

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, August 11th, 2025 at 6:00 PM both in person and via Zoom Video Conference call. There were 7 PDK AAB members present, 6 in person / 1 via Zoom.

Members Present: Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair), Doug Miller (AAB Vice Chair), Will Childs, Reuben Jones, Jordan Fox, Mike Reeves and Chris Richard.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Hunter Hines (Airport Director), Airport Operations Manager / Noise and Environmental Analyst Korey Barnes

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by AAB Chair, Larry Scheinpflug

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the July 2025 minutes was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Doug Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

I. Information/Old Business

A. Airport Director's Report delivered by Airport Director (Hunter Hines):

1. LED Airfield: Project is 99% complete. Hunter shared that he has been getting many comments on how great the lights look.
2. Runway 3R / 21L Keel Replacement: Letters have been sent out to tenants to announce start of project on August 25th beginning a 67-day closure for PDK's primary runway. Phase II will be 20 days to work on Taxiways Alpha and Juliet. In total the project will last 105 days, 24/7. Board Member Reuben Jones asked if most aircraft will be able to be accommodated? Airport Director Hines answered that some Aircraft will have to utilize other nearby airports.
3. Transient landing fee ordinance: Law Department approved RFP. Purchasing department is working to put together the RFP so it can be advertised very soon. Board Chair Larry Scheinpflug asked if there is any contingency plan if AOPA's objection to use ADSB data for landing fees to track Aircraft is upheld? Hines answered that a contingency plan is built into the RFP.
4. Lease Agreement with Aero Center for Tract 5C:
Some questions ensued about how many tracts Aero Center's lease holdings encompass. Airport Lease manager, Joyce Foster researched information and reported to the group (10 total).
Motion to accept Tract 5C lease was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Will Childs.
Motion passed unanimously.
5. Amendment to Air Quality and Study Contract: Delays in getting reviews back from the FAA and EPA have thrown things off schedule a bit. Contractor is working to complete the contract by December 31st as originally agreed upon in contract. In order to avoid being in breach of contract, Board has put before the BOC an extension of 6 months for completion.

Noise and Environmental Analyst Report July 2025: - N&E Analyst, Korey Barnes delivered the following report:

The July 2025 Noise Report will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 16,472** which is a decrease of 5.70% as compared to July 2024. There were 514 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2025 year-to-date operations are **106,659** as compared to the total operations as of July 2024 of 115,496. In July 54% of operations were on a southerly flow, 45% were to the north, and 1% were on the NW/SE runway.
Noise complaints: A total of 842 complaints consisting of 55 complainants. Of that, 8 were new complainants. 16 households made complaints. Minus the top two households, the average was 9.8 complaints per household. One person accounted for 196 of the 842 complaints (23%). Top five households accounted for 596 of the 842 complaints (71%). The majority of the complaints were made between 06:00 AM and 11:59 AM (36%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 37% of the complaints originated from the **30022**-zip code. A total of 262 advisory letters were sent to aircraft operators who flew during the Voluntary Curfew Period who were not identified as MedEvac and/or other emergency flights. Regarding High Noise Events, 22 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

Motion to accept the July 2025 Noise Report was made by Doug Miller and seconded by Mike Jones. Motion passed unanimously.

Other:

Board Member Jordan Fox brought up the recent crash at PDK. Hunter Hines explained that Atlanta Air Recovery has taken the aircraft to their facility and is investigating there along with the FAA and NTSB. No other information was discussed other than what was reported by the news media.

II. New Business:

Board Member Jordan Fox remarked on the tower tour the Board took prior to the meeting. It went well, was fun and educational!

III. Public Comments:

Member of Public asked if there would be an opportunity to discuss the findings of the Air Quality and Noise Study. Hunter Hines responded: Yes. The Board of Commissioners will outline the format for the discussion. Another member of the public asked some questions about Sky Harbor which Hunter addressed. Hunter also explained how U.S. Customs works at a GA airport in response to another public member's question. Board Vice Chair Doug Miller explained in answer to another question, that what limits the size of an aircraft that comes into PDK is the length of the runway.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7 p.m. by Mike Reeves. Motion to accept was seconded by Chris Richards.

Submitted by:

Lori Bell

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

Larry Scheinpflug

Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair)