

MINUTES

KALAMAZOO COUNTY AERONAUTICS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 12, 2026
10:30 a.m.

- ITEM 1. Call to Order: Greg Hamelink called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM
- ITEM 2. Roll Call: Members in attendance: Greg Hamelink, Gilbert Collver, Curt Aardema, Dave Buskirk, John Gisler, Curtis Whitaker, Keith Hearit (virtual), Doug Johnson & Nikki Miller
- Members Absent: Cecile Mutch,
- Staff Present: Craig Williams, Anton Bjorkman, Blair Brindley, Connie Lehmoine, Thomas Larthridge, Megan Ianni, Steve Lumetta, Matt Page, Matt Mattison & Kylee Horstmann (Intern).
- Also Present: Mark Breukink of Mead & Hunt, Jeff Rogers of KPA/KFI, Alex DeHaan & Erich Thiel of RS&H, Keith Hookier, Joe Shafer of Public Safety, Jim Michalka & Robbie Michalka of Kalamazoo Aircraft, Dennis Laskowsky & Jonathan Lam of Kalair Inc, Zach Ganton of Kalamazoo Flight Instruction, Bill Wilson, Dan Peacock of Aero Techniques Inc. Clark Smith, of Eagle Air , and Peter Bowers, Dave Leith, Lin Buck, all T Hangar Tenants.
- ITEM 3. Approval of the Agenda:
- Doug Johnson: moved to add to new business a motion to rescind the ADDENDUM TO ARFF CONTRACT WITH PRO-TEC adopted at the meeting of February 20, 2026. Ms. Miller supported.
- The vote to add this item to the agenda did not carry.
- ITEM 4. Approval of January 8, 2026, Aeronautics Board Minutes: Approved by all
- Approval Special Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2026 - Agenda was approved by seven and opposed by Doug Johnson.
- ITEM 5. Citizen Comments:
- ITEM 6. Financial Report: Ms. Brindley reviewed the January financial report. She stated that through January operating revenues were at 8.4% of the budget and operating expenses were at 11.1% of the original and 8.33% through 2025 budget.

ITEM 7. For Consideration:

AIRPORT CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Avigation Easement Consultant Services Contract Amendments– Approve and authorize Chairperson signature to execute an amendment to the existing easement acquisition service agreement with Mead & Hunt to include additional property acquisition and coordination efforts.
- B. T&M – Facility HVAC Preventive Maintenance Agreement – Approve and authorize Chairperson signature of an agreement with Allied Mechanical, Trane U.S. Inc., and Mall City Mechanical to provide planned preventative maintenance and on-call repair services of HVAC systems of airport owned facilities. A motion was made by Mr. Aardman and Mr. Collier, all Consent Items were unanimously approved:

AIRPORT NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Master Plan Consultant Services – Approve and authorize staff to engage in negotiations with Mead & Hunt to provide consultant services to update the airport’s master plan. A motion was made by: Mr. Aardema and supported by Mr. Johnson. All members voted in favor and the Master Plan Consultant Services was approved.
- B. Air Zoo Contract Extension Lease/Loan – Request for approval of the resolution authorizing Board Chair authority to sign a lease extension. A motion was made by Mr. Collver & supported by Mr. Johnson. All members voted in favor and the Air Zoo Contract Extension was approved.
- C. GSA Lease (TSA space) – Request for approval of the resolution authorizing Board Chair authority to sign a new lease with the General Services Administration (GSA) for space used by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). A motion was made by Mr. Buskirk and supported by Mr. Johnson. All members voted in favor and the GSA Lease (TSA space) was approved.
- D. Speedbird Contract Extension – Request for approval of the resolution authorizing Board Chair authority to sign a lease extension. A motion was made by Mr. Buskirk and supported by Mr. Aardema. All members voted in favor and the Speedbird Contract Extension was approved.

ITEM 8. Unfinished Business: None

ITEM 9. New Business: 2026 Capital Improvement Program Update

ITEM 10. Airport Director Report

ITEM 11. Member's Time:

Statement from Doug Johnson “I would like the meetings and minutes to reflect that while I voted for the addendum to ARFF contract with Pro-tec adopted at the AZO aeronautic board meeting of February 20, 2026. I believed at the time it was the airport’s only option. I received information directly after the meeting that led me to rescind my vote to a ‘Nay’. I do not support removing armed law enforcement officers from the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport.”

ITEM 12. Adjournment: There being no further business presented; the meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.