

## DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:00 PM via Zoom Video Conference call.

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

Members Absent: Jordan Fox, Chris Richard

Others Present: Interim Airport Director Hunter Hines, and Interim Deputy Director / Noise and Environmental Analyst Korey Barnes

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by AAB Chair, Larry Scheinflug

**Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the March 2025 minutes was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Will Childs. Motion passed unanimously.**

### I. Information/Old Business

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

1. LED Airfield: Currently ongoing. Initially allotted 90 days, moving very well ahead of schedule. Projecting to be complete by the end of next week. A few questions from the Board were asked and answered.
2. Runway 2R / 31L Replacement Project: Working through contract portions of project before work can start. Projecting an early to mid-August timeframe to start. A number of questions from the Board and Public were asked and answered. A representative from Michael Baker International, an engineering consulting firm working with the airport, also answered some questions.

**Noise and Environmental Analyst Report February 2025:** - N&E Analyst, Korey Barnes delivered the following report:

**The February 2025 Noise Report** will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 13,497** which is a decrease of 7.72% as compared to February 2024. There were 383 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2025 year-to-date operations are **27,755** as compared to the total operations as of February 2024 of 26,248. In February 53% of operations were on a southerly flow, 43% were to the north, and 4% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 52.2 households made 1,719 complaints. Minus the top two households, the average was 14.7 complaints per household. The majority of the complaints were made between 12:00 PM and 05:59 PM (39%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 69% of the complaints originated from the **30345**-zip code. A total of 175 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, 10 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

**Motion to accept the February 2025 Noise Report was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Will Childs. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Noise and Environmental Analyst Report March 2025:** - N&E Analyst, Korey Barnes delivered the following report:

**The March 2025 Noise Report** will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 14,740** which is a decrease of 0.55% as compared to March 2025. There were 450 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2025 year-to-date operations are **40,495** as compared to the total operations as of March 2024 of 40,907. In March 75% of operations were on a southerly flow, 24% were to the north, and 1% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 61.3 households made 2,147 complaints. Minus the top two households, the average was 11.5 complaints per household. The majority of the complaints were made between 12:00 PM and 05:59 PM (35%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 72% of the complaints originated from the **30345**-zip code. A total of 236 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, 28 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

**Motion to accept the March 2025 Noise Report was made by Will Childs and seconded by Reuben Jones. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Other:**

**Rules and Regulations:** Interim Airport Director Hunter Hines stated that he reviewed the comments presented by Board Chair, Larry Scheinpflug, and he also went over them with project consultant, AMCG in order to address what if any changes would be appropriate. Larry Scheinpflug discussed his comments and Hunter Hines responded. Other Board members and members of the public in the room weighed in as well. Topics primarily centered on hangars, piston maintenance, and general aviation operations at PDK.

- Rob Gianoli of PFM Maintenance discussed some points regarding maintenance made in the Rules & Regulations working document.

- Victorino Rasmussen, owner of Biplane Rides Over Atlanta, LLC also spoke and asked some questions that were answered by the Board.

- Joe McCarty who leads the PDKAA Airport Association, also spoke and asked some questions.

- Board Member, Reuben Jones expressed that he thought the Rules & Regulations document should be finalized and considered law throughout possible leadership changes at the airport. Several members of the Board responded that the Rules & Regulations document would always be considered a living document subject to change.

Hunter is going to set up 2 meetings with the AMCG consultant to discuss concerns of the Board members on the Rules & Regulations. Each meeting would consist of 3 Board members each and not considered a quorum of Board members.

**Motion to accept the Rules & Regulations was presented and not passed: 4 against, 1 in favor.**

**Decision was made for Board members opposed to send their comments to Larry Scheinpflug who will compile and then meet with the Board to discuss their differences of opinion before voting to adopt.**

II. **New Business:**

NONE.

III. **Public Comments:**

- Victorino Rasmussen asked several questions about Rules & Regulations section 6.5 that were responded to by the Board.

**Motion to adjourn was made at 7:56 p.m. by Mike Reeves. Motion to accept was seconded by Will Childs.**

Submitted by:

*Lori Bell*

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Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

*Larry Scheinpflug*

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Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair)