

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, March 9th 2026 at 6:00 PM both in person and via Zoom Video Conference call. There were 6 PDK AAB members present.

Members Present: Doug Miller (AAB Chair), Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Vice Chair), Reuben Jones, Jordan Fox, Mike Reeves

Members Absent: Chris Richard, Will Child

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by AAB Chair Doug Miller

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the February 2026 minutes was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Larry Scheinpflug. Motion passed unanimously.

I. Information/Old Business

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

1. Airfield Crack Seal and Remarking Project: Projected start date: beginning of April. Project will last 54 to 60 days with several different phases included. A full airfield remarking project. Board Member Reuben Jones asked: How long will the crack seal last? Hunter Hines answered: 10 years. Total cost of project: \$930,000.
2. Airport Perimeter Fencing Project: GDOT had some leftover funds from this fiscal year. Applied to this project. In pre-bid stage currently. Bids will open this month. Replacing areas of perimeter fence and gates that need it.
3. Aviation Day event: Atlanta Aviation STEM Foundation hosting for youth. Being held at the Airport, Aero FBO, on March 13th.

Noise & Environmental Report February 2026: - Airport Ops Manager, Korey Barnes delivered the following report: **The February 2026 Noise Report** will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 13,338** which is a decrease of 1.18% as compared to February 2025. There were 401 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2026 year-to-date operations are **25,169** as compared to the total operations as of February 2025 of 12,258. In February 74% of operations were on a southerly flow, 22% were to the north, and 4% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** A total of 979 complaints consisting of 42 complainants. Of that, 1 was a new complainant. 22.8 households made complaints. Minus the top two households, the average was 8.6 complaints per household. One person accounted for 525 of the 979 complaints (54%). Top three complainants accounted for 709 of the 979 complaints (72%). The majority of the complaints were made between 12:00PM and 5:59PM (51%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 58% of the complaints originated from the **30345**-zip code. A total of 188 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, 17 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

Member of public asked: Are noises correlated to a specific aircraft? Korey Barnes answered: Yes.

Motion to accept the February 2026 Noise Report was made by Larry Scheinpflug and seconded by Mike Reeves. Motion passed unanimously.

Other:

AAB Chair Doug Miller addressed the Position Statement sent to all at prior meeting regarding the soon to be charged Landing Fees for transient a/c. Doug spoke at length with Commissioner Terry. Board Member Jordan Fox and Commissioner Terry did not agree with exempting smaller a/c under 9,000 lbs. After the telephone conversation with Doug, Commissioner Terry agreed to see how the existing landing fees work with the 9,000 lb. exemption for the next couple of years.

II. New Business:

NONE

III. **Public Comments:**

Larry Foster asked a question about cars being parked on streets just outside the airport. Board answered that this parking is attached to an entity not at the airport.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:16 p.m. by Mike Reeves and seconded by Doug Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

Approved as Submitted:

Lori Bell

Doug Miller

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Doug Miller (AAB Chair)