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## RALEIGH-DURHAM AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 20, 2026

Chair Hall-Roberts presided. Present: Asante-Smith<sup>1</sup>, Hankins, Ghosh, Kushner, Polanco-Galdamez, Szlosberg-Landis<sup>2</sup> and Winters<sup>3</sup>. Staff present included: President and CEO Landguth, and General Counsel Locklear, and other staff members and guests<sup>4</sup>.

### I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Motion by Hankins to approve the agenda; Second by Ghosh*

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 adopt the minutes; Second by Kushner*

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

### III. CHAIR COMMENTS

#### Welcome

- Chair Hall-Roberts welcomed everyone.

#### Sustainability Recognition

- The Airport Authority has reached a milestone in a sustainability program that helps airports identify, measure and manage carbon emissions.
- We recently reached Level 1 of Airport Carbon Accreditation through Airports Council International.

<sup>1</sup> Asante-Smith attended the board meeting virtually.

<sup>2</sup> Szlosberg-Landis attended the board meeting virtually.

<sup>3</sup> Winters attended the board meeting virtually.

<sup>4</sup> The meeting was live streamed on YouTube.

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- This initial level establishes a foundation for understanding the Airport Authority’s carbon footprint and identifying opportunities for future progress in reducing emissions.
- We plan to build upon this work as we work toward level 2 of the program.

#### **Breeze Event**

- RDU partnered recently with Breeze Airways, The Arc of North Carolina and Triangle Disability & Autism Services to host “Wings for Autism”.
- The event helped people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families feel more confident about the airport experience.
- More than 90 people practiced going through security, navigating the terminal and boarding a plane in a welcoming environment.
- We were honored to provide an opportunity to help make air travel more accessible for everyone.

#### **State Symbols**

- Travelers may notice a new nod to our North Carolina roots in Terminals 1 and 2.
- We recently added signs that display state symbols, including:
  - The dogwood,
  - Cardinal,
  - Honeybee,
  - And pine tree.
- There are also a few you might not know about, like:
  - The opossum,
  - Eastern tiger swallowtail,
  - Pine Barrens tree frog,
  - And the Venus Flytrap.
- We hope you’ll enjoy learning more about the Old North State during your next visit to RDU.

#### **Wrap-Up**

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

## **IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments.

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Construction Committee – Ghosh reported Board members met during the Committee work session on August 13, 2026, and discussed the following:
  - a. Consideration of Terminal 1 Lobby Expansion and Restroom Addition

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*Motion by Ghosh for approval of the Design Build Services Contract with W.M. Jordan in the amount of \$1,640,826; Second by Asante-Smith*

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

- b. Delayed Item: Consideration of Purchase Sale and Sale Agreement with WSO 3131 RDU Center Drive LLC
- c. Consideration of Design Phase Services Task Order Amendment for the Parking Garage Rehabilitation Program

*Motion by Kushner for approval of Amendment 3 to Task Order 5 with the firm Kimley-Horn in the amount of \$903,185.51 for Design Services for the PG Rehabilitation project; Second by Hankins*

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE<sup>5</sup>

- 2. Finance Committee – Winters reported Board members met during the Committee work session on August 13, 2026, and discussed the following:

There was no report due to delayed item.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Consideration of Runway 5L/23R Early Works Package Change Order Approval
- b. Consideration of Terminal 2 Flat Roof Replacement – T2LXP GMP Amendment 02
- c. Consideration of Approval of Easement – Cellco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless
- d. Consideration of Reimbursable Agreement with Duke Energy Progress for Relocation of Utility Services for the Aviation Parkway and National Guard Drive Improvement Project
- e. Consideration of Terminal 2 Hydrant Pit Lid Purchase

*Motion by Hankins to approve Consent Agenda items 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d and 1e; Second by Ghosh*

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

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<sup>5</sup> Asante-Smith & Ghosh recused themselves due to a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on Old Business item 1c.

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## 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

- Nearly 1.5 million passengers flew through RDU in July, a slight increase over the same month last year.
- Delta had 26 percent of market share in July, American had 24 percent, and Southwest came in at 12 percent.

### FAA Visit

- RDU was honored last week to host Daniel Edwards, Associate Administrator for Airports at the Federal Aviation Administration, for a tour of our runway replacement and Terminal 2 landside expansion projects.
- Building the new Runway 5L-23R is the signature project in our 10-year, \$2.5 billion Transform RDU capital program.
- The visit was an opportunity to discuss the importance of improving infrastructure to support RDU’s rapid growth.
- Federal partnership is a critical component of Transform RDU, and we look forward to working alongside the FAA as we build an airport that will serve our region for generations to come.

### Pet Relief Areas

- Four-legged travelers have a new place to make a pit stop at RDU.
- We recently opened indoor pet relief areas in both terminals.
- Our K9s were among the first to try them out.
- Having relief areas beyond the checkpoints means animals can take a break without travelers having to leave the terminal and go through security again.
- You can find the new pet relief areas near Gate A7 in Terminal 1 and near Gate C9 in Terminal 2.

### Wrap Up

- That concludes my remarks.

## IX. MEMBER COMMENTS

Hankins stated that there was a very recent positive media video by a company called Aviation

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Tails about RDU and the opportunities and strategies of our Airline partners. Hankins said the title of it was Raleigh-Durham Is Quietly Becoming America's Most Wanted Airport. He stated that is our story and we are sticking to it. Chair Hall-Roberts announced that the September Committee work session will start at 11:00 am on September 10<sup>th</sup> and the Board Meeting will start at 1:00 pm.

#### X. CLOSED SESSION

*Motion by Kushner to enter into a closed session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11(a)(1) and (6); 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); and to protect sensitive security information from disclosure pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11(a)(1) and 49 CFR parts 15 and 1520; Second by Polanco-Galdamez*

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

#### XI. ADJOURNMENT

*Motion by Kushner to adjourn; Second by Polanco-Galdamez*

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

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