party company that will be monitoring and collecting the fees, was approved by the BOC two weeks ago. They are very well versed in this function. Contract is being assembled in terms of fee structure, etc. Collection of fees to begin in early April. The fees will be as follows, \$4 for every 1000 pounds between 9000 and 20000 lbs. Above 20000 lbs. it will be \$6 for every 1000 pounds of maximum take-off weight. Vector gets 12% of fee. Aircraft below 9,000 lbs are exempt.
3. Air Quality and Noise Report Update: The airport staff, FAA and EPA are reviewing the first draft. After all comments are received by HMMH the report will be sent back to the airport staff. Upon completion of the report it will be reviewed by the AAB and BOC. After that, the public can review the final report.
4. Consent to Sublease: Airport Legal advisor Joyce Foster discussed 2000 Flightway Drive, LLC's desire to sublease part of their hangar as rental space for and aircraft. Rent space would encompass 4,960 sq. feet. County and lease agreement requires that a consent to sublease document be executed, as well as consideration of approval by the Board of Commissioners. Airport Director Hines Hunter had sent copies to the Board for their review.

Motion to accept Consent to sublease was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Larry Scheinpflug. Motion passed unanimously.

Noise & Environmental Report January 2026: - N&E Analyst, Korey Barnes delivered the following report:

The January 2026 Noise Report will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 11,831** which is a decrease of 3.48% as compared to January 2025. There were 455 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2026 year-to-date operations are **11,831** as compared to the total operations as of January 2025 of 12,258. In January 57% of operations were on a southerly flow, 39% were to the north, and 4% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** A total of 827 complaints consisting of 49 complainants. Of that, 5 were new complainants. 16.4 households made complaints. Minus the top two households, the average was 8.3 complaints per household. One person accounted for 303 of the 827 complaints (37%). Top five complainants accounted for 583 of the 827 complaints (63%). The majority of the complaints were made between 12:00PM and 5:59PM (43%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 46% of the complaints originated from the **30345**-zip code. A total of 208 advisory letters were sent to aircraft operators who flew during the Voluntary Curfew Period who were not identified as MedEvac and/or other emergency flights. Regarding High Noise Events, 20 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

Motion to accept the January 2026 Noise Report was made by Larry Scheinpflug and seconded by Mike Reeves. Motion passed unanimously.

Other:

Four matters presented by AAB Chair Doug Miller. Doug will create a summary of all and send to BOC.

- A. Resolution proposed by Commissioner Terry/District 6 for a temporary moratorium on new hangar

development at PDK. The terms of the Sky Harbor contract for building new hangars is still under review. It will be 2 to 3 years before hangars are actually constructed. Discussion ensued. Any development that takes place has to come to board and BOC despite being in the Airport Master Plan.

Motion that the Board has a position that they oppose any moratorium on future development was made by Larry Scheinpflug and seconded by Mike Reeves. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Restriction on nighttime flights: Per Board Member Will Childs: The Airport Advisory Board find that restricting nighttime flight operations at PDK is inconsistent with federal law, FAA policy, aviation safety, emergency medical access, and the efficient operation of the national airspace system. Efforts to lobby the FAA or pursue litigation to restrict nighttime flight operations at DeKalb-Peachtree Airport (PDK) would be highly unlikely to succeed.

Motion to accept Will Child’s response was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Doug Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Master plan: Intent to update. Discussion was deferred to Jim Duguay of Michael Baker International who developed the PDK Master Plan. Jim Duguay doesn’t recommend that an update is needed. Board opposes the reopening and updating of the Master Plan.

Motion to accept the Board’s position on updating the Master Plan was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Larry Scheinpflug. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Setting a Fee for all transient aircraft up to 9000 lbs.: The Board opposes setting this fee and sees no reason to change the landing fee proposal in place which was voted on by the AAB in 2024.

Motion to accept the Board’s position was made by Reuben Jones and seconded by Doug Miller. Motion passed 5 to 1 with Jordan Fox voting against.

II. **New Business:**

NONE

III. **Public Comments:**

Mark Clowdus: Does the airport intend to build new hangars such as T-hangars for the community in the future? Airport Director Hines answered. Yes. It is in the Airport Master Plan.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:45 p.m. by Mike Reeves and seconded by Doug Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

Lori Bell

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

Doug Miller

Doug Miller (AAB Chair)