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RALEIGH-DURHAM AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES January 15, 2026

Chair Hall-Roberts presided. Present: Asante-Smith, Hankins, Ghosh, Kushner, Polanco-Galdamez, Szlosberg-Landis and Winters. Staff present included: President and CEO Landguth, and General Counsel Locklear, and other staff members and guests.¹

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Asante-Smith to add an additional item to the new business section of the agenda to discuss the implications of the terms in an AT& T agreement to relocate utilities as part of the runway replacement project; Second by Nina Szlosberg-Landis

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

Motion by Ghosh to add a closed session to the end of the agenda; Second by Szlosberg-Landis

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

Motion by Asante-Smith to approve the agenda as amended; Second by Hankins

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Secretary Polanco-Galdamez noted her review of the minutes of the committee work session held on January 8, 2026, and regular meeting of the Board held on January 15, 2026, and asked if any edits were needed.

Motion by Polanco-Galdamez to adopt the minutes; Second by Kushner

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

III. CHAIR COMMENTS

Welcome

¹ The meeting was live streamed on YouTube.

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- Good afternoon, and welcome to the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority Board's first meeting of 2026. I hope you enjoyed the holidays and that your new year is off to a great start.

2025 Accomplishments

- RDU had many reasons to celebrate in 2025. We provided our guests with more opportunities than ever before for travel around the world.
- We also elevated their journeys by debuting new restaurants and stores that are a destination of their own.
- The airport welcomed eleven shopping and dining options from celebrity chefs, national brands and local favorites as part of the Reimagine RDU campaign, and more new concepts are slated to open in 2026.
- We landed in the top five among large airports for passenger satisfaction on the J.D. Power List for our enhanced amenities, seamless experience and world-class service. RDU has earned a spot on the list in four of the last five years.
- As we accelerated construction under our Transform RDU capital program, we were also recognized for helping to create a cleaner future for air travel.
- RDU earned Platinum Envision verification for incorporating sustainable construction practices into the Park Economy 3 expansion and received an Airports Going Green award for the same project.
- I would like to thank Team RDU for their dedication to making 2025 another outstanding year.
- **State of RDU**
- The Airport Authority will have the opportunity next week to share what's in store at RDU in 2026 at the "State of Mobility" event hosted by the Regional Transportation Alliance.
- RTA's annual meeting on January 23rd will feature a "State of RDU Airport" address.
- I will join our CEO, Michael Landguth, in providing an update about RDU to members of the business community. Our vice-chair, Nina Szlosberg-Landis, and our treasurer, Shelley Winters, will join a panel discussion about air service and infrastructure.
- We are looking forward to sharing the exciting developments that are underway at the airport and how they will make traveling through RDU even better in years to come.

MLK Day

- Finally, with Martin Luther King, Jr. Day just a few days away, I'd like to pause to remember Dr. King and the enduring legacy he left behind. MLK Day invites us to reflect on what it means to serve with purpose.
- His call to serve and strengthen our communities is at the heart of what we do every day at the Airport Authority. It's a great reminder of why our work matters and how we can make a positive impact together.

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- Let's carry his message forward and continue to make RDU a positive and welcoming place for everyone.

Wrap-Up

- That concludes my remarks. Now let's turn to today's business.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS²

Dr. Jean Spooner

Thank you very much, Dr. Jean Spooner, Chair of the Umstead Coalition. The Regional Triangle Transportation Alliance had a task force that described the RDU quarry as the following: the situation around RDU lands and adjacent park has been a costly distraction. RDU should revisit the entire 2040 master plan, given the reality of the adjacent park. Also in with respect to the RDU quarry, you're getting peanuts. Our economist calculated the net present value of 12.9 million. Your staff calculated the net present value out of 12.7 million. Most of the money, more than 50% of the money you don't get till years 18 to 25, which severely decreases the value that comes to let's just say your infrastructure bill is \$4 billion. Probably more, but let's just say that's .003 amount of that. That's .3% you're getting nothing now. What you are getting is a noisy distraction that devalues what you want to do at Lake Crabtree County Park. And you're going to be left with if this continues, a waste piece of property with 25 feet whopping set back. That's it. I mean it is a shame for the community, for the airport, for relationships, for community goodwill and you're getting no money. What can you do? People had the correct boundary by the National Park Service in 37 and back to the 1800s. So everybody thought in 1970 corrected the boundary to where we should have the boundary between them to State Park and Odd Fellows tract. Honor Wake County's R40 zoning that the airport requested for the Odd Fellows tract. Find a way to get out of the lease. Save your community, save your goodwill and save our relationships with and and increase the value of your Lake Crabtree County Park's development plan. Thank you. Thank you.

Joe Milazzo

Joe Milazzo, Executive Director of the Regional Transportation Alliance. Just on behalf of the regional business community, I want to thank all the members of the Airport Board and the Airport Authority staff for the continued partnership within the business community and the broader community. We look forward to having you with us next week. We appreciate the recognition for that, and also to build on the conversation earlier about the special day today, I know that Dr. King's wife and also Maya Angela are also a case as well. Also Ivy. So we want to

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mention that too. So we want to acknowledge that. Again, appreciate the partnership and we look forward to seeing you very next week. Thank you.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Construction Committee – Ghosh reported Board members met during the Committee work session held on January 8, 2026, and discussed the following:
 - a. Consideration of Amendment 1 to Task Order 7 to Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. for Taxiway J Reconstruction – Final Design Services

Motion by Ghosh to approve Amendment 1 to Task Order 7 with Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. in the amount of \$698,357.43; Second by Hankins

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

2. Operations Committee – Asante-Smith reported Board members met during the Committee work session held on January 8, 2026, and discussed the following:
 - a. Presentation on State of RDUAA Bus Fleet
 - b. Consideration of Contract with Midwest Bus Corporation for RDU Transit Bus Repower/Refurbishment

Motion by Ghosh to approve a contract to Midwest Bus Corporation for RDU Transit Bus Repower/Refurbishments in the amount not-to-exceed \$4,538,160; Second by Hankins

ADOPTED BY 7-1 VOTE

Motion by Hankins to ask the staff to come back to the Board in 3 months and share any new developments and relevant information; Second by Asante-Smith

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Implications of the terms in an AT&T agreement to relocate utilities as part of the runway replacement project.

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Motion by Ghosh to approve two AT&T agreements to relocate utilities as part of the runway replacement project in the amounts of \$285,120.75 and \$313,824.10; Second by Polanco-Galdamez

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE³

2. Start time for February 12, 2026 Committee Work Session
Motion by Hankins to approve moving the February 12, 2026, Committee meeting from 1:00 pm to 9:00 am; Second by Kushner

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

VII. GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT – No items were reported.

VIII. PRESIDENT AND CEO'S REPORT – President and CEO Landguth reported on recent Airport activities

Welcome

- Good afternoon, Board members, Team RDU, business partners and guests who are joining us today.

Passenger Traffic

- The December and New Year's holidays brought an 8.7 percent increase in passenger traffic to RDU compared to the 2024 season.
- 317,196 passengers flew through the airport between December 21st and January 2nd.
- RDU served a total of 1,348,673 passengers in December.
- The surge in holiday travel pushed total passenger traffic for 2025 to 15.6 million.
- Delta led the market in December with 25.9 percent of RDU passengers, just ahead of American Airlines at 25.1 percent. Southwest had 13.7 of the market share.

Transform RDU

- Big changes are on the horizon in 2026 as we invest \$2.5 billion over the next decade to improve our facilities and infrastructure.
- The Transform RDU capital program will help us accommodate growth and improve the customer experience with four major projects:
 - Expanding Terminal 2,
 - Adding more spaces and amenities at Park Economy 3.
 - Improving our roadway system,
 - And building a new runway.

³ Asante-Smith and Kushner recused themselves from this vote.

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- You might notice a big change next time you walk into Terminal 2. Crews have erected a large construction wall along the hall's north end as part of the terminal expansion project.
- The project will expand the ticketing lobby and international arrivals area, add more checkpoint lanes and upgrade the airport's baggage handling system.
- Passengers may see or hear construction activity inside the terminal, but there should be no major impacts to the travel day as all ticket counters and security lanes will remain open.
- The Park Economy 3 expansion is getting closer to completion, with thousands of new spaces opening in phases this year.
- PE3 will also have solar panels, EV chargers and a customer amenity building to provide airport guests with a seamless start to their journey.
- Early construction work will begin in 2026 on a project to extend and widen John Brantley Boulevard, the main roadway that connects Terminals 1 and 2.
- Additional lanes will improve traffic flow, reduce delays and minimize bottlenecks, while a longer curbside allows for quicker pick-ups and drop-offs at Terminal 2.
- Finally, significant progress continues on the signature project in our capital program – the replacement of Runway 5L/23R.
- The new runway will carry passengers and cargo to destinations around the world and provide greater economic opportunities for our region.
- RS&H, one of the many contractors who are making the new runway a reality, recently captured video that depicts the scale of the project.
- Let's take a look.
- *(video plays)*
- **AAE Designations**
- Finally, this afternoon, I'm proud to announce that two members of Team RDU recently earned the prestigious Accredited Airport Executive designation from the American Association of Airport Executives.
- Please join me in congratulating Adam Mitchell, Vice President of Commercial Management, and Rob Peterson, Director of Operations, for their accomplishment.
- AAE is the highest professional mark in the airport industry. It is earned through a rigorous process that tests candidates' understanding of the complexities of the airport environment.
- Congratulations, Adam and Rob. Thank for your leadership and your commitment to our core values of Learning and Excellence.

Wrap Up

- That concludes my remarks.

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IX. MEMBERS COMMENTS

Ghosh is looking forward to a great new year. Asante-Smith thanked everyone. Winters thanked Chair Tammie Hall-Roberts for her remarks about Martin Luther King and wanted to uplift Bernice King. Polanco-Galdamez thanked the public for comments, commented on Martin Luther King Day and is glad to be able to sit on the Board. Szlosberg-Landis commented on Dr. King's leadership and that he served as a great example. He believed in leadership without authority, and she thought that was very powerful.

Motion by Winters to enter closed session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11(a)(1) and (6); Second by Hankins

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

X. CLOSED SESSION

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Winters to adjourn; Second by Ghosh.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

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