

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, July 13th 2026 at 6:00 PM both in person and via Zoom Video Conference call. There were 6 PDK AAB members: 3 in person, 3 online.

Members Present: Doug Miller (AAB Chair), Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Vice Chair), Reuben Jones, Jordan Fox, Tess Snipes, Will Childs

Members Absent: Mike Reeves, Korey Barnes (Airport Operations Manager)

Others Present: Hunter Hines (Airport Director), Sarah Moore (Airport N&E Analyst)

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by AAB Vice Chair Larry Scheinpflug

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the June 2026 minutes was made by Reuben Jones and seconded by Will Childs. 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: Project starts Monday July 20th.
2. Airport Perimeter Fencing Project: Project will start in August.
3. World Cup: More traffic came when it got closer to final matches. 40 aircraft came on the main race day in Atlanta. For this week's traffic, an Emergency Parking plan has been enacted to park aircraft on 16/34 and 21R/3L.
4. PDK Good Neighbor Day Airshow and Aviation Expo, September 19th: Preparations are well underway. Event will include a night show with fireworks and a drone show for America's 250th Anniversary. Event will start around 3PM and go until approximately 9PM.

Noise & Environmental Report June 2026: N&E Analyst, Sarah Moore delivered the following report:

The June 2026 Noise Report will be posted on the website in its entirety: Total operations were 17,696 which is an increase of 5.81% as compared to June of 2025. There were 510 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2026 year-to-date operations are 96,259 as compared to the total operations as of June 2025 of 89,187. In June 61% of operations were on a southerly flow, 37% were to the north, and 2% were on the NW/SE runway. Noise complaints: A total of 1506 complaints consisting of 44 complainants. Of that, 3 were new complainants. 33.5 households made complaints. Minus the top two households, the average was 16.9 complaints per household. One complainant accounted for 557 of the 1506 complaints (37%). Top five complainants accounted for 1207 of the 1506 complaints (80%). The majority of the complaints were made between 12:00PM and 5:59PM (38%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 39% 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, 14 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

Motion to accept the June 2026 Noise Report was made by Doug Miller and seconded by Reuben Jones. Motion passed unanimously.

Other:

NONE

II. New Business:

NONE

III. Public Comments:

There was discussion from 3 in person citizens criticizing the flight school traffic over their homes in Brookhaven. They asked how the airport could decrease the number of flights. We pointed out that PDK is a public use airport that receives Federal funds. The airport cannot prohibit flight schools from training pilots. Airport staff will discuss this issue with the flight schools.

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:50 p.m. by Reuben. Jones and seconded by Jordan Fox. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

Lori Bell

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

Doug Miller

Doug Miller (AAB Chair)