

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, September 14^h, 2026, at 6:00 PM both in person and via Zoom Video Conference call. There were 8 PDK AAB members: 6 in person, 2 online.

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

Members Absent: NONE

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by AAB Chair Doug Miller

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the August 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: Project mostly complete with some final touches in progress.
2. Airport Perimeter Fencing Project: Project underway currently and will run through November (or later depending on weather).
3. PDK Good Neighbor Day 2026 Air Show: This coming weekend. Starts at 1300. There will be a break from 1815 to 1915 to transition to the Night show with fireworks and drones which ends at 2100.
4. PDK Airport Landing Fees: Approximately \$1.6M in fees have been billed (not all collected) in the 5 months the program has been active.
 - Board Vice Chair Larry Scheinpflug asked if funds stay in the airport and how they are accounted for. Airport Director Hunter Hines answered that these fees go into a dedicated airport use only account. These funds are solely used for airport infrastructure.
 - **Board Member Tess Snipes made a motion to have the airport create a 5-year list of projects to be prioritized using both Capital Funds and Landing Fees income.**

Motion was accepted by Doug Miller and seconded by Nicole Jennings. Motion passed unanimously.

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

The August 2026 Noise Report will be posted on the website in its entirety: Total operations were 14,613 which is an increase of 1.83% as compared to August of 2025. There were 505 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2026 year-to-date operations are 128,115 as compared to the total operations as of August 2025 of 121,010. In August 60% of operations were on a southerly flow, 38% were to the north, and 2% were on the NW/SE runway. Noise complaints: A total of 1774 complaints consisting of 41 complainants. Of that, 1 were new complainants. 43.3 households made complaints. Minus the top two households, the average was 18.3 complaints per household. One complainant accounted for 706 of the 1774 complaints (38%). Top five complainants accounted for 1691 of the 1774 complaints (81%). The majority of the complaints were made

between 12:00PM and 5:59PM (36%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 41% of the complaints originated from the 30345-zip code. A total of 215 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, 12 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

Motion to accept the August 2026 Noise Report was made by Larry Scheinpflug and seconded by Mike Reeves. Pending one edit to be made to slide presentation, Motion passed unanimously.

Other:

- Board Member Tess Snipes inquired about the cleanliness appearance and status of the women's bathrooms in the administration building, pointing out that the water in the toilet bowls looks rusty and unsanitary. Airport Manager Korey Barnes responded and explained that the water in the building is hard water that produces the rust look, however, the Maintenance team is looking for a new product to help the situation.
- Thumb drives containing the Air and Noise Quality study were handed out to the Board members present. If anyone has questions after reviewing, please direct them to Hunter Hines.

II. New Business:

NONE

III. Public Comments:

- PDKAA rep. Joe McCarty asked if there was a way for tenants to have input or suggestion on future projects. Airport Director Hunter Hines said that this would be considered.
- PDK Airport tenant Evanthe Papastathis addressed the amount of time spent discussing neighbor complaints and suggested more time be devoted to other advisory topics. Second question asked by Evanthe was to confirm who was managing the funds coming in: the Airport or the County? Hunter Hines confirmed that it was the airport managing the funds.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:17 p.m. by Mike Reeves and seconded by Larry Scheinpflug. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

Lori Bell

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

Doug Miller

Doug Miller (AAB Chair)