



MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 2, 2025
3:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Wichita Airport Advisory Board (WAAB) was held in the Administration Building Board Room, 2173 Air Cargo Road and via a virtual format.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Present in Person: Chair Ron Ryan, Vice Chair Randy Frazer, Marco Alcocer, Tim Bonnell, Victoria Carro, Mike Greene, Cathy McClain, Brian Rohloff, Sierra Scott, Scott Stiles

Present Virtually: Alicia Sanchez

STAFF PRESENT

Present in Person: Jill Darge, Nate Hinkel, Darlene Morris, John Oswald, Steve Smart, Valerie Wise, Phillip Zevenbergen, Jean Zoglman.

Present Virtually: Chris Dotson, Kevin Reiser, Tessa Young

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Present in Person: Kevin Mangayi, Mason LeBlanc, David Stilwell

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Ryan announced this meeting would be his last after serving more than three terms. He expressed gratitude for his time on the board and praised the airport as a key asset to the Wichita community. He reflected on the board's importance and shared appreciation for his colleagues.

Darge took roll call. Chair Ryan called the meeting to order once a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Ryan requested approval of the May 5, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion was made by Bonnell and seconded by Stiles; motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Zoglman provided updates in Romo's absence.

- Eisenhower Statue Dedication and Terminal Anniversary scheduled for June 4 from 2:00–4:00 PM. Wise shared that speakers include the Mayor, John Rolfe, Todd Tiaht, Victor White, and herself. Romo will emcee the event.
- The hotel lease deadline for the certificate of occupancy was extended administratively by 30 days. Although the hotel has not met the original deadlines, there is no financial impact on airport revenue. Walkthroughs will occur every two weeks.

Hinkel gave an update on airport operations.

- Preparations underway for FAA 139 Inspection in July, including paint removal, mowing, and repainting.
- Staff received onsite training in airfield markings by national expert.
- FAA inspection will cover training records, safety equipment, emergency response, signage, and striping.
- Two new electricians and two new operations officers were hired. A lieutenant was promoted to captain. More recruitment is underway.
- At Jabara Airport, the displaced threshold was removed and a new taxiway connector was completed. Barricade issues were handled, and all work was completed on time.

Oswald introduced Phillip Zevenbergen, MAPD.

- Zevenbergen presented a proposed zone change northeast of Jabara Airport from rural residential to general commercial.
- Key concerns: structure height limits in Airport Zone A and ensuring no impact on instrument approach paths.
- The planning commission will consider the case on June 12, and the Citizen's Advisory Board on June 16. No formal vote was requested from the WAAB.
- Board members voiced concerns about wildlife hazards (especially birds) and zoning compatibility, and long-term development impacts.

Oswald reported on ongoing projects.

- Hangar on Jabara's east side is under construction with steel erected and runway access completed.
- WSU Tech has signed a lease, with construction plans forthcoming.
- Clemens signed a lease to build another storage hangar north of the previous facility.
- At Eisenhower, airfield pavement project had two bidders (project cost \$20–21M); construction will span multiple seasons from late 2025 through early 2027.

- The terminal remodel bid opens June 13, with strong contractor interest.

Wise provided an update on air service.

- April enplanements hit a record 70,900, a 1% increase from the prior year. Load factors have been strong (88–90%), indicating a successful summer travel season.
- Service updates:
 - American: New Saturday nonstop flights to Miami (starting June 7).
 - Delta: 4th daily Atlanta flight in July; 2nd daily Minneapolis flight in June.
 - Southwest: 2nd daily Denver flight in June; Phoenix flights paused for summer, returning in October.
 - United: 5th daily Houston flight operating 3 days/week.

Zoglman provided staffing update.

- In addition to activity mentioned earlier by Hinkel, highlighted openings for Equipment Operator III positions at the South Yard (requiring CDL). A job fair focused on CDL holders will be attended tomorrow to recruit talent.

STAFF REPORTS

Zoglman and Mangayi presented on Parking. A copy of the presentation is attached.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Zoglman and others thanked Ryan for his long-standing commitment since 2014, including two terms as chair. Ryan was presented with a plaque of appreciation.
- Scott offered an apology for recent absences and expressed appreciation for the board.
- Board elections will take place in July. Member bios will be sent in advance. Members asked to provide updates, if needed.

The next regular Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting is scheduled to be held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, July 7, 2025.