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RALEIGH-DURHAM AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES APRIL 23, 2026

Chair Hall-Roberts presided. Present: Asante-Smith, Hankins, Ghosh, Kushner, 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 Hankins to approve the agenda; Second by Asante-Smith

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Secretary Polanco-Galdamez noted her review of the minutes of the committee work session held on March 12, 2026, and regular meeting of the Board held on March 19, 2026, and asked if any edits were needed.

Motion by Ghosh to adopt the minutes; Second by Asante-Smith

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

III. CHAIR COMMENTS

Welcome

- Good afternoon, and welcome to the March meeting of the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority Board.

Aer Lingus Launch

- I was pleased to join my fellow Board members and airport guests on April 13th in welcoming new nonstop service to Dublin, Ireland, on Aer Lingus.
- The Aer Lingus route offers a quick and convenient journey for passengers who previously had to connect through New York or Boston.
- It also provides UNC fans an easy option for flying to the 2026 Aer Lingus College Football Classic in Dublin.
- We hope to see Aer Lingus planes packed with fans traveling to the game in August.

¹ The meeting was live streamed on YouTube.

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Special Olympics Plane Pull

- RDU was proud to host the Special Olympics North Carolina Plane Pull this past weekend.
- The airport partners with Special Olympics every year to raise money for athletes across the state.
- Teams of seven competed to see who could pull an airplane 25 feet in the fastest time.
- Thank you to all who participated in, staffed or supported this worthy community event.

Adios! Opening

- RDU recently welcomed another new dining option when Adios! began serving passengers in Terminal 2.
- Adios! is a lively restaurant and bar spotlighting Mexican food with a Southern twist.
- The concept comes to RDU from Durham chef Oscar Diaz. You may recognize him as a contestant on Bravo's Top Chef Season 23.
- We hope you will stop by Adios! at Gate C17 the next time you fly through Terminal 2.

WRAP UP

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No members of the public offered public comments.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Construction Committee – Gosh reported Board members met during the Committee work session held on April 9, 2026, and discussed the following:
 - a. Consideration of New Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Station Summary of Staff Negotiations with Andre Johnson Architects Task Order AJA23.2026

Motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement for new Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) station with Andre Johnson Architects, in the amount of \$1,633,279 by Gosh; Second by Hankins

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

2. Operations Committee – Ghosh reported Board members met during the Committee work session held on April 9, 2026, and discussed the following:
 - a. Consideration of 2026 Rental Car Operating Agreements

Motion by Ghosh to approve Rental Car Operating Agreements and Amendment 1; Second by Winters

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3. Law and Personnel Committee – Asante-Smith reported Board members met during the Committee work session held on April 9, 2026, and discussed the following:
 - a. Consideration of Revised Employee Incentive Payment Policy for FY26/27

No board action was taken.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Consideration of 2026-2027 Capital Project Ordinance Amendment #1
- b. Consideration of Construction Services for Runway 5L-23R Preservation 2026
- c. Consideration of John Brantley Boulevard Extension – T2 Interim Departure Curb Design Amendment
- d. Consideration of Amendment No. 01 to Professional Services Agreement with McKim & Creed, Inc. for Hydronic Bridge (CHW/HHW Piping) for the RDU Central Energy Plant Upgrades, as part of the Terminal 2 Landside Expansion Program
- e. Consideration of Amendment 2 to Task Order 2 to Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. for RW 5R-23L and T1 Apron Rehabilitation– Final Design and Bidding Services
- f. Consideration of a Contract with AERO Bridge Works for Terminal 2 Bag Buddy System
- g. Consideration of On-Airport Memorandum of Agreement – FAA Air Traffic Operations Facilities for Navigational Aids

Motion by Hankins to approve Consent Agenda items a through g; Second by Asante-Smith

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

2. June Committee Work Session Date Change

Motion by Kushner to change the June committee work session date from June 11, 2026 at 1:00pm, to June 18, 2026 at 11:00am; Second by Hankins

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

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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

- Spring break travel brought a big boost in passenger traffic to RDU.
- The airport served 1,294,075 passengers in March.
- That was an increase of 26 percent over February and three percent above March of 2025.
- Delta had 27 percent of market share last month, with American at 25 percent. Southwest had 12 percent of the traffic at RDU.

Air Service

- As our Chair mentioned, RDU welcomed Aer Lingus as a new airline partner last week.
- The new nonstop service to Dublin opens the region's first direct gateway to Ireland and adds convenient one-stop connections to even more destinations across Europe.
- Returning passengers enjoy the added benefit of being pre-cleared through customs, allowing them to bypass customs and go directly to bag claim when they arrive at RDU.
- More than 1,100 passengers fly from RDU across the Atlantic every day. Passenger traffic to Ireland in particular has increased by 46 percent since 2019.
- With the addition of Dublin, RDU now has a record five transatlantic destinations.

Mobile Pay

- Airport guests now have an easier way to pay for parking.
- They can save time by using RDU's new Parking Mobile Pay to pay by phone before they leave the parking lot or garage.
- Once payment is made, they'll have 30 minutes to exit.
- No app is required – just scan the QR code on the ticket and use Apple Pay, Google Pay or a credit card to pay. When guests approach the exit, the gate will automatically open.
- Guests also have the option to pay at the exit lane stations or pay-on-foot kiosks.

Terminal 2 Wall

- You may notice something new when you're flying through Terminal 2.
- A Transform RDU construction wall now spans the full north end of the ticketing hall. It replaces a temporary barrier that was put in place in January.
- Behind the wall, crews are working to expand the terminal as part of our 10-year, \$2.5 billion Transform RDU capital program.
- The terminal expansion will provide space for more ticketing counters, a larger international arrivals area and additional baggage carousels necessary to accommodate growth at RDU.

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- The wall will be up for approximately two years during this phase of the project but will have minimal impact on the travel experience.
- You can find information about all of the major construction projects that will transform the airport over the next decade at TransformRDU.com.

Wrap Up

- That concludes my remarks.

IX. MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Asante-Smith was encouraged while meeting with the management team at Aer Lingus and was grateful for the opportunity to visit Dublin. Winters expressed that the Aer Lingus trip was transformative for her and her mother. Szlosberg-Landis thanked staff for a great job on the inaugural celebration. Ghosh congratulated the partnership of RDU and Aer Lingus. Kushner expressed his satisfaction to RDU on handling the Lyft and Uber situation mentioned at the previous meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ghosh to adjourn; Second by Asante-Smith

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