

Southwest Michigan Regional Airport Authority

Board Meeting Minutes, December 18th, 2025, 9:30 AM

Airport Conference Room

1. Call Meeting to Order and Approval of Agenda: Ted Kalin. An agenda addition of longevity bonuses was made, and the amended agenda was moved for approval by Alex Little, supported by Pat Preston, with unanimous board approval
2. Roll Call: Bruce Allee. Board members Alex Little, Pat Preston, Ross Warner, John Nedoba, Melissa Hahn, and Ted Kalin present. Attenders: Audrey Salesberry, Ken Kaminski, Ben Jordan, Kurt Feisbeck, and Nick Gunn.
3. Minutes to be approved: November 20th, 2025. Melissa identified that the motions made by Director Chris Beckman during the November meeting would need to be redone, due to only board members being allowed to make a formal motion. After discussion, Pat moved Motion 2025-11, with Alex supporting. The board unanimously approved. Pat then moved Motion 2025-10, with Ross supporting. The board unanimously approved. Lastly, Ted moved Motion 2025-12, with Pat supporting. The board unanimously approved. Alex then moved for approval of the corrected minutes, with Pat supporting. The board approved, with Melissa abstaining.
4. Treasurer's report/Finance Committee: Melissa Hahn
 - a. Bills to be approved were reviewed, Alex moved approval, Pat supported, and the board unanimously approved
 - b. A Long-term liabilities Whirlpool loan was identified during the board's financial audit. After discussion, Audrey Salesberry said she would seek explanation.
5. Airport Director's report: Christopher Beckman. Chris gave updates on the Cirrus Hangar sprinkler project, a quick review of Santa's visit to the airport, the audit report, snow removal to-date, possible longevity bonuses, and the office copier situation.
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Building and Maintenance Committee: Chris reviewed November's minimal maintenance expenditures.
 - b. Flight School Committee: Chris reported that the first meeting is Jan. 6th, at 9 AM, with many interested.
7. Old Business: Christopher Beckman
 - a. Matured CD has been set into new CD's
 - b. MDOT Sponsorship Contract has been signed for the apron project. 1st pre-construction meeting is being held virtually today at 2:00 PM via Microsoft teams.
8. New Business:
 - a. Increase landing fee for afterhours landing
 - i. Chris suggested possibly recouping the cost from night flights when our snow crew has worked all day then is called in again after hours. The board and attenders discussed the heavy negative response this would bring from pilots.
9. Airport Media: Nick Gunn reported a great surge in Facebook activity, reaching 76,000 visits. Also 1,400 website visits, and a very good response to Santa's visit on Dec. 6th.

10. Board Comments: Alex spoke of an important upcoming meeting with the Army Corp of Engineers. Melissa revived the discussion of longevity bonuses for employees, motioning for \$100 net bonuses. Pat supported and the board unanimously approved. Ted spoke of the need for interior upgrades in the office and conference room areas. Melissa spoke of the need to get the Friends of the Airport active again with the upcoming millage vote.
11. Public Comments: Ross asked and Bruce spoke on his project of a Women's fly-in event in the spring.
12. Alex moved for adjournment and Melissa supported at 10:35 AM.