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RALEIGH-DURHAM AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES JULY 16, 2026

Chair Hall-Roberts¹ presided. Present: Asante-Smith, Hankins², Ghosh, Kushner, Polanco-Galdamez, Szlosberg-Landis and Winters. Staff present included: President and CEO Landguth, and General Counsel Locklear, and other staff members and guests³.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Kushner to amend the agenda to pull the consent agenda item 1(b) under New Business for discussion; Second by Polanco-Galdamez

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

Motion by Kushner to approve the amended agenda; Second by Polanco-Galdamez

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Secretary Polanco-Galdamez noted her review of the minutes of the committee work sessions held on July 9, 2026, and regular meeting of the Board held on July 16, 2026, and asked if any edits were needed.

Motion by Polanco-Galdamez to approve the minutes; Second by Ghosh

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

III. CHAIR COMMENTS

Welcome

- Chair Hall-Roberts welcomed everyone.

¹ Chair Hall-Roberts attended the board meeting virtually.

² Hankins attended the board meeting virtually.

³ The meeting was live streamed on YouTube.

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- Before we begin today's meeting, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the tragic accident that occurred on July 4 involving airport travelers on an off-site parking shuttle just outside the RDU campus.
- We are deeply saddened by the loss of Wake County couple Jennifer and Scott Christofferson, who succumbed to their injuries.
- Our hearts are with their loved ones and everyone affected by this tragedy.
- Please join me in observing a moment of silence in their memory.
- Thank you. Now we'll move on to our regular business.

Concessions Grand Opening

- This morning, RDU marked the grand opening of the newest restaurants in Terminal 2.
- My fellow Board members and I celebrated and sampled food selections at:
 - Adios! by Oscar Diaz, a Durham Top Chef contestant.
 - Bobby's Burgers from celebrity chef Bobby Flay.
 - Bond Brothers Kitchen & Bar, a Cary-based brewery.
 - Connoption Cocktails & Cuisine from Durham Distillery.
 - And Half Moon Empanadas.
- These additions to RDU's dining scene make every journey more enjoyable by bringing more variety, convenience and flavor to the airport.
- We encourage travelers to stop by the next time they fly RDU.

Airport Workers Day

- Members of Team RDU celebrated Airport Workers Day in June by greeting and personally thanking more than 1,500 frontline team members across our campus.
- They handed out stickers and snacks to airline and TSA employees, concessionaires, custodial workers, shuttle drivers, wheelchair attendants and many others.
- RDU extends its thanks to the dedicated workers who are behind every successful trip.
- Their teamwork and commitment keep our airport moving every day.

ACE Tour

- RDU was proud to host future aviation professionals for an ACE Camp tour recently.
- High school students spent a day at the airport as part of the camp held by the Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals.
- Our treasurer, Director Shelley Winters, greeted the students before they toured RDU.
- They got an up-close view of how the airport operates and learned about careers in aviation.
- We hope that the next time we see them they'll be working here at the Airport Authority.

Wrap-Up

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

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IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS⁴

Jean Spooner

Good afternoon, I'm Dr. Jean Spooner. I want to talk to you on behalf of myself and I am happy to see the worktables going in. You may call them more meeting tables, but I use work tables. Because I said at least three times before in the minutes of other public comments every time I go to an airport, the first thing I try to check out in the lounge area. Is it working? And in my observation and I have been taking pictures just recently in Dallas, Ft. Worth, and San Francisco. But I heard Nina, you do that too? But now like in San Francisco, which is well known for its food, like its great food, great breakfast you know. My observation, people are saying that neither the food venues nor the tables in the lounge area have work tables. Hardly anybody sits in those seats and by my little assessment, you can get more people in the gate area by using a combination of these work table areas as well. So, I'm glad to see the Pepsi thing will likely move forward giving the comments I have heard from the committee. And in the future when you are redoing your lounge areas or transitional areas I believe there is a great need in this airport as other airports have shown that people desire electric workspaces. People like me prefer them over the big cumbersome chairs. So anyways thank you for moving forward with this temporarily interesting solution. Thank you so much.

Jonathan Henson

Good afternoon, my name is Jonathan Henson, and I am a resident of Cary, North Carolina. I work here at the airport, and I just have a question. From across the observation park there is this construction happening and I can't find it on any map what the construction is, and I just want to know what the construction is across from the observation park, and that's all, I think.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Finance Committee – Winters reported Board members met during the Committee work session on July 9, 2026, and discussed the following:
 - a. Consideration of Presentation of Financial Performance and for the Acceptance of the Audited Financial Statements and Compliance Reports for Fiscal Year 2026

Motion by Szlosberg-Landis for acceptance of the ACFR and the two Compliance Audit Reports for the Fiscal Year 2026; Second by Winters

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

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2. Construction Committee – Ghosh reported Board members met during the Committee work session on July 9, 2026, and discussed the following:
 - a. Consideration of NCDOT Apron and Vehicle Service Road Rehabilitation

Motion by Szlosberg-Landis for approval of a contract with Rifenburg North Carolina, LLC in the amount of \$2,641,915.00; Second by Asante-Smith

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

3. Operations Committee – Asante-Smith reported Board members met during the Committee work session on July 9, 2026, and discussed the following:
 - a. Consideration of BHS and PBB Service Contract

Motion by Szlosberg-Landis for approval of the BHS and PBB Service Contract with OshKosh AeroTech, LLC in the amount of \$20,297,566.68; Second by Ghosh

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

- b. Presentation on Pepsi Bottling Ventures, LLC Terminal Concessions Lease

No Board action was requested.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consent Agenda
 - a. Report of Insurance Premium Renewals

No Board action was requested.

- b. Consideration of MERA RD2, LLC Terminal Support Space Amendment 1

Motion by Szlosberg-Landis for approval of MERA RD2, LLC Terminal Support Space Amendment 1; Second by Ghosh

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VII. GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Locklear introduced Jenny Lee, a UNC Law School student working as an imbedded intern with

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the Authority for 3 weeks.

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 first full month of the summer travel season was a busy one at RDU.
- Nearly 1.5 million passengers flew through the airport in June, up slightly from the same month last year.
- Delta had 26 percent of market share, with American at 24 percent. Southwest had 12 percent of the market.

Terminal 2 Expansion

- The Transform RDU capital program continues to make progress, and we're excited to reach another major milestone in the expansion of Terminal 2.
- Construction crews are preparing to remove the north window wall of the terminal, an important step that allows us to expand the building to the north.
- The expanded Terminal 2 will provide more space for ticketing, security screening, baggage claim and international arrivals.
- As crews complete this phase of construction, passengers and employees may notice some construction noise in portions of Terminal 2. Airport operations will continue as normal.
- We appreciate the patience and understanding of our passengers, employees and partners as we continue to Transform RDU and build an airport ready to serve our community well into the future.

New Concessions

- As Chair Hall-Roberts mentioned, we welcomed five new restaurants to Terminal 2 this morning. The celebration was part of a very successful makeover of our concessions program.
- It began with the opening of three new dining concepts in 2024, followed by ten more across Terminals 1 and 2 in 2025 and 2026.
- We also refreshed our news and gift locations and welcomed new specialty retailers.
- In all, RDU has added nearly 20 new restaurants, stores and amenities since 2024, giving our guests more choices than ever before.
- We invite you to visit rd�.com to learn what awaits you during your next journey.

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Wrap Up

- That concludes my remarks.

IX. MEMBER COMMENTS

Polanco-Galdamez introduced her legal interns and stated she was happy to celebrate the grand opening today in Terminal 2. Hankins commended our staff on responding to the aircraft collisions. Chair Hall-Roberts stated she was delighted to hear the conversations at the grand opening today and the conversations regarding small business participation. She also thanked Treasurer Winters regarding the ACE Academy and the RDU Team for showing the young generation many opportunities.

X. CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Ghosh to enter closed session to consult with an attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11(a)(3); Second by Polanco-Galdamez

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kushner to adjourn; Second by Polanco-Galdamez

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